

Bonner County Commissioner District 3

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	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.
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect your executive decision making?	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.
3. What is your opinion of eminent domain? Under what circumstances do you believe it should be used?	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...
4. Do you support or oppose forced annexation? Why or why not?	I oppose forced annexation because I stand for individual property rights. I am against government forcing anything on the People.
5. Our county is growing very rapidly, where do you see we need to improve infrastructure and do you have plans to improve it?	Infrastructure needs to be improved from the nucleus out, in other words from the cities out. It only makes since to keep the denser population in close proximity to consolidate infrastructure such as utilities, roads, and emergency services.
6. What is your opinion of red-light cameras and license plate readers? Should they be used by the County?	I am opposed to any surveillance of the People period.
7. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	I would support private enterprise to rehabilitate impoverished urban neighborhoods with no government help or interactions.
8. Do you support or oppose requirements for developers to pay for community infrastructure?	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.
9. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	If elected I would be accountable to the People as their representative and statesman, as a man I am always accountable to God.
10. Do you support or oppose the idea of a county manager? Why or why not?	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.

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11. 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?	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...
12. What should the county's policy be regarding federal funding of county projects?	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?
13. What is your opinion on restricting public comment at county meetings? Why do you hold this opinion?	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.
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	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 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. I am endorsed by the Idaho True Conservatives and our Bonner County Republican Central Committee.