

Watchmen Voter Guide for Bonner County Commissioner District 2
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	Jeffrey A. Connolly	Randi L. Flaherty	Asia L. Williams
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Asia Williams of Blanchard Idaho. I am running for District 2 County Commissioner. Over the past years I have seen significant disregard for the people's desire to be involved in the function of county government. From zoning and planning issues, to increased litigation and concerns over the state of county, it was apparent that the people of Bonner County wanted a change.
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect your executive decision making?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Life begins at conception
3. What is your opinion of eminent domain? Under what circumstances do you believe it should be used?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Eminent domain has been abused throughout the country. We have watched as private property rights have been ignored by using eminent domain. Use of the eminent domain should be used very sparingly and mostly applied when it increases the rights of the property owner with strict adherence to ensuring the property owner is justly compensated.
4. Do you support or oppose forced annexation? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I oppose forced annexation. Many people choose to live in an environment where they are not annexed due to the "freedoms" that they have. If I buy my land in an area that is unincorporated, I accepted the positive and negatives of that area. For example, if city water wants to come through my town and I already have a well. I should not be forced even through popular vote to be pushed to city water.
5. Our county is growing very rapidly, where do you see we need to improve infrastructure and what are your plans to improve it?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Growth requires that we review the infrastructure for Fire, EMS, and services such as water. As we grow, it is paramount that a commissioner review and make a plan regarding the impact to our infrastructure and to actively manage density. Currently, many are concerned with our water resource especially around the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. We continue to see growth in spite of wells going dry.

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6. Due to the rapid growth in our communities, our schools are reaching maximum capacity. What are your plans to accommodate more schools to meet the growing needs of the increased population?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Commissioners dont make decisions re schools. However they must manage the impact on our population through responsible growth ensuring services for current residents
7. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I am opposed to Urban renewal districts. Quality risk management requires that we look to the root cause of a problem not the proximate cause. Urban renewal districts is a sophomoric response that has the opposite effect when put into practice.
8. Do you support or oppose requirements for developers to pay for community infrastructure?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Yes, this burden should be placed on those moving to the area not current residents.
9. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	When elected I am accountable to the people of Bonner County. A leader is a character trait that complements a person’s ability to represent. When we elect people who fail to distinguish between the two, we end up with an unrepresented people. As Commissioner for district 2, I am accountable to the people of Bonner County.
10. Do you support or oppose the idea of a county manager? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I am a six sigma black belt with an MBA and background in quality risk management. My professional and education al background will be beneficial in helping the county run a lean budget wherein we closely manage human capital to ensure efficient and effectiveness while also cutting out “leakage” in our budget.
11. With the rapid growth of the county, do you think we need more commissioners?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I oppose the growth of local government to include a county manager. Our constitution provides for county commissioners and identifies their job duties. Residents of the county need to hold them responsible for doing the job as described. This would be an unnecessary budget increase.

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12. In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	No, we need Asia Williams in District 2. A proven candidate who is constitutional, liberty minded conservative candidate with a background in quality risk management, business, leadership and six sigma.
13. Do you believe the ARPA funds come with Federal requirements that might conflict with Idaho values? Why or why not? How will you advocate for the funds to be used locally?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Absolutely, civil liberties are at risk with taking money with unprecedented reporting requirements and data collection and compliance. From responding to scale to not opposing the foundation of ARPA which is covid. Too many continue to talk about mask mandates and the like. There is no need for a mask mandate when taking the money pushes counties, cities and states to require compliance through the taking of the money. Additionally, the contract for ARPA allows for additional requirements post April 2022.
14. Do you believe the six Row Officers (assessor, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, treasurer, coroner, and clerk) should be appointed or stay elected? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Elected positions for the 6 row officers. Accountability to the public is paramount in the ensuring local government continues to be checked. The individual offices of county business need to stay in their lane for appropriate checks and balances. C
15. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I am a business person who has over 15 years' experience in process improvement, quality, leadership and business. I have been successful in increasing the function of overall state government as recognized by Washington State Secretary of State. I have worked with various business from the timber industry to health care with an overall goal of improving process to include communication. My background is the change that is needed for District 2. A competent educated individual with a background and proven strategy to improve the overall function of an operation. Through communication, leadership and education, I am the best candidate for District 2 County Commissioner.