

### Bonner County Commissioner District 3

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<b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	My name is Dimitry Borisov. I am running for Bonner County Commissioner district 3.	My name is Jeff Glass. I'm running for the office of District 3, Bonner County Commissioner on behalf of ALL Bonner County residents regardless of political choice, opinion, age, financial or social status, or any other perceived label. I am a Republican. My professional and personal mission as a Candidate for District 3 Commissioner is to represent all of us in Bonner County as only one of three EQUAL Customer Service Agents of Bonner County moving Bonner County business issues forward utilizing collective input from any and all Bonner County residents, county officials and other professional opinions in the know.	Ron Korn Bonner County Commissioner Dist 3 I am running for this position to unseat the liberal republican that the democrats supported in the last race. To bring leadership and decorum back to our county government, and to reinstate our Constitution to the People. I want to reduce and eliminate the government overreach that is taking place by getting rid of as many permits (permissions) as possible and bring the voice of the People back to our weekly public meetings.	Luke Omodt, Bonner County Commissioner District 3, I am the incumbent and I am running to keep my seat because I support limited government, providing the services mandated by law, safeguarding the local taxpayers interests, and protecting the quality of life for all Bonner County Residents.
<b>2.</b> When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect your executive decision making?	I believe life begins at conception. Life is sacred and, as such, must be protected at all times.	Only God Almighty has the answer to our human question of when life begins. Personally, I am a proponent of life but refuse to dictate by law what a person determines when life begins. Law is not their creator or judge; GOD is, and will always be.	Life begins at conception. As a man of Faith, I will use the Biblical principles to guide me through my day to day duties to the People, holding myself accountable to God and the people.	I am pro-life. County Commissioners do not have any lawful authority in this domain. Each and every decision I make is grounded in my personal values of God, family, country.
<b>3.</b> What is your opinion of eminent domain? Under what circumstances do you believe it should be used?	I do not support use of eminent domain. Eminent domain infringes on property rights and has a potential of been abused. It should only be used on a very rare occasion when there is a clear necessity, such as a critical infrastructure. Any use of eminent domain should be transparent and fairly compensated.	I've never been a proponent of eminent domain unless rightful owners of property are in favor of negotiation.	Eminent Domain is a dangerous tool designed to take private property when needed by the government. The government is required to pay just compensation for the property. The problem arises when there is a discretionary reason that the government needs the land...	Eminent domain is a powerful tool of government that can conflict with private property rights. At Bonner County we have not had to use eminent domain for any projects while I have been in office. I am opposed to eminent domain for private interests. The use of eminent domain could be appropriate in a public works project such as a bridge abutment or public right of way for a road expansion. It is wholly inappropriate to consider eminent domain for private interests.

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<b>4.</b> Do you support or oppose forced annexation? Why or why not?	I do not support forced annexation. It violates property rights. It forces property owners to be a part of a municipality against their will.	Forced annexation has no better example than the outcome of the Arab-Israeli 6 day war of 1967. The Sinai Peninsula, for example, was given back to Egypt after Israeli control as well as other lands given back to Arab countries and never annexed. Personally, I have no opinions on forced annexation given the vast number of considerations necessary to make such a determination affecting lives and generations. Bonner County will likely never endure such events that could facilitate forced annexation.	I oppose forced annexation because I stand for individual property rights. I am against government forcing anything on the People.	I do not support forced annexation. Forced annexation is an intrusion into citizen's private property rights.
<b>5.</b> Our county is growing very rapidly, where do you see we need to improve infrastructure and do you have plans to improve it?	With the growth that is coming, we need to address road maintenance and emergency services, including fire districts, EMS, and sheriff. The county should develop both mid and long-term plans to effectively address these needs.	Infrastructure improvement is always a relevant and necessary subject each and every year in general. For example, our Bonner County Road and Bridge professionals are our key resource for information and prioritization of short-term and long-term projects for the safety and well-being of all citizens and travelers. Sound and informed projections anticipate growth expectations and critical needs for a stable future Bonner County.	Infrastructure needs to be improved from the nucleus out, in other words from the cities out. It only makes sense to keep the denser population in close proximity to consolidate infrastructure such as utilities, roads, and emergency services.	Bonner County is not growing as rapidly as the fear mongers say. The United States of America was built upon growth and free enterprise. Government should stay out of the way of the free market. Development should occur in the areas where water and sewer are available. I absolutely support greater density in areas where water and sewer allow in accordance with Bonner County ordinance.

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<b>6.</b> What is your opinion of red-light cameras and license plate readers? Should they be used by the County?	I do not support the use of red-light cameras and license plate readers. They should not be used as their use violates privacy rights.	It's my opinion red-light cameras and license plate readers are an unnecessary purchase, installation and maintenance expense adding no recoup value for the citizens of Bonner County. If and when Bonner County becomes twice the current population we may want to revisit this issue depending on any public concerns of our Bonner County citizens. An "information workshop" is always a great tool for any fact-finding issues such as this.	I am opposed to any surveillance of the People period.	I am opposed to red-light cameras and license plate readers. Bonner County does not use them and I will not vote for their use.
<b>7.</b> Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	I am not particularly familiar with urban renewal districts. I do not support the use of taxpayer funds to promote private enterprises. However, if residents within a district wish to allocate their taxes toward building renovations, public amenities, and similar projects, that is their right to do so.	It's my opinion increasing property values through economic development is a critical subject involving all citizens of Bonner County. Information workshops and open mic platforms as well as other communication avenues should always be offered to the public until all input has been exhausted. I am neither for or against urban renewal districts prior to all community hearings.	I would support private enterprise to rehabilitate impoverished urban neighborhoods with no government help or interactions.	The unincorporated area's of Bonner County do not have any Urban Renewal Districts. I believe in local control of local issues.
<b>8.</b> Do you support or oppose requirements for developers to pay for community infrastructure?	This is something that needs to be looked into more. I am leaning towards developers contributing to infrastructure costs since they benefit from the value created by these projects. Existing residents should not be disproportionately burdened with the costs of expanding infrastructure.	Requirements for developers to pay for community infrastructure is always a subject for public debate through special meetings, public hearings or open forum. Although it's common practice for a city or county to offer monetary incentives, it's generally on a case-to-case basis. A blanket county requirement may not be appropriate in some cases, however, negotiations and incentives may be. Honest and detailed public disclosure should not impede on a developer's privacy if or when Bonner County monies and assets are the subject of any negotiation.	I do support developers to pay for any and all improvements and upgrades necessary to the community in order to handle the increased population. It is unfair to ask the existing property owners to shoulder the burden.	Idaho's current impact fee's are cumbersome and largely ineffective at addressing the needs for community infrastructure. I do support growth paying for growth; this is the responsibility of the legislature to address an.

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<b>9.</b> In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	I see myself accountable to the residents of Bonner County. As a county commissioner, I believe it's important to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the citizens, as they are the ones whom I would serve and represent. Ultimately, the role of a county commissioner is to implement the will of the people and work on behalf of the citizens to ensure their best interests are served.	The office of a Bonner County Commissioner is first and foremost accountable to every taxpaying citizen regardless of political affiliation. A commissioner is not only an extension of state government but tasked with following our state's constitution, state statutes, and open meeting laws; all of which are written to benefit Idaho citizens. It's a Commissioners priority and responsibility to all Bonner County citizens to maintain cordial nonbiased and professional continuity.	If elected I would be accountable to the People as their representative and statesman, as a man I am always accountable to God.	I am accountable to the law and the voters. I work seven days a week on county business, have a background in in logistics, public service, and have safeguarded the taxpayer's money while returning many functions back to the rightful authority of the Board of County Commissioners as established by law. We the people determine who will represent them and I am asking to continue the work that I began on January 9, 2023 because I am just getting started.
<b>10.</b> Do you support or oppose the idea of a county manager? Why or why not?	I do not support the position of a county manager. Giving extensive power to an unelected individual raises concerns about accountability and transparency in governance. I believe in a system where elected officials, such as county commissioners, are directly responsible to the citizens they serve, ensuring that decisions are made in the best interests of the community and reflecting the will of the people.	I oppose the idea of hiring a Bonner County Manager, especially without input from any and all citizens. Currently, Bonner County has seven elected positions, one of which is divided into three County Commissioners. I'm opposed to growing government at any level without strengthening and supporting our current government staff. The expense to employ a Bonner County Manager as well as a support team is very costly and currently an unnecessary and unaffordable expenditure.	I oppose the idea of a county manager as it is not an elected position and would take the voice of the People away and not being accountable to the residents.	100% opposed. We don't need unelected bureaucrats controlling the direction of Bonner County.

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<p><b>11.</b> 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?</p>	<p>While I understand the arguments in favor of legalization, I am concerned about the potential negative effects on public health, safety, and youth. Marijuana remains illegal at the federal level, which could create legal and regulatory challenges for local enforcement. I am opposing the legalization of marijuana in our state.</p>	<p>I have not and will not advocate for legalizing marijuana in Idaho unless the overwhelming majority of citizens of Idaho decide otherwise through legislature. Medicinal marijuana prescriptions and patient usage are private matters between doctor and patient. It's obviously prescribed for medicinal purposes and I support their privacy. I don't consider the issue of CBD oils or other holistic remedies to be under the marijuana category and will always support safe natural methods to maintain health and healing.</p>	<p>The legalization of marijuana is a tricky question in my opinion. Growing up in the 70's we were told it was a gateway drug to harder narcotics. I'm not sure now if that is an accurate statement. Now thanks to god's medicine (herbs) I now have 3 healthy children when the western medical doctors told us we could not have children using their drugs... Marijuana is an herb with proven medicinal properties that God gave us. Yes, anything can be abused. Wine is mentioned in many places throughout the Bible, yet it too can be abused and may actually be more dangerous than marijuana. I have a close Brother in the Lord with stage 4 bone cancer that does not have an appetite so getting good nutrients in his body is done through IV. It's proven that the medicinal properties of marijuana can improve appetite and actually have healing properties of cancer, but we can't say that as the FDA or AMA would sue us... And since it is illegal in our state, he feels morally against trying it to help save his life. Kind of a disservice in my opinion...</p>	<p>Marijuana is illegal in the state of Idaho. The legislature has spoken and they have my complete support.</p>

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<p><b>12.</b> What should the county's policy be regarding federal funding of county projects?</p>	<p>The county should carefully consider using federal funds for projects. While such funds can be helpful, it's crucial to ensure they align with the county's goals and won't compromise its independence. Any decision to accept federal funding should be made thoughtfully, prioritizing the county's best interests and autonomy.</p>	<p>Federal funding guidelines contain mandates and/or contingencies depending on the project and type of funding. There are many variables in certain federal grants or funding avenues that may or may not dictate actions required to receive funding. Careful consideration is of utmost priority in advance of each funding avenue to mitigate potential risks and losses versus benefits to the county project. Bonner County has the obligation to review all disclosures and contingencies with a fine-tooth comb prior to any decision-making process including public disclosure.</p>	<p>I am always cautious when it comes to federal funding of county projects. What we need to remember is that federal money comes from us, then a portion is returned to us with strings attached usually... Some believe as our current commissioner does, that these federally funded projects such as our bridge replacements are great because it doesn't cost our taxpayers anything. They don't realize that we are also federal taxpayers too... Nothing is free. I would like to remind the readers that any tax dollars collected were originally supposed to be spent on items that would benefit all, not just a few. As in the conversation between representative Davy Crockett and citizen Horatio Bunce, Bunce informs Crockett that tax money should only be spent where it benefits the whole of the people, not just a few. So a taxpayer in Texas is helping pay for bridges in Bonner County that they will never use. Maybe we could entertain the idea of paying less federal and state taxes and more local taxes?</p>	<p>The two largest landowners in Bonner County are the federal government and the State of Idaho. The Idaho Constitution in <i>Article 1 Section 3: 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.</i> Bonner County could not maintain our current level of services without federal funding. More specifically, law enforcement and road and bridge would be decimated without federal funds. Bonner County is very careful in researching federal grants that are in line with our values.</p>

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<b>13.</b> What is your opinion on restricting public comment at county meetings? Why do you hold this opinion?	I believe that public comment at county meetings should not be restricted, except for perhaps implementing a reasonable time limit due to the volume of comments. Open dialogue and public input are essential for transparent and accountable governance.	Public comment should be the most necessary and important input to a Bonner County Commissioners decision making process BEFORE any final vote is cast. Public comments could potentially change the mind of a commissioner during or after all comments are exhausted and all public input is carefully considered by the commissioners as well as any support material.  I'm very familiar with Idaho's Open Meeting Laws, the Idaho Open Meeting Manual, Idaho Statutes, Idaho's Constitution, Dillon's Rule, Home Rule, County Laws, and the United States Constitution. Our 1st Ammendment right is never on hold because we've entered a county building. Each set of laws and constitutions were written on behalf of the citizens and not for the governments. They were written in the spirit of giving everyone an equal voice with guarantees to be heard.	There should absolutely be no restriction on public comment at county meetings other than an appropriate time limit to talk. These are county meetings where the public should have every right to have input on decisions regarding their local issues. This too can be abused though and filibuster could hold county business hostage, which may cause additional rules to be implemented if necessary.	The ability to petition the government for a redress of grievances is a fundamental right of all Americans. As chairman of the Board of County Commissioners I support public comment. The Idaho Constitution makes clear in Article 1 Section 9: <i>FREEDOM OF SPEECH. Every person may freely speak, write and publish on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty.</i> The purpose of County meetings are to accomplish the legitimate business of the County. Rage, resentment, envy are the tools of the Saul Alinsky. Many of the grievances the Board of Commissioners are asked to address would create bigger government and I am opposed. I am a limited government conservative who believes in the authority as prescribed by law, if County government were to address every grievance brought forward it would be at the expense of our civil liberties and republican form of government. I count my blessing versus my problems and I will continue to serve according to laws and authority as granted by the legislature of the state of Idaho.
<b>14.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	I understand the issues facing Bonner County, particularly regarding infrastructure, land use, and government accountability. I have been involved in serving my community for over 17 years. I am committed to listening to residents, addressing concerns, and advocating for responsible governance and emphasize transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility.	My background and experiences have been diverse for more than four decades. My experience as a mortgage broker and corporate background in the judicial surety industry promotes a strong financial knowledge as well as liability/risk assessment and mitigation experience. For many years I was self-employed in construction and property development, the cellulosic diesel industry, and medium-scale facility development.	My background includes over 30 years of self employment owning a couple of different business including retail and construction. I understand what it takes to deal with budgets and leaning out when needed. I am able to handle issues when they arise whether it's employees or projects. I have over 25 years of volunteerism in Bonner County. I was President and Commander of over 150	I grew up in Bonner County, attended public schools, served 23 years in the Army to include four deployments, and retired from the Idaho Army National Guard in 2022. I taught American Government at Bonners Ferry High School for 10 years and had the unique opportunity to lead prior students in my platoon. I have a B.A. degree in Secondary Education Social Studies with a minor in Government. I have always been fascinated with the challenges of the republic and attended Boys State in 1994 at Gowen Field where I later served in the United States Army. My family has a

		<p>I have conducted countless meetings including Zoom attendees. I've worked closely with federal, state, county, and city governments and agencies in the past as well as prosecutors, judges, Sheriff's, detectives and police Chiefs.</p> <p>I believe I'm uniquely qualified for the position of Bonner County Commissioner and would be honored to serve as one of our Customer Service Agents. (That is a more appropriate description).</p>	<p>volunteers in Bonner County Sheriff Search And Rescue for 20 years. Other organizations I've volunteered for include Northside Fire, VFW Veterans Stand Down, and Pack 130 Scouts. I've founded a few organizations as well including Sandpoint Independence Day 2020 saving our July 4th celebrations when the China virus came, 7B Volleyball Club (USAV sanctioned girls volleyball), 7 Bravo Militia ( an Idaho Constitutional Christian militia), and my own road community watch group of over 100 neighbors ( we have an alternative communication team, barter team, and security team). I am skilled at bringing people together which in my opinion is what is needed now more than ever.</p> <p>I am endorsed by the Idaho True Conservatives and our Bonner County Republican Central Committee.</p>	<p>generational dedication to public service. I have been in public service my entire adult life while working on the family farm. My devotion to my country, family, and community is always foremost in my mind. I have the skills, training, and experience to continue to serve Bonner County with a focus on the law, duty, and stewardship of the taxpayers wallet.</p>
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