

Bonner County Commissioner District 2

	Jeffrey Roberts
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Name: Jeff Roberts. Office: Bonner County Commissioner District 2. As a, Christian, husband, Home-school father of 6, patriot, land owner, and business owner, I have many reasons to do my part to keep my county free, conservative and protected from the radical wave of leftist policies that are taking over our country. I have volunteered most of my life in faith based and liberty focused organizations and this an opportunity to bring my values of Biblically centered Constitutional values to local government.
2. What is your opinion of eminent domain? Under what circumstances do you believe it should be used?	I feel that eminent domain, while Constitutional, has been seriously abused, and has exceeded it's intent of being only used for public good and ensuring just compensation. I have seen cases where eminent domain was used to take land from one private party and given to another for a strip mall. I believe this is abuse. And follows the trend we see federally in the western states of state land being taken and placed under federal control, in violation of Article 1 section 8 clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution.
3. If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing taxes? What would be your reasons for this decision?	Limited government is a foundational principle of our country. Taxing and spending our way into national bankruptcy is one of the greatest failures of our nation, and our children will reap the consequences. Cutting spending should always be the first choice.
4. Do you support or oppose forced annexation? Why or why not?	I am opposed to forced annexation. I believe central control generally leads to more abuse and less accountability. I believe rural America tends to have a culture of more liberty-centric and independent ideals that are what made America so prosperous.
5. Our county is growing very rapidly, where do you see we need to improve infrastructure and what are your plans to improve it?	I am opposed to forced annexation. I believe central control generally leads to more abuse and less accountability. I believe rural America tends to have a culture of more liberty-centric and independent ideals that are what made America so prosperous.
6. What is your opinion of red-light cameras and license plate readers? Should they be used by the County?	I believe the trend America has been on for many years is a dangerous one, police state, surveillance, intrusions of privacy, warrant less searches, and government monitoring Americans in all aspects of life is contrary to American founding principles. I am opposed to this technology being used by government.

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7. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	I only support using tax funds for urban renewal, IF there is a surplus, and ONLY on infrastructure prescribed by law, and in very, very limited circumstances after all other critical infrastructure and essential services are funded.
8. Do you support or oppose requirements for developers to pay for community infrastructure?	With Bonner County growing at roughly 3% per year, and 80% of that growth being from out of the area, coupled with a roughly 9% increase in cost of living, on top of the county's state imposed budget limit cap of 3% over the previous years budget, the current growth rate is unsustainable. I believe development and growth need to cover the added impact on county expenses and services rather than having existing taxpayers cover the increase.
9. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	If elected I am still accountable to God my creator for my conduct, my family, and the citizens of my county as well as the Idaho Constitution. I will have the responsibility of treating my associates and subordinates with respect and decorum.
10. 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?	As a Constitutionalist, I am very pro personal rights. However as a Christian, father, and businessman, having lived and worked in states for over 2 decades that have legalized marijuana. I have seen the destruction of motivation in men, husbands and fathers to work and provide for their families. I have seen farm land become marijuana grows, the crime and violence from the conflicts between growers, the transient workers that follow the crops and the rapes/ assaults that rise during harvest. As well as the effect of trying to hire sober, stable employees. I am opposed to legalizing Marijuana
11. County Commissioners have an enormous responsibility with the many departments that run our county. Which departments in your opinion should receive priority for increased budgets?	I believe our roads are in need of more resources, as well as better fire management, given the vast amount of mismanaged federal land in our county that places much of our citizens at risk.
12. What should the county's policy be regarding federal funding of county projects?	Federal money is taxpayer money. The government cannot give you anything until it takes it from someone else. Everytime we accept federal money, we are sending the message that we approve of the plundering of American citizens for the sake of our county and that we are agreeing that the role and function of the federal government redistributing wealth is justified. We will need to systematically work to reverse this trend.

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13. What is your opinion on restricting public comment at county meetings? Why do you hold this opinion?	I believe public comment and input is crucial to a free society and accountable government.
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	As a general contractor and small business owner, I know what it means to be accountable to the people you serve. For years, I've worked directly with members of the public, executed complex contracts, balanced tight budgets, and managed multiple crews and subcontractors to deliver results on time and within scope and budget. Those same skills—common sense, receptive to ideas, transparency, and fiscal responsibility—are exactly what local government needs. I've also spent much of my life volunteering and serving my fellow Americans, guided by a strong belief in liberty, personal responsibility, and community service. (life member of the John Birch Society, Campaign for Liberty volunteer, Constitution party) If elected to the Board of Commissioners, I will bring those values with me every day. My commitment is simple: to listen to residents, safeguard taxpayer dollars, and help keep Bonner County free, prosperous, and accountable for the future generations who will call it home.