

Franklin County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



General Election
November 2, 2010



Dear Voter:

I would like to remind those of you who have not yet registered to vote to do so. It is not too late. You have until October 25, 2010 to walk into the Franklin County Auditor’s Office and still register to vote in this year’s General Election being held on November 2, 2010.

It has also been 100 years that women have had the right to vote in Washington State. At one time women could not vote or own property. If women did own property they had to turn those assets over to their husband at the time of marriage. I would like to encourage and challenge the young women of today to honor the sacrifice of those women who came before us, 100 years ago. Register, become informed and then cast your ballot on November 2, 2010.

Voters are frustrated today with politics as usual. Do not let that keep you away from participating. Barbara Jordon who was an attorney and legislator from Texas was quoted as saying “Let each person do his or her part. If one citizen is unwilling to participate, all of us are going to suffer. For the American idea, though it is shared by all of us, is realized in each one of us”.

Register, become informed and vote. Your vote is your voice.

Respectfully,



Zona Lenhart

ZONA LENHART
Franklin County Auditor

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For more information on registering to vote or for other election information you may call or visit our website:

Franklin County Election Division (509) 545-3538

www.co.franklin.wa.us

Rick Miller

(Prefers Republican Party)



Education: BS in Agriculture, minors in Business Administration and Management, Washington State University

I have lived and farmed in Franklin County for 40 years, and I love it here. I care about what happens in our county. I want to protect what's working in the county and continue to improve what's not.

Franklin County has changed since my childhood and I am proud of our legacy, but I know we still face substantial challenges. Franklin County continues to grow at a rapid pace, and this growth puts a strain on our community, our schools, on our air and our water. We need to continue to work to preserve our land and quality of life. Our economic health is directly tied to the quality of our environment.

As your Franklin County Commissioner for the past four years, I have listened and I have learned. I understand the county, its finances, the services it delivers, and the challenges we face. I examine the issues, contemplate the anticipated short and long-term costs and benefits of county action or projects, and I am willing to take a tough position when necessary. I am committed to responsible government and I am respectful of your hard-earned dollars in the budgeting process. As the 2009 Chairman, we balanced the budget and reduced the 2010 budget without raising taxes or reducing services.

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Your vote is important to all of us and I would appreciate your support for re-election.

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Hans "Jochen" Engelke

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Dear Voter!

My motivation to seek this office again and to serve you is based on the opportunity and challenge presented in leading this county toward the success you allowed me, as a legal immigrant, to achieve. I take great pride in having overcome the necessary associated sacrifices, integration, and assimilation it required of me. My first hand experiences are representative of relevant issues faced by a broad cross section of our population.

Backed up by a proven track record, allow me to apply my independent, innovative, and prudent approach to problem solving, in connection with a strong accountable work ethic, which have been the hallmarks of my success, to meet our future goals.

Among the goals I intend to pursue, are the further diversification of our tax base as well as vigorous better prioritization of projects and their funding requirements, in order to become a largely self sufficient entity. This is necessary, as state and federal grants and matching funds, due to debt and budget pressures, will diminish going forward.

Your vote will help elect a 53 year old family man, and small business owner with a broad and diverse higher educational, multicultural background. The military leadership experiences as a NATO officer as well as those within the natural resource industry of our state will be valuable assets to serve an equally diverse population.

I was well prepared four years ago, but due to the added experiences I am even better prepared today.

Help me, to help you!

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Steven Marks

(Prefers Republican Party)



I have served the taxpayers of Franklin County for the past 27 years: 11 years as an appraiser and Chief Appraiser within the Assessor's Office and the last 16 years as the County Assessor.

As Franklin County Assessor I run the office in a fiscally conservative manner and always look for ways to improve the quality and service of the office while limiting or reducing the cost to run the office. This has been very challenging in light of the rapid growth the county has experienced in the last 10 years but through all of this growth I have managed to limit the budget of the assessor's office over this same time period. I have worked at keeping the assessor's office up to date in the area of technology; we have an excellent website as a result: <http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/assessor/>. I have also succeeded at moving the office to an annual revaluation program to benefit the taxpayers of Franklin County.

As assessor I work hard for the taxpayers of Franklin County, have a listening ear and an open door policy to any taxpayer that may have a complaint or concern.

Your vote is important and I would appreciate your support for re-election.

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Matt Beaton

(Prefers Republican Party)



Education: BA in Business Administration, University of Washington

As a Conservative Republican, I will serve you as Auditor with superior customer service, accountability and efficiency. I emphasize the Conservative as we have witnessed plenty of Republicans that have strayed from the small government, low tax mantle of the Conservative movement. As a private sector business owner with over 17 years of experience in my field, 15 of those while living in Franklin County, I have valued an estimated one billion dollars worth of assets in the Mid Columbia Region. My experience, education and overall management skills makes me the best qualified choice for Auditor.

For the past 9 years, I have managed a small business with worries of balancing budgets while maintaining quality work, customer service and efficiency. Nothing focuses a citizen's attention on the inefficiency of government like periodically writing checks to various State and Federal agencies. I will treat every dollar in the Auditor's budget like any small business person that wants to stay afloat with an understanding that the revenue is limited and not guaranteed. With limited resources county government must prioritize with a renewed focus on its core functions; for the County Auditor that means assuring the security and integrity of your vote, assuring the finance department has the proper technology to account for your dollars, and providing superior customer service to you the voters. This year your vote for Matt Beaton presents a credible alternative to the status quo.

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Zona Lenhart

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When I became a public servant in 1974 it was with the strong conviction that there is no room for partisan politics. It is not about Democrats or Republicans, it is about people. It is about service. I was always certain that we, as citizens, have more commonalities than we do differences.

I am running for reelection because I believe that public service, at the local level, is where the action is. Our customers are the taxpayers you come face to face with everyday, individuals to whom you are directly accountable. If reelected, I will continue searching for effective solutions to the issues that affect us all.

I have always been a strong proponent of fiscal conservatism. My office has applied for and received more than \$800,000 in federal election grants. I facilitated enough technological advancement for our office to successfully function with a smaller staff and to drastically improve taxpayer services: we were one of the first in the state to implement electronic access to recording documents; and the second in the nation to allow electronic access to ballots. I enrolled the licensing department in programs designed especially to increase speed and efficiency. My continuing goal is to replace antiquated accounting department software currently in use. My policy is to provide superior service at the most competitive rate.

As always, my door is open. Please visit my Facebook page or email me at zonaiii@charter.net

Keep experience, honesty and integrity working for you by reelecting me your county auditor.

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Michael J. Killian

(Prefers Democratic Party)



I have been a Franklin County resident for 35 years living in Pasco. I care about our community and I believe in public service. I have served 14 years in the U.S. Navy, and I am still active with the Naval Reserves. I enjoy working with fellow Kiwanians in local activities to assist our youth. Mentoring high school students and serving on their Senior Boards is especially rewarding as we get a glimpse of our future leaders. I consider it a privilege and an honor to serve as your county clerk. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly.

The Office of County Clerk is the very heart of the court system. It is responsible for all records and finances that come in the courts as well as the county's Jury Management program to ensure that the courts on all levels have sufficient jury panels to proceed to trial. It is an office that requires administrative know-how, knowledge of the law and courts, and financial experience.

In the past 10 years I have worked to provide the residents of Franklin County with continuing efficient and effective service as is the tradition of the clerk's office. I have worked to ease access to public court documents such as requests for certified and non-certified copies of Superior court records.

I appreciate the confidence shown to me by the public. Your vote is still important, and I appreciate your support.

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I am asking for your vote to serve you as Franklin County Prosecutor. Together we can build a safer community. My experience as a deputy prosecutor and now, as a public defender, has equipped me with the experience necessary to bring justice and accountability to the prosecution of crime.

Fiscal Responsibility. Realizing that financial constraints will continue to be a challenge in the coming years and that taxpayer money should be spent wisely, I will work tirelessly to ensure maximum public safety using the available resources responsibly.

Build a Safer Community. I will serve collaboratively alongside law enforcement and work diligently to ensure each case is based on all the evidence, and that justice is served in the community. I pledge to do all I can to curtail the gang influence in Franklin County.

Public Servant. I am a devoted family man and public servant having also preserved freedom as an active duty member of our nation's Air Force. I will carry on those core values serving as your prosecutor. As a former police officer, I understand the growing challenges facing law enforcement today. I will work effectively with our community leaders to fight crime in the 21st Century.

My endorsements include: Franklin County Sheriff Richard Lathim, State Representative Brad Klippert, members of law enforcement, and many committed individuals throughout the Tri-Cities.

As your Franklin County Prosecutor, I will work hard to earn your trust and even harder to keep it. I am asking for your vote and support. www.santlaw.com

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Steve M. Lowe

(Prefers Democrat Party)



I ask Franklin County voters to re-elect me based upon my performance in office the last 16 years. Crime rates in Franklin County have been drastically reduced. My office works effectively with local law enforcement partners to make this one of the safest county's in Washington. According to statistics kept by Pasco Police the crime rate is down between 50%-60% since I took office. People feel safe making us one of the fastest growing counties in the nation.

I initiated several programs to make this a safer county. Kidshaven is a program that I helped begin to better address kids who suffer from sexual and physical abuse. I helped initiate Drug Courts in Franklin County to address offenders who are addicted. I started a Diversion Program to handle property crimes in a more efficient manner to get victims their restitution faster, allowing us to focus on violent and sex crimes. I helped start programs to identify, prosecute and incarcerate known gang members who infect our community. I ask Courts to try juvenile gang members who use firearms as adults and send them to prison. I am working with Washington State Patrol Crime Lab, WSU Tri-Cities, and Battelle to open a local crime lab.

I advocate non-partisanship as law enforcement should be for all citizens, not just one party. I urge voters to look at my record and decide if it has been affected by party politics.

I would appreciate your vote to continue our success.

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Richard Lathim

(Prefers Republican Party)



It has been my pleasure to serve you as your Sheriff for nearly 24 years. During that time we have seen our population more than double while being able to reduce the actual incidents of crime by 63%. We have many challenges ahead of us during the next 4 years. We as a community will need to address our ability to house prisoners in order to maintain our safe community and hold criminals accountable. We have many budgetary issues to deal with which affect my ability to deliver law enforcement services to the public. I have experienced many obstacles in the past as your Sheriff and will continue to keep your safety and security at the forefront. I look forward to working for you for another 4 years.

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Josie Koelzer

(Prefers Republican Party)



Education: Washington State University, BA in Psychology, Minor in Human Resources. Bilingual – Spanish.

For all of my life, Franklin County has been my home. I grew up on a family farm near Mesa. It was on this farm that I learned the meaning of hard work, commitment, and dedication, which I plan on bringing into office if elected as your new County Treasurer. I'm excited about working closely with the Commissioners and other departments in the courthouse to implement innovative ideas to help make the county run more efficiently and effectively as a whole.

I am currently working as a financial manager for both an Insurance firm and large Ag Business, handling significant dollar budgets. In addition to this I've spent 25 years handling the finances of the family farm my husband and I currently own and operate. I am the co-founder of Mid-Columbia Sustainable Business Network and have served on the North Franklin Agriculture Advisory Board. In addition, I have always been very involved in my community, including serving as PTA Treasurer, church activities, Young Life Committee and Leadership, and 4-H volunteer.

My extensive experience working with budgeting, money management, banking, and investing proves my ability to manage your tax dollars wisely. As your County Treasurer, I will bring integrity and organizational abilities to the Treasurer's office while providing excellent customer service to meet the needs of all the taxpayers.

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Tiffany L. Coffland

(Prefers Democratic Party)



Dan and I have lived and raised our family in Franklin County for over 20 years. We truly believe this is a wonderful community to be a part of. My public service started when I accepted a position with Franklin County in 1989. I was appointed in 2005 as your Franklin County Treasurer and now finishing a four year term. I am counting on your 'yes' vote, so I can continue my leadership in the Treasurer's Office for another four years.

The Treasurer's Office does much more than receive your tax payments. As your Franklin County Treasurer since 2005, I have reduced spending, streamlined and implemented new processes, updated software for increased efficiency, improved communication, and met state audit requirements. I also have and will continue to use my 20 years of accounting skills, experience and knowledge of county government to safeguard public funds and give fiscally conservative financial advice to our County Officials and taxing districts.

I enjoy working directly with Franklin County residents who I frequently interact with at the office counter or over the phone. You can count on me to be there to answer your questions. Re-electing me as your Treasurer will allow me to continue to make things more efficient and economical for you, our County's residents. If we haven't met yet, please ask for me when you next visit the Treasurer's Office.

Thank you for re-electing me as your experienced Franklin County Treasurer!

For further information call me: 509-845-9440

Or Facebook – "Re-Elect Coffland for Treasurer"

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Gerald F. "Jerry" Roach

(Non-Partisan)



Gerald F. "Jerry" Roach was born and raised in Pasco and is a lifelong resident of Franklin County. He and his wife of 24 years, Maria Roozen-Roach, have five children. Their two sons and eldest daughter attend college while their younger daughters attend Pasco schools.

Elected in 2002, he was a part time District Court Commissioner for six years prior to his election and worked as an attorney in private practice since 1978. He served as President of the Benton-Franklin County Bar Association, chairman of the Bi-County Law Library Committee and has been actively involved with several professional and community organizations. He is a member of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association and served five years on the Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

He asks for your vote in the November election.

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Roger G. Wright

(Non-Partisan)



I am a candidate for Franklin County PUD Commissioner because I believe we need to lower electricity rates in the Franklin County PUD.

I have been a Franklin County resident and PUD ratepayer for 24 years. As a self employed civil engineer, and small business owner, I regularly see that the Franklin County Public Utility District rates are much higher than any of our neighboring utilities. Residential rates are more than 25% higher in Franklin County PUD than any of our local utilities (total cost per kwh over the last 12 months). I have found agricultural/irrigation rates and commercial/industrial rates to also be much higher in Franklin County PUD. I believe that this needs to be corrected.

I believe that I have the qualifications to be your PUD Commissioner. These qualifications include a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Portland State University 1986), 24 years of engineering and construction related experience in the Tri-Cities, Franklin County Irrigation District Board Member 1991 – 1997, City Engineer for the City of Richland 1996 – 1999, Franklin County PUD ratepayer since 1986, and small business owner since 2003.

Additionally, I do not believe that the PUD encourages public awareness of the rates or involvement in the decisions the Commissioners are making. This also needs to be corrected.

I would like to be your PUD Commissioner. Please find more information at:

<http://campaigntoelectrogerwright.blogspot.com/>

For more information:

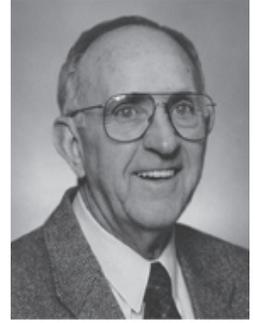
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Chuck Hall

(Non-Partisan)



I have been a Franklin PUD Commissioner for the past six years. In that period, we have lowered rates twice. I will work to keep rates as low as possible given the future rate projections by BPA. I will continue to fight for hydropower, as well as saving the dams and protecting our nuclear power, to keep the rates as low as possible.

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To register to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- At least 18 years of age on or before Election Day;
- Not presently denied civil rights as a result of a felony conviction;
- A resident of Washington 30 days prior to the election.

When can I register?

Anytime. Washington State does not have a residency requirement although you must be registered 29 days prior to an election to be qualified to vote. A special registration period between the 8th and 29th day prior to the election is available if the voter resides in the county on or before the 29th day before the election and appears in person to register at the Franklin County Auditor's Office or a site designated by the Auditor.

Where can I register?

Citizens may register to vote in person at the Auditor's office or obtain a form to register by mail at any of the following locations:

Web site (www.vote.wa.gov)

Public Libraries

Public Schools

Most State offices (& Department of Licensing)

Request a registration form by calling the Election Department at 545-3538.

New residents to Franklin County:

If you have moved from any other county or state you will need to register at any of the locations indicated above or by utilizing a Mail-In Registration form. Your previous registration, if any, will be cancelled at that time.

What if I move within the same county?

You must change your voter's registration. The change of address must be received by the Auditor at least 29 days prior to an election to be valid for that election. A transfer of address can be done at any of the locations listed above OR by calling the Election Department at 545-3538.

Changed your name?

If you are currently registered, you may change your name by phoning the Franklin County Elections Department. A change of name form will be sent to you. Name changes must be completed at least 29 days prior to an election to be valid for that election.

What does it mean when a voter is listed as Inactive?

If a voter registration card, vote-by-mail ballot, jury notification, or any mandated mail from the Franklin County Election Department is returned as "Undeliverable" from the U.S. Post Office, the voter is sent an Address Confirmation Final Notice and placed in the "Inactive" file. The voter is "reactivated" if he/she attempts to vote or notifies the Election Department of a current address within Franklin County.

Can my voter registration be canceled for failure to vote?

Federal and state laws dictate that a voter registration cannot be canceled until a voter has been designated inactive due to mailed documents being returned as undeliverable by the postal service and the voter has remained inactive for two federal elections.

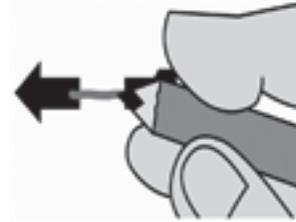
Where to vote?

Franklin County is an all mail ballot county. The Election Department automatically sends a ballot to all voters for each election in which the voter is eligible to vote. If you need more information, call 545-3538.

Are there accommodations for disabled voters?

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant and language assistance voting devices are available for use at the Franklin County Auditor's Office located at 1016 N. 4th Ave in Pasco, during regular business hours 8:30 - 5:00pm., Monday through Friday, 28 days prior to any election and on election day from 7:00am.- 8:00pm.

Washington has a new election system! In each race for partisan office, the two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary advance to the November General Election.



Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Partisan Offices:

The names of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will appear on the General election ballot. The candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot. This is the order that will be followed for mail and sample ballots. (Initiative 872, WAC 434-230-045)

All candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their office in the Primary to qualify to have their name appear on the General election ballot. (Initiative 872, WAC 434-230-060)

The names of candidates for county commissioner will appear on the General election ballot for all voters in the County. (RCW 36.32.050)

Non-Partisan / Non-Judicial offices (Even-year):

The names of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary contest will go on to the General election ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot, as well as on the sample ballot. (RCW 29A.36.171)

Candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their position in the Primary in order to go onto the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.171)

All contests not appearing on the Primary ballot will appear on the General election ballot. If no Primary is required, candidate names will appear on the General election ballot in an order determined by lot drawing. (RCW 29A.36.171, 29A.36.131)

The names of candidates for Public Utility District commissioner will appear on the General election ballot of all voters in the County. (RCW 54.12.010)

Judicial Offices:

If any State Supreme Court candidate receives a majority of the votes for that office in the Primary, his/her name alone will appear on the General election ballot. If no Supreme Court candidate receives a majority of votes cast for that office in the Primary, then the top two vote getters will go on the General election ballot, with the name of the candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary being listed first on the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.171)

For Superior Court, if a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Primary for that position, that candidate shall be deemed elected and issued a certificate of election. No General election shall be held for that office. (Art. IV, Sec. 29, Washington State Constitution)

For Superior Court, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that position in the Primary, the names of the two top vote getters will be printed on the General election ballot, with the name of the candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary being listed first on the General election ballot. (RCW 29A. 36.171, RCW 29A.36.131)

If a Primary is required for a District Court position and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that position in the Primary, the top two vote getters will go on the General election ballot, in the order of the number of votes received in the Primary. If a District Court candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Primary, their name alone will appear on the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.171)

You Only Get One Vote, Make it Count!

BALLOT DROP BOXES LOCATED AT:



Auditor's Office, Franklin County
Courthouse
1016 N. 4th Ave
Pasco, WA 99301



Franklin County Election Center
116 N 3rd Ave
Pasco, WA 99301



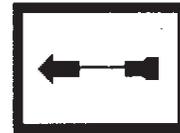
TRAC
6600 Burden Blvd
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Note: Additional drop box locations coming soon.

Your Vote is Important Make Sure it Counts

- Take your time and read all instructions.
- If your ballot is damaged, call the Elections Division at (509) 545-3538 for a replacement.
- Make sure you sign your purple return envelope. Mail or drop off your ballot (no stamp required).
- Your ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day.
- Ballot Drop Boxes are open 24 hours beginning 20 days prior to the election, and are locked promptly at 8:00pm on Election Day.

Use a single line to mark your vote as shown.



DO NOT use a felt pen.



For additional information please see our website
www.co.franklin.wa.us/elections



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