

Watchmen Voter Guide for Shoshone County Commissioner District 2

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	David R. Dose	Dawn Hauff	Jay L. Huber	Dawn Wiksten
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	David R. Dose, running for Commissioner, Dist. 2, Shoshone County. I served in this same position 29 years ago and it is my desire to run again to finish some of the things I set out to accomplish the first time, like lower taxes, an emphasis on stewardship and careful planning for our future, etc. It is also my strong desire to try and be a positive example of what Christians serving in office in our country can do for the good of the country. I want to have a powerful impact and a lasting testimony for God's glory and the good of my fellow county residents while in office this time around, even more so than the last time.	Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions. My name is Dawn Hauff. I am running for Shoshone County Commissioner District 2 position. In the past, I have volunteered as an election judge for twelve years, I have been active in writing letters to our representatives, both state and federal. I have written to Presidents and other politicians, and have attended numerous political meetings and events. I believe it is important to participate in our government. Many times on our general election ballot, there hasn't been anyone running against the incumbent. I wanted to experience what the election process entailed, and wanted to participate in this election to make sure that a Christian, conservative, pro-life, pro-American was on the ballot.	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect your executive decision making?	Life begins at conception and abortion is murder. And while abortion does not come up often as an issue for county commissioners, my beliefs about life inform my priorities and attitudes towards all stages of life. I am a strong supporter of alternatives to abortion like Pregnancy resources, etc. and this also affects the way I see the world and operate. I am a trustee for Hope Pregnancy Resource Center and believe in spending my spare time and funds on helping provide alternatives to abortion in Idaho.	I believe life begins at conception. God has a purpose and plan and each individual life. We are made in the image of our Creator. Psalm 139:13-16 For You formed my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, and I know this very well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all my days were written in Your book and ordained for me before one of them came to be. I know that each life has value. That fundamental thought should direct every decision made. I want my actions and policies to align with that belief. Life is a gift. Each day is a treasure. We need to live our lives to the fullest. Decisions in government should be made to make life better for its citizens. My policies should be those that protect life, property, and liberty.	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond
3. What is your opinion of eminent	Eminent Domain needs to be used sparingly and as strictly limited by Idaho statutes; 'for the greatest public good and with the least private injury'. I did not use eminent domain	I am not an advocate of eminent domain. I don't think it is right for an individual to own property and have to be worried that it could be taken away by a government entity for public use. Even though there is compensation;-- memories, familiarity, the equity one has	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond

<p>domain? Under what circumstances do you believe it should be used?</p>	<p>during my last term as commissioner. It can be very difficult to get to a win-win negotiation. It is a useful tool for a very limited number of scenarios, but must be used with great attention to State Law.</p>	<p>in their property, is very difficult to replace. Compensation cannot be enough when you consider your abode to be priceless. Eminent Domain should be used very rarely, if at all.</p>		
<p>4. Do you support or oppose forced annexation? Why or why not?</p>	<p>I don't have a solid opinion of this item as it has never come up within the scope of the county commissioner position.</p>	<p>I oppose forced annexation. The people who will be affected by annexation need to have a say in the matter. Major decisions should be taken to the people for a vote.</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>
<p>5. Our county is growing very rapidly, where do you see we need to improve infrastructure and what are your plans to improve it?</p>	<p>Shoshone County needs a strong Planning department, staffed with a knowledgeable professional to provide guidance as we face unprecedented growth that is competing for the remaining flat ground in the county now. We need proactive responses to the huge number of visitors our county experiences annually, in particular in the summer months. Our road and solid waste infrastructure are not keeping up with the demand. I plan to focus my energies on problem solving, perhaps with the help of a citizens' committee, for the purpose of developing 1,2 and 5 year plans immediately, and then coming up with 10 and 20 year plans to channel and manage growth in a way that is positive for all - residents here now and those to come.</p>	<p>Taxes pay for our roads to be repaired, but funds get diverted and projects get put off. We pay gas taxes at the pump, and trucks pay road use taxes; there is also federal and state money given to provide for roads and maintenance. Our roads, because we live in a mountainous region where they are exposed to extreme weather conditions, are really needing improvement. There is more traffic and population is increasing. We really only have one viable option of transportation in the Silver Valley. We need more accountability of what is done with road taxes and money already acquired for repair and replacement projects. We have a short time period of time in which roads can be repaired. Summer is the only time these projects can really be accomplished. We have unique challenges, and speaking with the highway and county departments to see what they think should be done would be a good start. In Shoshone County, Our sewer and water systems also need to be a considered with more people moving into the area. Kingston is planning a sewer project and it will be up for voter approval in the primary elections. There are many infrastructure challenges. I think the people of our community need to be participants in the decisions of expansion.</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>

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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?	In Shoshone county, our existing schools handled larger numbers of students in the past than they do now. I have not heard of overcrowding being an issue for our schools as of yet.	Students do better with a small student to teacher ratio. I believe home school is a wonderful option. Charter schools are also popular. I believe it is a parent's choice of what education opportunities they want to choose for their children. A lot of money is spent on our United States education system, and I don't think we are getting what we have paid for. Our children should be excelling in the foundational studies of reading, writing, and arithmetic. However, some of our schools have become a training ground for propaganda and social experiments. School authorities are advocating for education that endangers our children. Critical Race Theory, gender identity, mask mandates, vaccine mandates, global agendas, common core, are hot topics in schools today. Parents need choices in education. I don't think having more public schools, like we do now, is the answer. Parents should be involved in their children's education and know what their kids are being taught. There are so many options in education, choose what is best. I would advocate for more privately funded schools, homeschools, and alternative schools, school choice, and I would encourage dual education. I would also like to see more opportunity for technical schools and trade schools in our area.	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond
7. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	I support urban renewal districts in the right circumstances. I have not studied them in enough detail to comment further as the issue has not come up much in Shoshone County to date.	According to Kootenai County, "The Local Development Act, or Urban Renewal, is intended to allocate a portion of the property taxes in an Urban Renewal Area, for a limited period of time, to assist in the financing of Urban Renewal plans, and to encourage private development in Urban Renewal Areas." I think people need a say in what goes on in their communities. Taxation should have representation.	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond
8. Do you support or oppose requirements for developers to pay for community infrastructure?	When done fairly, I am in total support of having developers help pay for infrastructure. In our county right now, existing tax payers are paying for the majority of the infrastructure which is being stressed by new development and increased population.	I do believe developers should pay for community infrastructure. With growth, comes extra needs for sewer, water, roads and electricity. That should be part of any developer's financial planning. Many aging systems are not capable of extra growth, and the initial investment to make it happen can be very costly.	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond

<p>9. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?</p>	<p>The last time I filled the County commissioner Position in 1991-93, I developed a philosophy of being accountable to the constituents who put me into office first, and then to the entire county constituency second.</p>	<p>I am accountable first to God. --“In his first year as president, George Washington said, “It is the duty of all nations, to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor.” --I am accountable to my constituents.. I am accountable to the Constitution, and to the Statutes of the local, federal and state governments. I am accountable to do the right thing in the face of adversity.</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>
<p>10. Do you support or oppose the idea of a county manager? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Again, I have not studied this idea out in great depth as we have not had discussions in Shoshone County regarding this previously. IN my very limited opinion, it is not needed in Shoshone County at this time. The current system can function just fine.</p>	<p>I oppose a county manager position. There are already elected County Commissioners who work together to manage the county. They are elected officials and accountable to their constituents. Who would a county manager be accountable to? With elections, at least the voters are in charge of and participate in county management, and can change things by voting out an incumbent. I do not see a need for the County Manager position. Less government is better. It would also cost money for wages, insurance, pension plans for that position. It is better to use resources for the positions that are really needed in our county.</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>

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11. With the rapid growth of the county, do you think we need more commissioners?	In Shoshone County, no. When I served in this position in 91-93, it was a part time, 1 day a week job for three people. I think we have more than enough manpower to get the job done as we are with the current 3 member board.	In Shoshone County, three are sufficient.	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond
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?	I do not support legalization of this gateway drug. In my own research, I have seen where the human cost in quality of life, increasingly serious drug use encouraged, and increase in the number of drug-related accidents and incidents do not make this a profitable move. I have been approached by supporters of this idea who believe the increase in tax revenues makes it worth it. It does not in my opinion.	I do not support legalizing marijuana. I realize there are medical uses, but then it should be treated as a medical product. Usually the use of marijuana creates the need for more potent drugs. In states that have made it legal, there are not enough protections for the public, such as in those who are Driving while Under the Influence, or people smoking at Public Events-causing others to inhale it. Truck Drivers and other people in other professions still have to have random drug tests, and being around heavy concentrations of marijuana smoke can cause them to fail their drug test and their ability to drive and work. Marijuana affects people differently and can cause some to be aggressive. It can be abused and is a real problem with young people. Young brains are still developing in adolescence. THC, the main active chemical in marijuana, strongly alters the way sensory information is processed by the brain: learning, memory, attention span and perceptin are all inhibited with recurrent marijuana use. It is a gateway drug. (www.turnbridge.com)	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond
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	I believe ARPA funds are borrowed from our future generations, and thus, should only be used for long-range items that will benefit future generations.	I do not know enough about how the funds are being used, or what federal requirements are involved? I would have to research it. I do know Idaho received over 5.6 billion dollars. There have been entities set up to oversee how it is being spent, and to process requests for it. Funds could be used for sewer projects or broadband, and for other services.	Declined To Respond	Declined To Respond

for the funds to be used locally?				
<p>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?</p>	<p>I lean towards keeping these positions elected, with the idea that the elected officials will always keep their constituents in mind and represent their interests more accurately than if they were appointed and less accountable.</p>	<p>I believe they should stay as elected positions. Elections help to give people a say in their government and the way it is run. It gives citizens the right to change things when they don't agree with the way things are going. It gives them a voice, and that is important. If a position is appointed, it does not always represent the majority of the will of the people in that community. Positions can be gotten through corruption, such as in paying bribes for positions, having friends or family members desiring those positions, and there could be undesirable consequences and unaccountability to the public with appointments? Elections keep our government accountable to its citizens for these positions.</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>
<p>15. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p>I am a former County Commissioner who has held this position for 1 term previously. I have a good understanding of the job and its requirements. I also have a good track record for cutting taxes, standing up for the landowners, and making county government more accountable to the constituency through better transparency, better press coverage, proper use of open meetings, etc. It has been nearly 30 years since I last filled this job. In that time, I have worked for all levels of government from school district, to county, state and up through and including federal. I have also started and operated 2 private businesses which has made me much more of an advocate for the small businessman in our community. I feel that I have more to offer this time around and I am looking forward to serving my fellow county residents once again.</p>	<p>I have been involved in the transportation industry since 1984. I have worked in the legal field for several years as a clerk and secretary. I was also licensed as a real estate salesman last year, and contracted to a real estate brokerage for a short time. I volunteered as an election worker for twelve years. I also volunteered with the Kellogg fire department as an emt-b for a couple years. We were homeschool parents and my son graduated in 2016. I am pro-life, I love our country and our community. I believe the legal experience, real estate training, operating our small transportation business, volunteering in my community, along with other life experiences would make me an ideal candidate for this position.</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>	<p>Declined To Respond</p>