

Candidate for Washington County Court Clerk

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Question #1: List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office. (100 words total)

I'm the IT Director and Administrative Coordinator for the County Commissioners in Washington County; I manage the IT staff, the commissioners' direct reports and an annual budget in excess of \$350,000. I'm a fully certified CLEET trained police officer and an active volunteer in the Washington County Sheriffs Reserve. My training and education has been continuous during my 19 years of service in law enforcement and my career. I have worked extensively with the Sheriffs office, the DA's office and the court clerk's office. I am a member of Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church and the Bartlesville Pedalers group.

Question #2: What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff? (200 words or less)

Just like the families and individuals in our community, the court clerk's office has also faced reductions during these economic times. The number of staffed positions in the court clerk's office is at an all time low while the number of judicial staff requiring support and the mandated work processes have remained constant or increased. I will work with the staff to identify potential opportunities to streamline existing processes and procedures. I will use available technologies to enable employees to perform their duties more efficiently while also improving the publics' access to records. I will cross train staff to not only improve the over all function of the office but also to improve both the working environment and the customer experience. I will make effective use of the publics' money by maintaining a tight budget and continuing to seek better solutions to keep up with advancing technologies being used by the State of Oklahoma. I intend to lead by example and believe the court clerks office is here to be of service to the public.