

Benewah County Sheriff

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	Rodney Bryan Dickenson	Anthony J. Eells
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Rodney Bryan Dickenson, candidate for Benewah County Sheriff. I wish to restore public trust in the Sheriff's office and personnel, give the county residents a Sheriff who has integrity, is honest, transparent, open, and available.	No Response Received
2. Define your role as Sheriff.	Protect rights of Benewah County citizens, train employees to be more proactive in keeping the peace versus strict law enforcement, and restore complete, competent, and unbiased investigations.	No Response Received
3. The 10th amendment states: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. What does this mean to you?	Idaho State Constitution states "The state of Idaho is an inseparable part of the American Union, and the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land." But, Idaho is self-governing as having the right to make their own governing rules/laws for defending of Life, Liberty, and protecting Property, pursuing happiness and securing safety, (as long as the US Constitution and Idaho state Constitution are not violated).	No Response Received
4. What do you see as the top issues facing the Sheriff's Office? What are your proposed solutions?	Restoration of public trust and integrity of Sheriff's office; accountability of employees from violations to citizens rights; complete, competent, thorough, and unbiased investigations to secure proper outcome for victims. Training employees in regards to unlawful abuse/violation of citizen rights. When handling incident calls, talking to all involved parties prior to making conclusions for keeping the peace (whether through talking between parties or criminal court proceedings). It should never be said "We can't help you". If the Sheriff's office cannot help with the reported problem, we will give them a direction to go for further information.	No Response Received
5. What should the State of Idaho's policy be regarding the prosecution of Fentanyl dealers?	We don't need any more laws created, only courts that are willing to enforce punishments on convicted persons no matter the offense (Controlled substances, Domestic Violence, or DUI). Too many times "probation" is prescribed.	No Response Received
6. If a federal, state, local government entity, and/or the United Nations were to implement a policy of door-to-door gun confiscation in your jurisdiction, what would you do?	As Sheriff I will enforce the US and Idaho constitutions. Idaho state Constitution states "... No law shall impose licensure, registration or special taxation on the ownership or possession of firearms or ammunition. Nor shall any law permit the confiscation of firearms, except those actually used in the commission of a felony."	No Response Received
7. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	As any elected official, we are accountable to the citizen electors who elected us and if they are dissatisfied they may recall or not re-elect. Idaho state Constitution states "All political power is inherent in the people."	No Response Received
8. Would your agency cooperate with legal requests made by Immigration and Customs Enforcement?	Legal requests as long as no citizen's rights are violated and Due Process is followed. Idaho state Constitution states "...nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law."	No Response Received
9. Do you believe that North Idaho should implement a traffic control center? Why or why not?	I know some believe this infringement is acceptable due to terroristic activities. I do not agree with tracking citizens by vehicle or otherwise without due process.	No Response Received
10. What is your opinion of Red-light cameras?	These could be useful in traffic / criminal incidents, but are most generally used for generating revenue funds for cities, municipalities, and counties.	No Response Received

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11. What does religious freedom mean to you?	Ability to practice my religious interaction with my Savior and Lord and other people to do likewise toward theirs. Idaho State Constitution states "...but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be construed to dispense with oaths or affirmations, or excuse acts of licentiousness or justify polygamous or other pernicious practices, inconsistent with morality or the peace or safety of the state; ..."	No Response Received
12. When do you believe life begins and how will that belief affect your role as Sheriff?	Life begins at conception, as Sheriff I will keep the peace.	No Response Received
13. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	I do not support legalization of marijuana in its basic natural form. However pharmaceutical companies have located uses (pain relief, cancer, etc...) for the CBD / THC extracts.	No Response Received
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	I moved to Benewah County in May 1997 and started working for the Sheriff's office in October 1998 till May 2019. I have served Benewah County Sheriff's office in the following positions; detention deputy, patrol deputy, patrol sergeant / supervisor, K-9 patrol sergeant / supervisor, and undersheriff (2002-2003). Idaho POST Certified 1999 – Current US Air Force Veteran – Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Tech Multi-agency interaction: Local, State, Federal Police & First Responders; US Marshals; FBI; DEA; Secret Service; US Attorney Office – District of Idaho; US Federal & State Court; Idaho Supreme Court	No Response Received