

Bonner and Boundary County

**Official Republican *VOTER GUIDE* for the
May 19, 2026 Primary Election**

YOU NEED TO SHOW UP. Do you care about your money?

The Republican primary IS the whole election. What happens on May 19th determines how you live. This guide has been distributed to every mailbox in Bonner and Boundary County.

THE PRIMARY IS THE ELECTION

In North Idaho, the Republican primary is not a stepping stone to the general election. It IS the general election. The winner of the May 19th Republican primary is, for all practical purposes, the next senator, commissioner, or representative.

November is the ceremony. May 19th is the election.

In race after race across Bonner and Boundary Counties, the Republican nominee wins by wide margins in November. That means the decision — the real decision — is made right now, in the primary, by voters who show up for the Republican primary.

In the 2024 cycle, just 613 votes separated the winner from the loser in one state senate race. 581 votes in a state rep race. There are 30,000 registered Republicans in this district. Only half showed up.

Here is the not-so-secret: Democrats have abandoned their party and no longer run candidates in November in North Idaho. Instead, they re-registered as Republicans. They are voting in YOUR primary.

A 600-vote margin can be erased by you and your neighbors. Don't stay home May 19th. Left-leaning voters are now registered Republican and voting in your primary. Don't let them choose your next senator, representative, or commissioner.

WHAT'S AT STAKE MAY 19TH

Every race on the May 19th ballot has a direct impact on your daily life — your wallet, your rights, and your family. These races matter more than most presidential elections when it comes to how government actually touches your life.

PROPERTY TAXES:

Candidates who will fight to eliminate or dramatically reduce the property tax burden on homeowners and seniors on fixed incomes.

COST OF LIVING: Government spending drives inflation. Which candidates will cut spending and shrink government?

PRO-LIFE: Idaho's pro-life laws are under constant legal and legislative pressure. Who will hold the line?

GUN RIGHTS: Your Second Amendment rights don't protect themselves. Who has a record of fighting for them in law — not just in words?

PUBLIC LANDS: Access to Idaho's public lands for hunting, fishing, and recreation. Who is fighting to keep the gates open?

LOCAL CONTROL: Who will keep government close to the people — and out of your life?

Every candidate in this guide is graded on these issues. Use those grades to choose.

ABOUT THIS VOTER GUIDE

This voter guide was produced by the Bonner County Republican Party and distributed to every mailbox in Bonner and Boundary Counties.

Candidates from both Bonner and Boundary Counties are covered inside. Every contested race on the May 19th Republican primary ballot is evaluated, graded, or explained.

Candidates endorsed by the Bonner County Republican Party are clearly identified throughout this guide. Grades are based on voting records, public statements, legislative history, and candidate questionnaires.

This voter guide is a tool. Use it to match the candidates on your ballot to your values, your priorities, and your principles.

Sample ballots for both Bonner and Boundary Counties are included toward the back of this guide so you can make your selections before you walk through the door on May 19th.

**Make your plan. Show up.
Vote May 19th.**

Use this guide. Bring it to the polls. Share it with a neighbor. Every vote in a primary carries more weight.

MAKE YOUR PLAN.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

Everything You Need to Vote on May 19th

Deadlines, polling places, absentee ballots, and registration — all in one place.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

All dates are for the May 19, 2026 Republican Primary Election.

MAY 4 – 15

Early Voting — Mon through Fri, 9 AM to 5 PM at Bonner or Boundary County election offices. Vote in person before Election Day.

MAY 8

Absentee ballot application deadline. Last day to request a mail-in ballot.

MAY 8

Voter preregistration deadline. Last day to register or update your registration online at voteidaho.gov.

MAY 14

Emergency absentee voting begins for voters who become ill or are otherwise unable to vote.

MAY 15

Last day of Early Voting. County election offices close at 5 PM. No in-person early voting after this date.

MAY 19 • 8 PM

Absentee ballot return deadline. Completed ballots must be received — not just postmarked — by 8:00 PM.

MAY 19

ELECTION DAY — Polls open 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Vote at your assigned polling place. Bring your ID.

Idaho allows same-day voter registration at the polls. You can register and vote on Election Day. Bring valid Idaho ID.

WHAT TO BRING ON MAY 19TH

Bring a valid Idaho driver's license, state ID card, or other government-issued photo ID. First-time voters may use a current utility bill, bank statement, or government check showing name and current address.

You are allowed to bring this voter guide into the voting booth. Use the sample ballot pages toward the back to mark your selections in advance.

For all registration and absentee ballot requests: voteidaho.gov

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Idaho makes it easy to register. You may register online before May 8th, or in person at your polling place on Election Day.

ONLINE: Register or check your registration at voteidaho.gov. Deadline: May 8, 2026.

IN PERSON: Register at the polls on Election Day, May 19th. Bring a valid Idaho photo ID or proof of residency (utility bill, bank statement, or government document showing name and address).

BY MAIL: Download a registration form at voteidaho.gov and mail it to your county clerk by May 8th.

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

Early voting is available Monday through Friday, May 4–15, from 9 AM to 5 PM at your county election office. No appointment needed.

BONNER COUNTY:

1500 Hwy 2, Suite 124, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

BOUNDARY COUNTY:

6452 Kootenai Street, Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

ABSENTEE (MAIL-IN) VOTING

Any registered Idaho voter may request an absentee ballot. No excuse required.

STEP 1 — REQUEST: Apply online at voteidaho.gov or contact your county clerk by May 8th.

STEP 2 — RECEIVE: Your ballot will arrive by mail. Review the races inside this voter guide before marking it.

STEP 3 — RETURN: Mail your completed ballot early enough to arrive by 8:00 PM on May 19th, or drop it off at your county election office by May 15th.

For all registration and absentee ballot requests: voteidaho.gov

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

Scan the QR code below or visit voteidaho.gov to find your official polling location before Election Day.



voteidaho.gov

IMPORTANT: Polling places may be changed up to 30 days prior to the election. Always verify your polling location before May 19th.

COUNTY CLERK OFFICES

Contact your county clerk with questions about voter registration, polling places, or absentee ballots.

BONNER COUNTY: 1500 Hwy 2, Suite 124, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864
bonnercountyid.gov/Elections-Home

BOUNDARY COUNTY: 6452 Kootenai St, Bonners Ferry, Idaho
boundarycountyid.org/site-page/elections

THIS IS A PRIMARY

Only registered Republicans may vote in the Republican primary. An "unaffiliated" elector may affiliate with the party of the elector's choice by filing a signed form up to and including election day.

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FEDERAL & STATEWIDE RACES

**YOUR BALLOT STARTS
HERE.**

Federal & Statewide Races at the Top of Your May 19th Ballot

Idaho Republicans will decide the direction of this state in the races that follow. The contested primaries begin on the next page.

FEDERAL OFFICES

The Bonner County Republican Party has taken no position in the federal and state executive office races on this page.

U.S. SENATE

INCUMBENT
Jim Risch
senatorrisch.com

CHALLENGERS
 Denny LaVe
dennyforsenate.com
 Joe Evans
joeevansforidaho.com
 Josh Roy
joshroyforidaho.com

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ·
DISTRICT 1**

INCUMBENT
Russ Fulcher
russfulcher.com

CHALLENGERS
 Andy Briner
brinerforcongress.com
 Joseph Morrison
morisson4id.com

STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

GOVERNOR

INCUMBENT
Brad Little
CHALLENGERS
 Daniel Fowler
 Ethan Giles
 Justin Plante
 Lisa Marie
 Mark Fitzpatrick
 Ron James
 Sean Calvert Crystal

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Scott Bedke
 UNOPPOSED

SECRETARY OF STATE

Phil McGrane
 UNOPPOSED

STATE OFFICES (CONT.)

STATE CONTROLLER

Brandon Woolf
 UNOPPOSED

STATE TREASURER

Julie Ellsworth
 UNOPPOSED

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Raúl Labrador
 UNOPPOSED

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC
INSTRUCTION**

Debbie Critchfield
 UNOPPOSED

NEXT PAGE:

**THE HOTLY
CONTESTED
RACES**

Idaho State Senate · State House ·
County Commissioner

These are the races where North Idaho conservative values are on the line — graded and endorsed by the Bonner County Republican Party.

TURN THE PAGE FOR THE RACES THAT MATTER MOST TO NORTH IDAHO

Idaho State Senate · State House of Representatives · County Commissioner

The Bonner County Republican Party has graded and endorsed candidates in every contested local race. See Pages 4 and beyond.

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SCOTT HERNDON

**Idaho State Senate · District 1
Bonner & Boundary Counties**

Scott Herndon represented District 1 in the Idaho State Senate from 2022 to 2024. During his tenure, he sponsored or co-sponsored legislation on property and income tax relief, Second Amendment protections, public lands access, pro-life policy, and immigration enforcement. He is seeking to return to the Senate in the May 19, 2026 Republican primary. HerndonforIdaho.com.



96.2%

IFF Freedom Score

100%

CPAC
Conservative of the Year

97.9%

Inst. for Legislative Analysis
Champion of Limited Government

PROPERTY TAXES

Herndon has made property tax reduction a central issue of his legislative career and his 2026 campaign. Idaho's state budget has nearly doubled over the past six years — growing roughly \$600 per person per year above inflation and population growth — a trend Herndon argues is a direct driver of rising cost and affordability for homeowners and seniors on fixed incomes.

- Supported \$317.4 million in property tax relief that passed the Senate 28-7. Governor Little vetoed the bill; Herndon voted with the 28-7 majority to override the veto and enact it into law. [HB 292, 2023]

- Supported budget reform measures credited with reducing state spending by \$200 million in the 2024 fiscal year. [Budget Reform, 2024]

INCOME TAXES

Herndon's voting record on income taxes aligns consistently with tax reduction. He has supported each income tax cut brought before the Idaho Senate during his tenure.

- Voted for Idaho's \$50 million income tax cut, lowering Idaho's flat income tax rate to provide relief to working families and small businesses. [HB 521, 2023]

- Consistent votes against government spending growth and in favor of taxpayer relief. On the Senate Finance committee, Herndon worked to contain \$1.5 billion of federal debt spending spent in the Idaho state budget.

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY VALUES

Herndon describes himself as 100% pro-life. He was endorsed in 2024 by Idaho Chooses Life. Idaho Chooses Life has not yet announced its 2026 endorsements.

- Voted for the Vulnerable Child Protection Act, banning gender transition procedures on minors in Idaho. [HB 71, 2023]

- Co-authored HB 752 with Rep. Cornel Rasor, making it a crime for men to enter women's bathrooms, locker rooms, and private spaces. First law of its kind among the states. [HB 752, 2026]

- Co-sponsored SB 1100, requiring Idaho public schools to maintain separate facilities by biological sex. [SB 1100, 2023]

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

On immigration, Herndon's record reflects consistent support for enforcement measures and opposition to state-level policies that extend benefits to those present in Idaho without legal status.

- Sponsored an Idaho law prohibiting individuals without legal immigration status from obtaining Idaho driver's licenses. [SB 1216, 2024]

- Voted to ban foreign entities connected to the Chinese government from purchasing Idaho agricultural land and natural resources. [HB 173, 2023]

- Supports full enforcement of federal immigration law and opposes state policies that provide taxpayer-funded services to those present in Idaho illegally.

ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Herndon helped produce and cast a critical vote in support of a major transportation funding package in the 2024 session. The bill passed the full Senate 18-17.

- Co-wrote HB 770, a \$592.7 million appropriation to the Idaho Transportation Department — one of the largest transportation investments in recent state history. [HB 770, 2024]

- The package included \$329.6 million for road and bridge maintenance, \$400 million for local bridge maintenance, and \$154.9 million for safety and capacity projects across Idaho. [HB 770, 2024]

- Herndon's vote on the Senate Finance Committee was essential to advancing the bill. It passed the full Senate by a single vote, 18-17. [HB770, 2024]

GUNS & 2ND AMENDMENT

Herndon's legislative record includes multiple bills related to Second Amendment protections. He has also pursued gun rights litigation in court at personal expense, independent of his legislative role.

- Floor sponsor of SB 1374 — passed the Senate 28-7 and the House 58-10 — prohibiting local governments from banning firearms on public property. [SB 1374, 2024]

- Filed suit against the City of Sandpoint challenging a ban on firearms at public events prior to the legislative fix. Filed at his own expense. [Herndon v. Sandpoint]

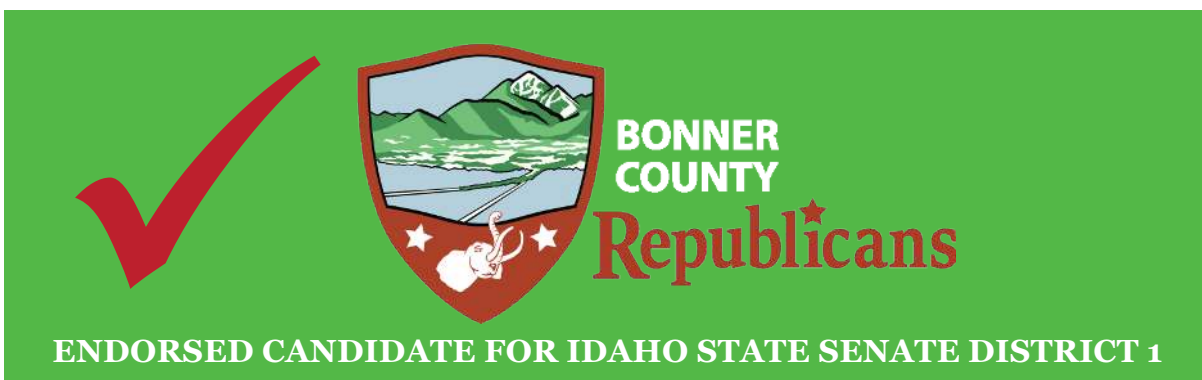
- Passed Second Amendment financial privacy legislation barring credit card companies from using merchant category codes to track lawful firearms and ammunition purchases. [HB 295, 2023]

PUBLIC LANDS ACCESS

Herndon sponsored two bills in the 2023 and 2024 sessions aimed at protecting public access to state lands and waters.

- Authored SB 1258, requiring counties and highway districts to provide equivalent replacement public access before vacating any right-of-way that leads to public land or water. Passed Senate 33-2; stopped in the House by lobbying opposition. [SB 1258, 2024]

- Authored SB 1021, reasserting legislative authority over Priest Lake water management. Stopped the Priest Lake Siphon project. Required legislative and gubernatorial approval for any new outlet structure. Passed both chambers unanimously and was signed into law. [SB 1021, 2023]



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JIM WOODWARD

Idaho State Senate · District 1 · Incumbent
Bonner & Boundary Counties

Jim Woodward has served in the Idaho State Senate representing District 1 from 2018-2022 and 2024-present. His voting record spans issues including taxation, immigration, education, and social policy. Woodwardforsenate.org.



52.0%
IFF Freedom Score
Grade: F

6.8%
IFF Spending Score
Grade: F

84%
CPAC

PROPERTY & INCOME TAXES

Woodward's voting record on tax cuts is inconsistent with the conservative majority in the Idaho Senate. He has voted against multiple tax relief measures benefiting Idaho families, veterans, and small businesses.

- Voted against HB 40, which cut Idaho's flat income tax rate from 5.695% to 5.3% and expanded tax exemptions for military pensions. The bill passed the Senate with broad Republican support. The bill represented \$253 million in income tax cuts. Woodward voted no. [HB 40, 3/4/25]
- Voted against HB 93, a \$50 million parental choice tax credit providing \$5,000 per student to families who homeschool or choose non-public education. The bill passed and was signed into law. [HB 93, 2/19/25]

FEE & TAX INCREASES

In the 2025 session, Woodward voted in favor of multiple bills that raised fees and assessments on Idaho farmers, ranchers, attorneys, and livestock dealers.

- Voted yes on HB 173 — raised the assessment on clover and alfalfa seed growers from ¼ cent per pound to 1 cent per pound, quadrupling the levy. [HB 173, 3/17/25]
- Voted yes on SB 1016 — tripled the livestock dealer license fee and raised brand inspection fees. [SB 1016, 2/21/25]
- Voted yes on SB 1030 — increased license fees paid by Idaho attorneys to the Idaho State Bar. [SB 1030, 2/24/25]
- Voted yes on SB 1054 — substantially increased the tax on Idaho bean growers. [SB 1054, 3/3/25]

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Woodward's record on immigration includes a notable vote in favor of extending driving privileges to Idaho residents present in the country illegally, and a financial contribution to a political committee focused on electing Democrats.

- Voted yes on SCR 107, a resolution calling for the state to study and pursue driving privileges for all Idaho residents, including those "whose presence is not in accord with federal immigration law." Woodward stated: "I voted Yes on that because I wasn't going to stick my head in the sand when we had a problem." [SCR 107, 4/7/21]
- The Idaho Dairy Association, which employs a significant number of workers without legal immigration status and has advocated for amnesty and driver's licenses, donated \$1,000 to Woodward's campaign. [12/19/23]

▪ Woodward received the maximum allowable donations from Tom Bokowy, Jacinda Bokowy, and Debra Dawson — all of Sandpoint. FEC records show all three donated exclusively to Democrats: Tom Bokowy to Kamala Harris, Biden, AOC, and the DNC; Jacinda Bokowy to Harris for President; Debra Dawson to Biden, the Harris Victory Fund, Ossoff, and Warnock. None have any Republican donations in their federal records. These are the donors funding Woodward's campaign while national Democrats block border security and oppose immigration enforcement at every level. [FEC individual contributions — Bokowy, Thomas & Jacinda; Dawson, Debra A, Sandpoint ID; Idaho SOS Sunshine — Woodward, James, 2025-2026 reports]

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Idaho's state budget has nearly doubled over the past six years. Woodward has publicly defended this growth, arguing the increase does not "really count" because it includes rebates and rainy-day transfers.

- Woodward described conservative budget reform efforts — which were credited with reducing spending by \$200 million in FY2024 — as a "scheme." Used his position on the Senate Finance Committee to resist the new budget process.
- Spending Score: 6.8% — Grade F. This score reflects a pattern of supporting spending growth rather than restraint across his legislative tenure.

PUBLIC LANDS ACCESS

Voted yes on SB 1086, which would have criminalized violations of federal recreational use notices on public land. The bill passed the Senate 18-16. It did not receive a hearing in the House. [SB 1086, 2/25/25]

- SB 1086 contained penalties that could escalate to a felony. SB 1086 did not require a violation to be committed willfully or knowingly, meaning an unintentional failure to follow every instruction on a posted sign could result in criminal charges.

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY VALUES

Woodward's record on life and family issues includes votes and sponsorships that place him at odds with the Idaho Republican Party platform and the state's conservative majority.

- Sponsored SB 1184, a bill described as loosening Idaho's abortion ban to permit more abortions. The bill was supported by a group simultaneously running a ballot initiative to legalize abortions up to fetal viability in Idaho. The bill was opposed by Idaho Chooses Life. [SB 1184, 3/21/25]
- Woodward voted against the Fairness in Women's Sports Act — one of only five Republicans to do so — which prohibits biological males from competing in women's sports. Idaho was the first state to pass such a law. The US Supreme Court is expected to release an opinion upholding this law by June 30, 2026. [HB 500, 3/16/20]
- Voted yes on SB 1199, which redefined minors to exclude pregnant girls, allowing them to receive all medical care — including potentially abortion-related care — without parental consent. [SB 1199, 2025]
- Voted NO on SB 1198, which banned Diversity, Equity & Inclusion programs and offices at Idaho's public colleges and universities. The bill passed 23-12 with Woodward in the Democratic minority. [SB 1198, 4/3/25]
- Voted against HB 822, which prohibits schools from secretly facilitating a child's social gender transition without parental knowledge or consent. On the Senate floor, Woodward said he trusts "the teachers and the people that take care of the children" over parents' right to know. The bill passed 27-8; Woodward was one of eight no votes. [HB 822/2026]



THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS NOT ENDORSED JIM WOODWARD.

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JANE SAUTER

**Idaho State Representative · District 1, Seat A
Bonner & Boundary Counties**

Jane Sauter is a challenger for Idaho House Seat 1A, seeking to unseat Mark Sauter (no relation). A lifelong Republican and small business owner, she brings a faith-based, fiscally conservative perspective shaped by decades of community involvement and nine children. Janesauterforidaho.com.



SINCE 1981

Republican
Lifetime Party Member

SINCE 1988

Small Business
Owner & Operator

MOTHER OF 9

Community Leader
Precinct Committeewoman

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jane Sauter describes herself as a fiscal conservative who believes government's role is limited. She ran small businesses for over three decades, lives debt-free, and says she is 'good with numbers' — a perspective she intends to bring to the state budget process.

- Supports repealing the Idaho Grocery Tax, calling it a direct burden on working families.
- Supports property tax relief achieved through spending cuts, not by shifting the burden to other tax categories.
- Notes that over 40% of Idaho's annual budget is funded by the federal government — debt she says will fall on Idaho children and grandchildren — and commits to working toward reducing that dependence.
- Believes rolling back entitlements and welfare programs, while difficult, is necessary to return Idaho to its proper limited-government role.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Jane Sauter takes a firm line on immigration enforcement, calling the influx of illegal immigrants a crisis and opposing any compromise on the issue at the state level.

- "They must all go out and come back in lawfully, by the correct procedures." Will not compromise on guaranteeing timely removal of illegal aliens.
- Opposes federal resources being unconstitutionally directed toward illegal immigrants, including jobs, tax dollars, and medical services.
- Believes law and order in Idaho must come before extending assistance to those who entered the country illegally.

FAMILY & CHILDREN

As a mother of nine, Jane Sauter says protecting children is among her highest priorities. She draws clear lines on library content, gender ideology in schools, and parental authority.

- Opposes inappropriate books in children's library sections and says she would never vote to allow them.
- Will stand firmly against the transgender agenda in schools, supporting children's God-given biological identity.
- Supports parents' rights to make wise decisions regarding their children's education and medical care.
- Supports education in all its forms — public, private, and homeschool.

GUNS & 2ND AMENDMENT

Jane Sauter is a member of Gun Owners of America, the Idaho 2nd Amendment Alliance, and the NRA. She frames gun rights as a constitutional and civic safeguard.

- Committed to holding the line on every attempt to infringe on gun rights. Believes the Second Amendment is a safeguard against tyrannical government.
- "I know of no country that has truly thrived after giving up their rights to freely own firearms."
- Will stand firmly against any and all attempts to disarm the American people.

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY VALUES

Jane Sauter states that life begins at conception and that every human being has intrinsic value. Her pro-life position is rooted in her faith and informs her approach to legislation affecting families.

- "Life starts at conception, and every human being has intrinsic value, and was created by God for a purpose."
- Committed to protecting the lives of all Idahoans in every stage of life.
- Believes children deserve actual gender affirmation — that their God-given biological sex is perfect and that God makes no mistakes.



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ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR IDAHO STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1, SEAT A

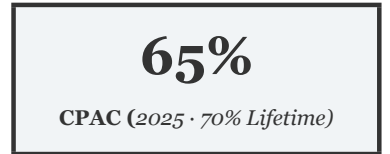
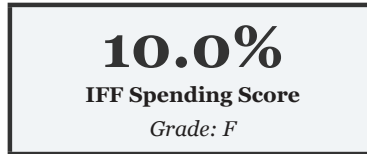
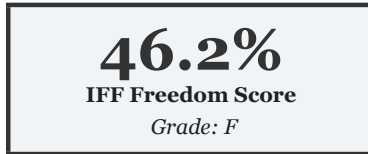
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MARK SAUTER

Idaho State Representative · District 1, Seat A Incumbent
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Mark Sauter is the second-term Republican incumbent for House Seat 1A. He retired from a 30-year career in California’s fire service in 2011 and moved to Sandpoint in 2012. Marksauterforidaho.org.



TAXES & GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Mark Sauter’s fiscal record includes votes for government program expansion and against measures that would limit government’s reach over employment and education.

- Voted YES on HB 24, the Idaho Launch Program — an \$80 million appropriation redirecting K-12 education funds toward workforce training programs. Critics called it corporate welfare and a misuse of public education dollars. [HB 24, 2023]

- Voted NO on SB 1130, the Coronavirus Stop Act — prohibiting public and private employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccines as a condition of employment. Passed the Senate 28-7 on a party-line vote and was signed into law. Sauter voted against it in the House. [SB 1130, 2023]

- Voted YES on SB 1211 — transferring \$15 million in Idaho taxpayer funds to train semiconductor workers for Micron Technology, a corporation with \$37 billion in annual global sales. [SB 1211, 2023]

FEE & TAX INCREASES

In the 2025 session, Mark Sauter voted yes on four separate bills that raised fees and taxes on Idaho farmers, ranchers, and professionals.

- Voted yes on HB 173 — raised the assessment on clover and alfalfa seed growers from ¼ cent per pound to 1 cent per pound, quadrupling the levy. [HB 173, 3/17/25]

- Voted yes on SB 1016 — tripled the livestock dealer license fee and raised brand inspection fees. [SB 1016, 2/21/25]

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FAMILY & CHILDREN

Mark Sauter’s votes on family and social issues reflect a pattern of breaking with the Republican caucus and voting alongside House Democrats on some of the most contested social legislation of recent sessions.

- Voted NO on HB 710, the School and Library Protection Act, which required taxpayer-funded libraries to restrict minors’ access to harmful or obscene materials. Said he saw no problem in his district and cited concerns about bill wording. [HB 710, 2024]

- Voted NO on HB 421, the gender definitions bill establishing that Idaho law recognizes only two biological sexes — male and female. One of only three Republicans to vote against the bill alongside all House Democrats. [HB 421, 2024]

- Voted NO on SB 1198, which banned Diversity, Equity & Inclusion programs and offices at Idaho’s public colleges and universities. Voted the same way as Jim Woodward in the Senate. [SB 1198, 4/3/25]

GUNS & 2ND AMENDMENT

Mark Sauter drew specific criticism from the Idaho 2nd Amendment Alliance in 2025 for an anti-gun vote on concealed carry legislation.

- Voted NO on HB 376, which would have extended the right to carry concealed weapons on public property even when leased to a private party for events. [HB 376, 2025]

- The Idaho 2nd Amendment Alliance publicly named Sauter as one of only two Republicans to cast an anti-gun vote on the bill.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Mark Sauter voted NO on HJR1 (2025) and HJR9 (2026) —protecting your right to educate your children free from government control. This constitutional amendment failed because of Mark’s vote.

PUBLIC LANDS

No public lands access legislation found in the 2023, 2024, or 2025 sessions.

- Did not sponsor SB 1258 (2024), Herndon’s bill requiring replacement public access before vacating rights-of-way to public land — which passed the Senate 33-2 before being stopped in House committee.

PRO-LIFE & ABORTION

While Mark Sauter describes himself as ‘a pro-life guy,’ his legislative actions have focused on expanding exceptions to Idaho’s abortion protections — not strengthening them.

- Co-authored and advocated for legislation with Sen. Jim Woodward to add broad ‘women’s health’ exceptions to Idaho’s abortion statute — a measure that abortion supporters backed and conservatives opposed as weakening the state’s pro-life laws. Idaho Chooses Life opposed SB 1184 in 2025, and it did not receive a full hearing.

- Stated: ‘The changes to Idaho abortion law have brought the situation to a tipping point’ — framing Idaho’s pro-life laws as the problem rather than a protection.



THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS NOT ENDORSED MARK SAUTER.

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CORNEL RASOR

**Idaho State Representative · District 1, Seat B
Bonner & Boundary Counties**

Cornel Rasor is a lifelong North Idaho Republican with 46 years in the district. A retired Army Surplus store owner of 41 years and former Bonner County Commissioner (2009–2013), he now serves as a state legislator and Northwest Director of the Republican Liberty Caucus. Married 47 years, 3 children, 16 grandchildren.
Cornelforidaho.com.

91.0%
IFF Freedom Score
Lifetime Rating

99.3%
IFF Spending
Lifetime Rating

100%
ISAA Rating
Pro-2A Champion

TAX CUTS & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Rasor’s IFF Spending lifetime rating of 99.3% reflects a consistent record of voting against government growth. He supports broad tax relief and has never voted for a fee or tax increase.

TAX RELIEF VOTES

- Voted YES on HB 40 (2025) — a historic \$253 million income tax cut for Idaho families, including a new exemption for veteran retirement income. [HB 40]
- Voted YES on HB 93 (2025) — \$50 million in parental choice tax credits, helping families access the education that works for them. Mark Sauter (1A) and Jim Woodward voted NO. [HB 93]

NO FEE OR TAX INCREASES

While others in the Legislature voted to raise costs on Idaho families, Rasor voted NO on every fee and tax increase that came before him in the 2025 session:

- NO on HB 173 — fee increase. [HB 173]
- NO on SB 1016 — fee increase. [SB 1016]
- NO on SB 1030 — fee increase. [SB 1030]
- NO on SB 1054 — fee increase. [SB 1054]

“I continue to hope for greater liberty, more personal responsibility, less onerous taxation, and reclaiming the values that made this country what it is.”

PRO-LIFE & ABORTION

Rasor is a true pro-life advocate with no exceptions. His legislative record and personal convictions reflect an unwavering commitment to protecting life at every stage.

- Opposes abortion without exception and supports Idaho’s existing pro-life laws as a floor, not a ceiling.
- Believes that life begins at conception and that the Legislature’s duty is to protect every Idaho life, born and unborn.

ENFORCEMENT LEGISLATION

Voted YES on HB 659 — requires Idaho cities and counties to apply for ICE 287(g) agreements, giving local law enforcement the tools to partner with federal agents on immigration enforcement. [HB 659]

- Believes illegal immigration is a violation of the rule of law and opposes the use of state tax dollars to subsidize services for those who have entered the country unlawfully.
- Supports the enforcement of immigration law at the state level and rejects sanctuary-style policies that shield illegal aliens from deportation.

CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDING

Rasor anchors his approach to immigration in constitutional principles, consistently opposing federal overreach and unconstitutional spending.

- Opposes Idaho accepting federal immigration-related funding that expands federal authority into areas the Constitution does not grant the federal government.
- “If a power is not specifically granted to the federal government, it has no business funding or even being involved with it.” — Cornel Rasor, BCRCC Questionnaire 2026
- Supports closing all state and local loopholes that allow illegal aliens to obtain benefits, employment, or legal protections not available to lawful residents.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Rasor believes that state and local governments have both the authority and the responsibility to act on illegal immigration — and has backed that belief with his vote.

GUNS & 2ND AMENDMENT

Rasor has earned a perfect 100% rating from the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance — a designation reserved for legislators with an uncompromising record of defending gun rights.

- Voted YES on HB 376 (2025) — supported gun rights legislation opposed by Mark Sauter (1A), who voted NO. [HB 376]
- Believes the Second Amendment is a non-negotiable constitutional right that the Legislature must protect without exception or compromise.
- Consistently opposes any legislation that would restrict, register, or burden lawful gun ownership in Idaho.

FAMILY VALUES & CULTURAL ISSUES

Rasor is the sponsor of HB 752, which prohibits biological males from accessing women’s restrooms, locker rooms, and other sex-designated spaces — a bill protecting the privacy and safety of Idaho women and girls.

- Believes children deserve protection from gender ideology in schools and opposes any curriculum that contradicts biological reality.
- Supports parental rights in all decisions involving children’s education, medical care, and development.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Cornel Rasor voted YES on HJR1 (2025) and HJR9 (2026) — to protect your right to educate your children free from government control. In 2025, the amendment failed by just one vote.



CHUCK LOWMAN

**Idaho State Representative · District 1, Seat B
Bonner & Boundary Counties**

Chuck Lowman is a U.S. Army veteran and current substitute teacher for the Lake Pend Oreille School District. He ran for this seat in 2024, receiving 48% of the vote against incumbent Cornel Rasor. He is making his second run for the District 1B seat. At press time, the Bonner County Republican Party has not received a completed questionnaire from Chuck Lowman. Chucklowman.com.

48%
2024 Primary
Lost to Rasor

NO RATING
IFF / ISAA / CPAC
No Legislative Record

NO RESPONSE
Republican Questionnaire
Not received, 2026

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Lowman’s primary concern is preserving and expanding state government funding. He has publicly criticized efforts to cut state agency budgets, arguing that reductions make government less effective rather than more accountable.

OPPOSES BUDGET CUTS

- Criticized “sweeping blanket cuts to state agencies,” saying they accomplish “nothing other than making state government less effective.”
- Argues that rather than cutting agency budgets, the Legislature should first “rescind the laws” authorizing the programs — a position that effectively defends continued spending.
- Says reducing budgets while keeping agencies in place makes “government workers suffer” and amounts to a “failure in governance.”

(Bonner County Daily Bee, 2/28/26)

LOCAL OPTION TAXES

Lowman advocates local option taxes — a mechanism that allows counties and cities to impose new taxes on residents without a statewide vote — as his preferred method for funding local government projects.

- Advocates local option taxes as a way for counties and cities to fund projects like Boundary County’s new jail without increasing property taxes.
- Frames local option taxes as a fiscal alternative, though the mechanism creates new taxing authority at the local level that does not currently exist under Idaho law.
- Local option tax authority does not currently exist under Idaho law, and proposals to create it have not advanced in the Legislature.

PUBLIC EDUCATION SPENDING

As a substitute teacher, Lowman says support for public education is a “crucial” priority and suggests school budgets have been inadequate. However, the record of Idaho’s Republican-controlled Legislature tells a different story:

- HB 521 (2024): The Legislature passed the largest school facilities investment in Idaho history — \$2 billion total over 10 years, including a \$1 billion bond available immediately for construction and maintenance. It cleared the House 61–6. *[HB 521]*
- Additional facilities funding of \$246 million was appropriated in 2025, plus \$50 million for the Public School Facilities Cooperative Fund. *[HB 304, HB 338]*
- Idaho K-12 general fund spending now stands at \$2.65 billion per year — a record 50.4% of the entire state general fund. Idaho has nearly doubled K-12 spending over the past decade.
- Since 2019, the Legislature has added \$203.5 million to K-12 education and \$123 million to the teacher salary career ladder.
- Lowman has not stated a position on parental choice, education tax credits, or private/homeschool alternatives.

DID NOT ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE

The Bonner County Republican Party sent every District 1B candidate a questionnaire asking for their positions on the issues. Lowman has not responded.

- Without a questionnaire response or legislative record, voters have only media interviews and campaign statements to assess his positions on issues like taxes, guns, immigration, and pro-life policy.

PARTY RELATIONSHIP

Lowman has described his experience with the Bonner County Republican Party during his 2024 campaign as “frustrating.” He navigated differing endorsement processes between Bonner and Boundary County organizations.

- Lowman positions himself as a moderate who wants to “bridge the gap” between factions, and says his opponent is “committed to their way of doing things” — a direct criticism of Rasor’s conservative record.
- Lowman’s few donors at publication date for this voter guide include two donors to Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and the DNC. *(Source: Idaho SOS Sunshine Reports, donors Diana Dawson, Tom Bokowy to Chuck Lowman, cross referenced with Federal Elections Commission donations from Dawson and Bokowy).*
- Lowman has received over \$9,300 from Political Action Committees (PACs) and large corporations across two election cycles, including two donations totaling \$1,500 from Idaho Power, \$1,000 each from the Idaho Dairy Industry PAC, Idaho AGC (contractors) PAC, Idaho Cooperative Utilities Association PAC, and Clearwater Paper (out-of-state, Spokane WA), plus contributions from Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence health insurance, Idaho Forest Group, the Professional Firefighters of Idaho PAC, and the Agriculture and Natural Resource Industry PAC.



THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS NOT ENDORSED CHUCK LOWMAN.
Voters are encouraged to review the records of both candidates and make an informed choice on May 19, 2026.

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PHIL HART

92.8%

IFF Freedom
Lifetime Rating

79.2%

IFF Spending
Lifetime Rating

95%

CPAC Rating
Conservative Score

Phil Hart is the incumbent State Senator for District 2. His voting record on taxes, spending, and gun rights makes him one of the most consistent conservatives in the Idaho Senate. Hart4idaho.com.

- Voted YES on HB 40 (2025) — the \$253 million income tax cut for Idaho families, including a new veteran retirement income exemption. [HB 40]
- Supported property tax relief legislation to reduce the burden on Idaho homeowners and seniors.
- Voted NO on all four fee and tax increases that Sen. Woodward supported: HB 173, SB 1016, SB 1030, and SB 1054. [HB 173 · SB 1016 · SB 1030 · SB 1054]
- Supported gun rights legislation including HB 295 and SB 1374, defending Idaho's Second Amendment tradition without compromise. [HB 295 · SB 1374]



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HEATHER SCOTT

97.1%

IFF Freedom
Lifetime Rating

98.8%

IFF Spending
Lifetime Rating

96%

CPAC Rating
Conservative Score

Heather Scott is the incumbent State Representative for Seat 2A and one of the highest-rated conservatives in the entire Idaho Legislature. She faces no Republican primary challenger and is the Bonner County Republicans-endorsed candidate for the election. Voteheatherscott.com

- Voted YES on HB 40 (2025) — \$253 million income tax cut. Voted NO on all four fee and tax increases supported by the moderate wing of the party. [HB 40]
- Supported property tax relief legislation consistent with the conservative agenda.
- Voted YES on HB 376 (2025) — gun rights legislation opposed by Rep. Mark Sauter (1A). [HB 376]



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DALE HAWKINS

93.4%

IFF Freedom
Lifetime Rating

99.2%

IFF Spending
Lifetime Rating

94%

CPAC Rating
Conservative Score

Dale Hawkins is the incumbent State Representative for Seat 2B. His voting record on taxes, spending, and gun rights is proven. Dalehawkinsforidaho.com.

- Voted YES on HB 40 (2025) — \$253 million income tax cut. Voted NO on all four fee and tax increases supported by the moderate wing of the party. [HB 40]
- Supported property tax relief legislation consistent with the conservative agenda.
- Sponsored HB 376 (2025) — gun rights legislation. [HB 376]
- Hawkins has a primary challenger: Todd Perry has no website, no campaign finance activity, and no known interviews or published positions.



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ALL THREE DISTRICT 2 INCUMBENT CANDIDATES ARE ENDORSED BY THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY.

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STEVE SMITH

**Bonner County Commissioner · District 1
All Bonner County Voters**

Stephen Francis Smith is a Bonner County attorney of 47 years, former City Attorney for Sandpoint, Hope, and East Hope, and longtime legal counsel to local water, sewer, and taxing districts. He and his wife raised five children in Bonner County and have grandchildren in the area. A lifelong Republican, Smith brings professional experience, steady temperament, and a deep commitment to transparent, lawful governance. Votestevesmith.com.

47 YEARS
Attorney at Law
Bonner County Practice

CITY ATTORNEY
Sandpoint, Hope & East Hope
Government Legal Experience

**ALLIED
ATTORNEY**
Liberty Counsel, Alliance
Defending Freedom

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Steve Smith brings a depth of legal and civic experience that is uniquely well-suited to the county commissioner's role. His 47-year career represents a lifetime of service to the community and government entities of Bonner County.

47 YEARS AS A BONNER COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Graduated from the University of Idaho in 1974 and earned his law degree from the UI College of Law in 1977. Has practiced law in Sandpoint continuously since.
- Served as City Attorney for the cities of Sandpoint, Hope, and East Hope, and as legal counsel for water, sewer, and translator districts throughout the county.
- Operated Smith & McOwen, a small Sandpoint law firm, for the past 24 years.
- "The county commissioner's position is a good fit for my skill set, because county commissioners wear a lot of different hats, and those include legislative, executive and judicial, and I have experience in all those areas." — Steve Smith

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Chaired boards of directors for several local nonprofit organizations. Taught community courses on the U.S. and Idaho Constitutions and on county government.
- Provided years of pro bono legal services to IdaHope Families and other nonprofit ministries in Bonner County — thousands of dollars in donated services, given quietly and faithfully without public display.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Smith's first campaign pillar is protecting the rights of Bonner County citizens to own, use, and manage their private property without government overreach. He views this as a foundational constitutional obligation of county government.

- Will protect citizens' rights to own, use, and manage their private property against regulatory overreach by county government.
- Supports a comprehensive plan that reflects sound land use principles consistent with private property rights and the rule of law rather than more government control.
- Believes county government's core role is to secure and protect the unalienable rights of county residents — not to expand its own authority.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Smith's second pillar is making every tax dollar count. He pledges close, disciplined review of county spending to protect taxpayers from waste, unnecessary taxes, and financial mismanagement.

- Will review all bills and claims to ensure the county only pays legitimate and accurate expenses, preventing waste of taxpayer funds.
- Committed to maintaining efficiency in county services without compromising essential functions. Believes government has a duty to do more with less.
- Supports reduced regulatory burdens on Bonner County residents and businesses, consistent with Idaho law and constitutional limits on county authority.
- Understands the county operates under Idaho's Dillon Rule and will ensure commissioners act within their statutory authority — not beyond it.

TRANSPARENCY & RULE OF LAW

Smith's third pillar is safeguarding taxpayers through lawful, transparent governance. He began attending commissioner meetings in August 2025 — and what he observed motivated him to run.

- Smith observed the District 1 commissioner violating county ordinance, state law, and the U.S. Constitution. Witnessed two commissioners attempt to conduct county planning business in secret, in violation of the Idaho Open Meeting Law.
- "With my 'legal eyes' on the county business, I can help the county avoid the legal missteps of the past." Smith's legal experience is a direct safeguard against the county exposing itself to costly litigation.
- Will bring transparent, open, lawful governance to the commission — building trust with the people of Bonner County rather than conducting business in closed sessions.

CHARACTER & ENDORSEMENTS

Steve Smith is not a political agitator or chaos agent. He is a community servant with a lifetime record of faithful service — to his clients, his community, and his faith.

- "He has ensured we remain legally sound. He has protected us from unnecessary liability. He has navigated Idaho Code with precision and wisdom ... Not halfway. Not casually, but intentionally and with integrity." — Christine Denova, Executive Director, IdaHope Families, Inc.
- Endorsed by Rick Howarth, former Sandpoint City Councilman, and Seth Samuels, an executive with Kochava.
- Running to give back to the community where he raised five children, and where his grandchildren are growing up. He wants Bonner County to remain the best place for families to thrive.



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ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

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JEFF ROBERTS

**Bonner County Commissioner · District 2
All Bonner County Voters**

Jeff Roberts is a North Idaho native and general contractor who moved his family back to Bonner County in 2019 after building civil construction projects across the Northwest. As owner of a small construction business with \$1–2 million in annual revenue, he manages budgets, subcontractors, and project execution daily — skills he says translate directly to the commissioner’s office. A lifelong Republican, Roberts is running to restore professional leadership and constitutional governance to District 2.
Votejeffroberts.com.

CONTRACTOR
Small Business Owner
General Contractor, NW

NORTH IDAHO
Native · Resident Since 1990
Family in Bonner County

18 YEARS
Registered Republican
Precinct Committeeman

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Jeff Roberts brings real-world business discipline to county government. As a general contractor managing \$1–2 million in annual revenue, he runs projects that require the same core competencies the commissioner’s office demands every day.

BUSINESS OWNER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR

- Manages annual revenues of \$1–2 million, overseeing dozens of subcontractors and employees, drafting and executing contracts, and delivering projects on time and on budget.

- “It’s very similar to what the commissioner’s office does: you’ve got statutory obligations to run close to 20 departments and work with specialized department heads. You work within your budget and you execute those responsibilities.” — Jeff Roberts

- Built civil construction projects across the Northwest before returning to Bonner County in 2019. North Idaho native with deep ties to the region dating to 1990.

SERVANT LEADER

Roberts is direct about his purpose: he is not seeking a career in government. He is running to serve, then return to his business.

- “I want to serve my county and eventually return to my business and home having contributed to the cause of keeping Bonner County the conservative, moral, free, safe, and beautiful county that caused me to come here to begin with.”

- Endorsed by assessor Dennis Engelhardt and commissioner Ron Korn. Active in volunteer work and local conservative organizations.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Roberts says private property rights are foundational to freedom, and that government’s role is to protect those rights — not to control, burden, or circumvent them. He sees property rights as the central test of county governance.

- Will stand firmly for landowners’ rights and ensure that county land use processes are fair, lawful, and transparent. Believes government’s role is to safeguard the rights of property owners, not diminish them.

- Opposes bureaucratic overreach that places unnecessary red tape on property owners. Believes the county must be vigilant against expanding its authority beyond its constitutional and statutory mandate.

- Will support a comprehensive plan for growth management that reflects the values of Bonner County residents and respects private property rights.

- Points to a March 2025 emergency moratorium on minor land divisions — added to an agenda without proper public notice — as an example of the lack of transparency and process his candidacy is designed to correct.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION & LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Roberts applies the same fiscal discipline to government that he applies to his own business. He believes government has a natural tendency to drift beyond its proper boundaries — and that the commissioner’s job is to hold that line.

- Will treat taxpayer dollars with the same care he applies to his own business budget — eliminating waste, questioning expenditures, and ensuring the county does not spend beyond its means or its mandate.

RESTORING PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Roberts says the past six years of turmoil in the Bonner County Commissioner’s office have damaged trust among both citizens and county employees. He is running to restore the decorum, transparency, and steady governance the office requires.

- “I think it’s damaged the confidence that people have in the commissioner’s office, and I think it’s damaged the confidence that the employees of the county have in that office as well. I want to bring some professionalism, some class and decorum — where we really conduct ourselves like statesmen and show mutual respect to the citizens, commissioners and county employees.” — Jeff Roberts

- Will foster cooperation and mutual respect between commissioners, county staff, and the public — prioritizing employee morale and retention of key county personnel.

FAITH, VALUES & PURPOSE

Roberts is an evangelical Christian whose decision-making is anchored in constitutional principles, personal accountability, and a clear sense of duty to the community he chose as home.

- Firmly believes rights come from God, not government. “The duty of county leadership is to protect those rights — not diminish them.”

- Moved his family to Bonner County in 2019 purposefully — to live free, raise children in a conservative rural community, and help protect the county’s exceptional values for future generations.

- Asks himself before every decision: “Is it lawful, is it ethical, does it make sense, is it God-honoring, and is it doing unto others as I would have done to me?”



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ASIA WILLIAMS

Bonner County Commissioner · District 2

Asia Williams is the current Bonner County Commissioner for District 2, first elected in 2022. In her questionnaire she lists an MBA, Six Sigma Black Belt, and Licensed Practical Nurse credential as qualifications. Her three-year tenure has been defined by constant institutional conflict, a documented Open Meeting Law violation, a formal censure by her own party, alleged recording of closed executive sessions, and nearly \$2 million in taxpayer-funded legal settlements.

CENSURED
Bonner Republicans, May '25
26-8 Vote for Secrecy

O.M.L. VIOLATION
Open Meeting Law
Acknowledged, March 2025

~\$2 MILLION
County Settlements
Taxpayer Cost, Current Term

THREE YEARS OF TURMOIL

Since Williams took office in January 2023, the Bonner County Commissioner’s office has been embroiled in near-constant conflict — consuming the attention of county government, undermining employee morale, and costing taxpayers nearly \$2 million in legal settlements.

TAXPAYER COSTS UNDER CURRENT COMMISSION

- **Bauer v. Bonner County:** The county paid \$1.5 million to settle a lawsuit brought by a former Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor alleging that county officials interfered with his employment. The original tort claim sought \$4.7 million. [*Bonner County Daily Bee, Feb. 2026*]
- **Bowman settlement:** The county paid \$199,999 plus \$1 in civil rights damages after a resident was illegally arrested and ejected from a public commission meeting. The county issued a formal public apology. [*Spokesman-Review, Dec. 2024*]
- **Cramer settlement:** The county paid \$275,000 to settle a First Amendment lawsuit after a resident was trespassed from commission meetings. The county again issued a formal public apology. [*Spokesman-Review, Jan. 2025*]
- **Total confirmed settlements paid by Bonner County taxpayers during the current commission era:** approximately \$1.975 million.

CREDENTIALS: SELF-REPORTED, UNVERIFIED

Williams lists an MBA, Six Sigma Black Belt, and Licensed Practical Nurse credential in her BCRCC questionnaire. These credentials are self-reported and have not been independently verified by any published source.

SECRECY & OPEN MEETING LAW

In March 2025, Commissioner Williams took an action that directly contradicted any claim to open governance — voting to impose a significant land use restriction on Bonner County property owners without prior public notice, in violation of Idaho’s Open Meeting Law.

THE SECRET MORATORIUM, MARCH 2025

- On March 25, 2025, Williams and Commissioner Domke amended the commission’s agenda as an “emergency” item — with no prior public notice — and immediately voted to impose a moratorium on minor land divisions and family property exemptions that landowners had relied upon for years. [*Bonner County Daily Bee, Mar. 2025*]
- The BOCC subsequently acknowledged that an Open Meeting Law violation had occurred. The board was forced to void its own moratorium and restart the process with proper public notice. [*Bonner County Daily Bee, Apr. 2025*]
- Williams publicly refused to accept responsibility, writing in a July 2025 blog post that there was a “false narrative” — even after the board she serves on acknowledged the violation and voided its own action.

CENSURED BY OWN PARTY, 26-8

The Bonner County Republican Party censured Commissioner Williams in a 26-8 vote at its May 2025 meeting — a formal rebuke by the party whose platform Williams claims as her sole endorsement standard. [*Bonner County Daily Bee, Aug. 2025*]

- The censure cited “conspiring to keep county business secret as it pertained to land use regulations and agenda requirements.”
- Williams has not acknowledged any wrongdoing or committed to changing her approach to public notice and transparency in meeting agendas.

MEETING CONDUCT & DYSFUNCTION

The Bonner County Commissioner’s office under the current three-commissioner board became a source of ongoing public controversy throughout 2023 and 2024. Williams was an active participant in the commission dynamics that defined this era of institutional dysfunction.

AUDIO EQUIPMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORDING

- Williams brought her own microphone and personal recording equipment to commission meetings. Reports from local news outlets indicate this was part of an escalating pattern of conflict between commission members over meeting procedures and access to deliberation. [*Sandpoint Reader; Bonner County Daily Bee*]
- In late 2023, it was reported that Williams or her associates used body cameras or recording devices during executive sessions — the closed portions of meetings that Idaho law permits to be conducted in private. This practice raised serious legal questions under Idaho’s open meeting and executive session statutes. [*SP Reader; Bonner County Daily Bee*]

PUBLIC COMMENT ELIMINATED, 2023

During Williams’ term, the commission eliminated standing public comment at its regular business meetings — drawing widespread condemnation from Bonner County citizens who were denied the right to address their elected board. [*Spokesman-Review, July 2023*]

A COMMISSION IN CONFLICT

Three years of constant procedural disputes, formal legal actions, emergency agenda amendments without public notice, and nearly \$2 million in taxpayer-funded settlements define the commission Williams has served on. Bonner County deserves better governance.

NOT ENDORSED FOR BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2.

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Endorsed by outgoing Clerk Mike Rosedale

Endorsed by Dennis Engelhardt, Bonner County Assessor

ROGER RUDD

Bonner County Clerk · All Bonner County Voters

Roger N. Rudd is a retired United States Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel with 30 years of service spanning Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and duty at the Pentagon. A lifelong Republican, he was personally recruited and endorsed by outgoing Clerk Mike Rosedale — who is retiring after nearly 12 years of exemplary service. Rudd and his wife Cindy have been Bonner County residents since 2020 and are proud grandparents to eight grandchildren, all settled in North Idaho.

Ruddforclerk.com.

30 YEARS
U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Colonel, Retired

ROSEDALE'S CHOICE
Outgoing Clerk, 12 Years
Personally Recruited & Endorsed

5 ROLES
Clerk of District Court
Auditor · Recorder · BOCC Clerk ·
Elections

MILITARY CAREER & LEADERSHIP

Roger Rudd's 30 years in the United States Marine Corps took him from the beaches of the Persian Gulf to the halls of the Pentagon — a career that demanded precisely the skills the County Clerk's office requires every day: meticulous record-keeping, operational discipline, leadership of diverse teams, and accountability under pressure.

A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF SERVICE

- Enlisted in 1987, Rudd rose from Private to Lieutenant Colonel over 30 years — the highest rank attainable on his career path. He served as a warrant officer, captain, major, and finally as a lieutenant colonel before retiring honorably in 2017.
- Deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1990 in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm with the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade.
- Deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II and led a humanitarian assistance mission to the Republic of the Philippines following a catastrophic mountain mudslide.
- Served at the Pentagon with Headquarters Marine Corps, Plans, Policies and Operations — one of the most demanding assignments in the U.S. military.

DECORATIONS & EDUCATION

- Personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars, and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.
- Holds a bachelor's degree in political science. Military education includes U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Advanced Logistics Officers Course, and the U.S. Army Airborne School.

FIVE ROLES. ONE MISSION.

The Bonner County Clerk is one of Idaho's most complex elected offices. Under state law, the Clerk holds five distinct statutory titles and oversees a team of more than 40 deputies. Roger Rudd's career has prepared him specifically for this kind of multi-domain operational leadership.

THE FIVE STATUTORY ROLES

- Chief Elections Officer — administers fair, secure, and transparent elections for all Bonner County voters. Rudd commits to rigorous election integrity, voter ID enforcement, and post-election audits as allowed under Idaho law.
- Clerk of the District Court — maintains court records with precision and ensures public access to the judicial process.
- Ex-Officio County Auditor — oversees county finances, protects taxpayer dollars, and ensures compliance with financial regulations.
- Ex-Officio County Recorder — maintains accurate property and legal records, safeguarding the property rights of Bonner County residents.
- Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners — provides essential administrative support to the commission, ensuring proceedings are properly documented and conducted according to law.

DECISION-MAKING STANDARD

Rudd articulates a clear standard for every decision he will face in office: "Does this decision uphold the law, serve the public trust, protect resources, and promote excellence?" That is the same standard he applied through three decades of military service.

BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

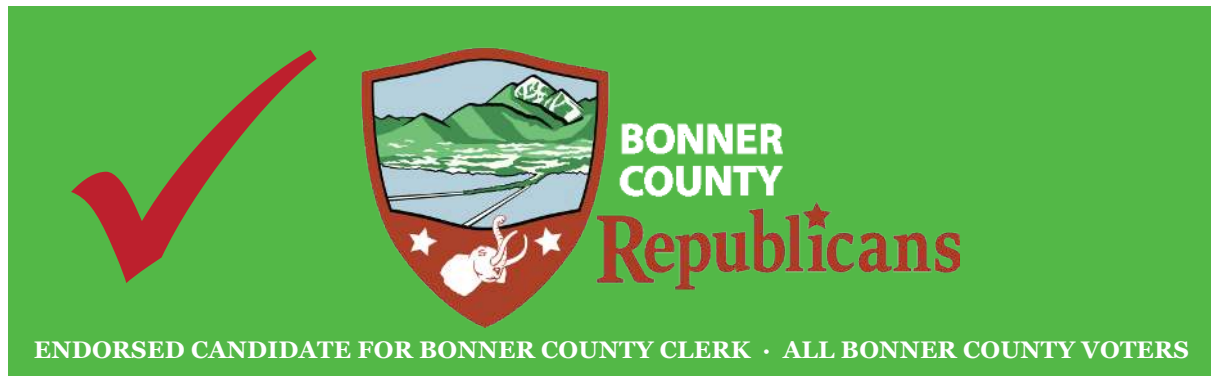
After nearly 12 years of service, outgoing Clerk Mike Rosedale is not just stepping aside — he personally recruited Roger Rudd and publicly endorsed his candidacy. That endorsement is one of the most meaningful a candidate for this office could receive.

"I am also incredibly proud of the teams staffing my departments — Auditing, Recording, Elections, Bonner County Courthouse operations, and clerking the commissioners' meetings. We are fortunate to have such capable, dedicated people serving this county. Knowing that everything is running smoothly gives me great peace as I step aside, confident that the next Clerk will inherit a strong and steady foundation." — **Michael W. Rosedale, outgoing Bonner County Clerk, March 2026**

COMMUNITY & CHARACTER

Roger Rudd is not a career politician. He is a community servant who returned to North Idaho after three decades of national service and has invested himself in the region's civic life.

- Active member of the VFW, Marine Corps League, American Legion, and Priest River Valley Back Country Horsemen. Serves on the Kootenai County Veterans Treatment Court.
- Married to his high school sweetheart Cindy for 38 years. Their son, daughter, and eight grandchildren are all settled in North Idaho — a community stake that gives his commitment to this county real and personal meaning.
- Registered Republican since age 18, when he registered for both Selective Service and the GOP simultaneously. No other party affiliations, ever.
- His guiding question for public service: "Does this decision uphold the law, serve the public trust, protect resources, and promote excellence?"



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SPENCER HUTCHINGS

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Gun Store Owner · Sagle, Idaho. Hutchings4idaho.com

PUBLIC CONDUCT
3 Documented Incidents
Temperament Concerns

NO GOV. MGMT. ROLE
40-Person Clerk Office
No Documented Mgt. Exp. Submitted

NO ELECTIONS EXP.
Chief Elections Officer
Not Qualified for Key Role

TEMPERAMENT & CONDUCT

The County Clerk’s office serves every Bonner County resident regardless of politics. The Clerk processes court records, responds to public document requests, manages staff professionally, and administers elections with impartiality. The role demands a calm, principled, steady leader.

BOCC MEETING DISRUPTION, 2024

In March 2024, Hutchings walked uninvited to the front of a County Commissioner meeting, grabbed at the public comment sign-up sheet, refused direct orders to sit down, and forced Commissioner Omodt to call a recess. When finally permitted to speak, Hutchings called the commissioner a “tyrant.” [Bonner County Daily Bee, Mar. 27, 2024]

RESTAURANT CONFRONTATION, 2018

- A video circulated on Facebook showing Hutchings in a verbal confrontation with employees at the Farmhouse Kitchen in Ponderay after complaints about his language. The Sandpoint Reader’s editor included a public “Barb” criticizing his conduct.

- Multiple Bonner County business owners have reported that Hutchings used social media to attack them publicly, labeling them “socialists” and “communists.”

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

The Bonner County Clerk oversees approximately 40 staff members across five statutory departments. Running this office requires demonstrated leadership: hiring and managing professional employees, building institutional trust with judges and commissioners, and maintaining accountability across a complex public operation.

HIS OWN QUALIFICATIONS

- When asked on his questionnaire to describe his qualifications for County Clerk, Hutchings listed: owning a gun store, and “having conversations about local, state, and national politics with customers.” Hutchings lists experience as a “Main Loan Fund Construction Manager” and states he “dealt with finance, budgets, bureaucratic red tape, union and non-union employees, contractors, and suppliers for over 30 years”.

- Hutchings also has run unsuccessfully for Idaho House District 1A in both 2022 and 2024, losing the Republican primary both times to incumbent Rep. Mark Sauter. He is pivoting to the Clerk’s office without having demonstrated the qualifications that role requires.

- He has not sought endorsements from any civic organization, professional association, or community leader.

CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER

Idaho law makes the County Clerk the Chief Elections Officer — responsible for the entire election cycle: voter registration, ballot preparation, absentee ballot processing, polling place management, chain-of-custody procedures, canvassing, and final certification of results.

ELECTION INTEGRITY IS THE STANDARD

- Republican voters across Idaho have made election integrity their highest priority. That standard requires the Chief Elections Officer to be methodical, procedurally precise, politically impartial in execution, and experienced managing high-stakes public processes under scrutiny.

- Hutchings has zero documented experience in elections administration at any level. He has no background in ballot security protocols, voter roll maintenance, or the statutory framework governing Idaho’s election cycle.

- His public pattern of confrontation and political provocation is the opposite of the impartial professionalism that elections administration requires. Bonner County’s elections are too important to be led by someone who has never managed them.

NEITHER ENDORSED FOR BONNER COUNTY CLERK.



JOANNE GUZZI

Bonner County Clerk · All Bonner County Voters

Former Deputy Clerk · Bonner County. Joanneguzzi.com

CPS BACKGROUND
Humboldt County, CA
Not Elections or Management

ADMIN ROLE
Judicial Assistant
No Staff Mgmt. Experience

NO ELECTIONS EXP.
Chief Elections Officer
Not Qualified for Key Role

BACKGROUND & CAREER PATH

Guzzi’s professional background was built inside California’s government social services agencies before she arrived in Bonner County eight years ago. Her career path — California CPS coordinator to certified paralegal to court clerk — reflects a government services background, not an elections or office management background.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CPS, CALIFORNIA

- Before moving to Idaho, Guzzi served as Coordinator for the Child Abuse Services Team and Vice Chairman of the Sexual Assault Response Team in Humboldt County, California, working under District Attorney Maggie Flemming. These are public agency roles embedded in California’s social services system.

- Nothing in her California career involved elections administration, financial auditing, public records management, or leading a professional government office staff.

CERTIFIED PARALEGAL

- After her California government work, Guzzi became a Certified Paralegal before eventually joining the Bonner County court system. Paralegal work involves legal research, document preparation, and case support — it is not office management or elections administration experience.

COURT EXPERIENCE IS NOT ENOUGH

Guzzi has spent five years as a Deputy Clerk and three years as Judicial Assistant to Presiding Judge Lamont Berez in the Bonner County court system. This is real court experience, but it is not management experience, and it is not elections experience — the two most important qualifications for County Clerk.

WHAT A JUDICIAL ASSISTANT ACTUALLY DOES

- A Judicial Assistant is a personal administrative support position for a single judge: managing the judge’s calendar, scheduling hearings, drafting correspondence, and filing paperwork. It involves no supervisory responsibilities and no staff management.

- Guzzi’s most senior court role is, by its nature, a one-to-one support function for the presiding judge. It is not equivalent to running a 40-person government office with five separate statutory departments.

ASPIRATIONS VS. EXPERIENCE

- In her questionnaire, Guzzi states she wants to “modernize processes” and “support staff with the tools and training they need.” These are reasonable goals. But they are aspirations, not a track record. Managing the Clerk’s office requires demonstrated leadership experience she has not described.

CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER

Of the County Clerk’s five statutory roles, none carries greater public trust than Chief Elections Officer. In Idaho, the County Clerk is responsible for the complete election cycle — from voter registration to final certification — and for ensuring that every ballot cast in Bonner County is processed with accuracy, security, and integrity.

ELECTIONS EXPERIENCE IS THE STANDARD

- Republican voters expect the Chief Elections Officer to have a track record of managing complex, high-stakes processes with precision. Guzzi’s background — court support work and California government agencies — does not include elections administration at any level.

- Processing court documents and supporting a presiding judge are valuable functions. They do not prepare a candidate to oversee the full election cycle, manage a county-wide voter roll, or certify election results under public scrutiny.

ROSEDALE’S ENDORSEMENT SPEAKS FOR RUDD FOR CLERK

- Outgoing Clerk Mike Rosedale has managed Bonner County’s elections with integrity for 12 years. He chose not to endorse JoAnne Guzzi. He personally recruited Roger Rudd and publicly endorsed Rudd as the candidate he trusts to continue the work he built.

✓ ENDORSED BY THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY



CLORRISA KOSTER

BONNER COUNTY TREASURER · SANDPOINT

The County Treasurer safeguards and invests all public funds, collects property taxes for the county and its 50+ taxing districts, and serves as ex officio public administrator for estates without a designated heir.

33 YEARS Bonner County Service <i>Treasurer's Office Career</i>	INCUMBENT Appointed 2022 <i>Elected November 2022</i>	ELECTIONS Chief Deputy Clerk <i>Managed All County Elections</i>
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▪ Koster spent 23 years in the Treasurer's Office, advancing through all five positions and serving 14 years as Chief Deputy Treasurer. She oversaw tax collection, banking, account reconciliation, tax deeding, and property tax billing for 50+ taxing districts.

▪ As Chief Deputy Clerk (2019–2022), Koster managed the Elections Department, overseeing all county elections in full compliance with federal, state, and local law — bringing a rare combination of financial and elections experience to the Treasurer role.

▪ Since her election in 2022, Koster expanded office hours, installed a secure 24/7 payment drop box, negotiated credit card processing fees down from 3% to 2.4%, and managed nearly 50,000 tax parcels with no increase in staff for 35 years. ▪ Appointed to the Treasurer's Office through a process beginning with Bonner County Republican Party nomination to the county commissioners; subsequently elected by Bonner County voters in November 2022. Forty-year county resident, 30-year Republican.

✓ ENDORSED BY THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY



CORY GABEL

BONNER COUNTY ASSESSOR · SANDPOINT

The County Assessor discovers, lists, and values all taxable property under Idaho Code; maintains parcel and ownership records; manages county DMV functions; and supports the Board of Equalization to ensure assessments are fair, uniform, and legally defensible.

Corygabel4assessor.com.

LIFETIME Bonner County Resident <i>Born & Raised Here</i>	CHIEF DEPUTY Assessor's Office <i>Operations & Compliance</i>	ENGELHARDT'S CHOICE Outgoing Assessor <i>Personally Endorsed</i>
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▪ Gabel currently serves as Chief Deputy Assessor, overseeing daily office operations, staff training, workflow management, appraisal oversight, and statutory compliance with county and state agencies.

▪ Led modernization of the Assessor's Office: structured staff onboarding, process documentation, and a long-term appraisal plan — laying the foundation for an office that is accurate, transparent, and accountable to taxpayers.

▪ Endorsed by outgoing Assessor Dennis Engelhardt, who personally selected Gabel as the candidate he trusts to continue and improve the office's work. Gabel is also a Bonner County Republican Precinct Committeeperson for the Kootenai Precinct.

▪ Lifetime Bonner County resident; lifelong Republican with no disagreements with the Idaho Republican Platform.

✓ ENDORSED BY THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY



ROBERT BEERS

BONNER COUNTY CORONER · SANDPOINT

The County Coroner investigates the cause and manner of all deaths in the county that are unexpected, violent, or require legal determination. The Coroner coordinates with law enforcement, medical examiners, and families to certify cause of death and provide accountability in every case.

INCUMBENT Bonner County Coroner <i>Serving with Distinction</i>	Law Enforcement Sandpoint Police Dept. <i>Officer · Detective · Supervisor</i>	D-ABMDI Board Certified <i>Medicolegal Death Investigators</i>
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▪ Incumbent Coroner bringing extensive law enforcement experience to the role: prior career as a Sandpoint City police officer, detective, and patrol supervisor, providing direct investigative expertise in working with law enforcement on complex cases.

▪ Holds the D-ABMDI designation — Diplomat of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators — a professional certification demonstrating specialized expertise in the science and law of death investigation.

▪ Active in the Idaho State Association of County Coroners; nominated as 1st Vice President for FY2026, reflecting the respect of peers across Idaho's county coroner community.

▪ Serves Bonner County families with professionalism and compassion in their most difficult moments.

ALL THREE CANDIDATES ARE ENDORSED BY THE BONNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY.

ALERT TO REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS!

NORTH IDAHO VOTER SERVICES

The “Conservative” Voter Guide – Funded by Democrats

WHO IS NORTH IDAHO VOTER SERVICES?

Every election cycle, Republican households in Bonner & Boundary Counties receive a slick mailer from “North Idaho Voter Services” — urging them to Vote Republican Primary and guiding them toward so-called “qualified conservative candidates.” The card looks authoritative.

But NIVS Plus is a Political Action Committee (PAC) registered with the Idaho Secretary of State. Its chair is Diana Dawson of 275 Hightail Way, Sagle, Idaho. Treasurer is Barbara Schriber of the Selle Valley.

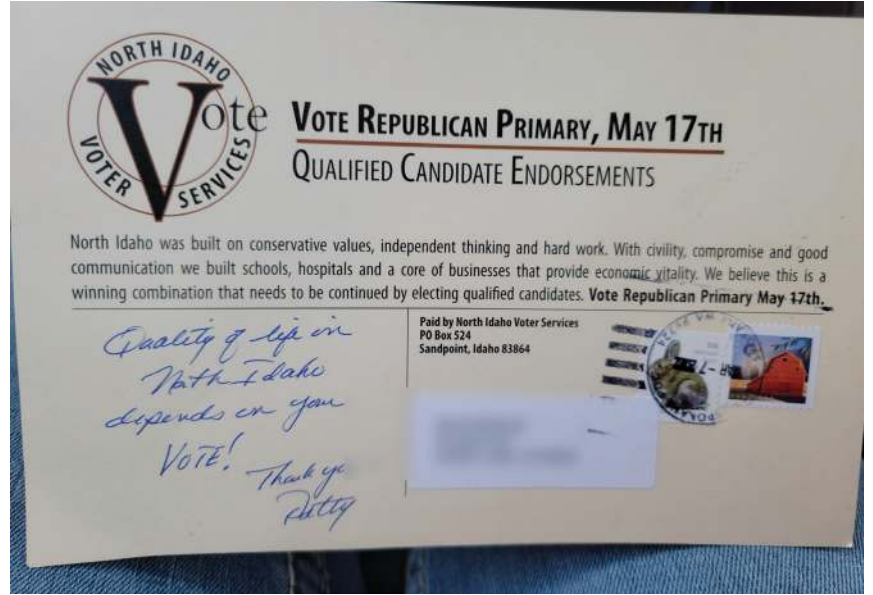
100% of NIVS PAC contributions — \$7,906 in 2024 alone — come from a single source: Diana Dawson.

The Bonner County Republican Party looked up Diana Dawson’s federal donation record at FEC.gov. What we found confirmed everything.

Diana Dawson has donated to **John Kerry, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden**, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She was still donating to left-wing causes through ActBlue as recently as **2025**.

Source: sunshine.voteidaho.gov · FEC.gov

AT RIGHT: Front of a 2022 NIVS mailer targeting Republican primary voters. Paid by North Idaho Voter Services, PO Box 524, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864. Note the handwritten appeal to “Vote Republican Primary.”



THE MONEY TRAIL: DIANA DAWSON’S FEDERAL DONATION RECORD — SOURCE: FEC.GOV

THE FEDERAL DONATION RECORD

Diana Dawson’s official FEC.gov record shows federal donations to the following Democratic candidates and left-wing causes:

- John Kerry for President — \$1,000 (2004)
- Barack Obama for President — \$1,000 (2012)
- Hillary for America (Clinton) — \$60 (2016)
- Biden for President — \$100 (2019)
- Dem. Congressional Campaign Comm. — \$299 (2014–2025)
- Stop Republicans PAC — \$30 (2020)
- Jon Ossoff for Senate (D-GA) — \$105 (2020)
- Mark Kelly for Senate (D-AZ) — \$310 (2019–2025)
- Jon Tester for Senate (D-MT) — \$200 (2024)
- Tim Kaine for Senate (D-VA) — \$50 (2024)
- Giffords Anti-Gun PAC — \$25 (2021)

TOTAL: \$3,928 to left-wing and anti-Trump causes

Source: Federal Election Commission — FEC.gov, March 2026

WHAT IS ACTBLUE?

ActBlue is the dominant online fundraising platform for Democratic candidates and left-wing causes nationwide. It channels money to presidential campaigns, Senate races, congressional committees, and progressive organizations across America. Dawson donated through ActBlue continuously from 2014 through 2025 — earmarked to Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Jon Ossoff, Dick Durbin, the DCCC, and more.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Diana Dawson is not a conservative. She is a lifelong Democrat donor who was still writing checks to left-wing causes — through ActBlue — as recently as March 2025. Yet 100% of NIVS’s PAC funding comes from her alone. This is not a conservative voter guide.

2024: NIVS ENDORSED A DEMOCRAT

In November 2024, NIVS issued a General Election endorsement card. On it:

- NIVS endorsed Democrat Kathryn Larson for Legislative District 1 Representative B — over Republican conservative Cornel Rasor.
- NIVS endorsed Steve Johnson for Bonner County Commissioner District 1. Johnson has almost always run as a Democrat and served as a precinct committeeman on the Bonner County Democratic Party for years.
- Steve Johnson has run for office every two years since 2002 — alternating between county commissioner and state legislature — wearing whatever party label is most convenient.

A “conservative” voter guide that endorses the Democrat over the Republican on the general election ballot is not a conservative voter guide.

THE TROJAN HORSE PATTERN

Democrats in Bonner County have largely given up running under their own banner. Instead, they have launched a full-scale effort to infiltrate the Republican primary — using vehicles like NIVS to hand-pick candidates who represent Democrat interests while flying a conservative flag.

Their mailer arrives with a professional logo. It urges you to vote in the Republican primary. It uses the word “conservative.” But behind it sits a single donor who has personally bankrolled Kerry, Obama, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, the DCCC, and Jon Tester — and did so as recently as 2025.

When you see an North Idaho Voter Services endorsement this election cycle, you are seeing the political preferences of a far-left Democrat donor — not conservative voter guidance.

Verify everything yourself:

Idaho SOS PAC filings: sunshine.voteidaho.gov
Federal donations: FEC.gov

AT RIGHT: NIVS General Election endorsement card, November 5, 2024. Note: Democrat Kathryn Larson endorsed over Republican Cornel Rasor for LD-1 Representative B. Also: Steve Johnson for Commissioner D1 — a career Democrat who has run under that banner since 2002.



If you follow a NIVS endorsement in this Republican primary, you might as well be taking your election advice from

JOE BIDEN AND KAMALA HARRIS.

Because that’s exactly whose money is funding the “conservative” voter guide.

MAKE YOUR PLAN · VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 · REPUBLICAN PRIMARY POLLS OPEN 8 AM – 8 PM

BOUNDARY COUNTY COMMISSIONER RACES

For Boundary County Voters — Informational Profiles

The Bonner County Republican Party presents candidates in neighboring Boundary County as a service to Republican voters. **Bonner County Republicans do not endorse in Boundary County races.** The profiles below are provided for informational purposes only.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 — ALL BOUNDARY COUNTY REPUBLICANS VOTE ON THIS RACE



LESTER PINKERTON

Boundary County Commissioner • District 1

32 YEARS

U.S. Forest Service
Federal land management

INCUMBENT

Commissioner D1
Boundary County

UNOPPOSED

Only Candidate
District 1 Race

32 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

Lester Pinkerton brings 32 years of U.S. Forest Service experience to the Commissioner's office — a background in federal land management, forest policy, and working through complex regulatory processes that shapes how he approaches county government.

- Steady, detail-oriented approach drawn from decades of federal land management work.
- Focused on listening, working through issues carefully, and making decisions that hold up over time.

LANDFILL & PRACTICAL OPERATIONS

Pinkerton has taken concrete steps to extend the useful life of the county landfill and improve operational efficiency.

- Processing wood waste for use as cover material — extending landfill life at low cost.
- Added an air curtain burner for compliant, cost-effective disposal of clean wood debris.
- Focused on responsible budgeting and getting practical results without disruption.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & GOOD NEIGHBOR

Pinkerton is pursuing a Good Neighbor Authority agreement with U.S. Forest Service leadership — an effort to increase local involvement in forest management and support long-term timber opportunities.

- Addressing wildland-urban interface conditions and supporting local timber economy.
- Manages appointments to 13 county boards plus coordination with many more volunteer groups throughout Boundary County.
- Prioritizes clear, transparent decision-making and strong working relationships with the legislative delegation.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 — ALL BOUNDARY COUNTY REPUBLICANS VOTE ON THIS RACE



TIM BERTLING

Boundary County Commissioner • District 2

38 YEARS

Timber Industry
Self-employed contractor

INCUMBENT

Commissioner D2
Seeking another term

11 YEARS

School Board
Boundary Co. 2000–2011

TIMBER INDUSTRY ROOTS

Tim Bertling has spent 38 years in the timber industry and has been self-employed for 33 of them, contracting mechanical felling to other loggers. He understands the economics of the mills and the livelihoods that depend on them.

- A top priority: keeping the mills in Moyie and Naples running.
- Understands the relationship between forest management, mill viability, and Boundary County jobs.

ROADS, BRIDGES & COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE

Bertling emphasizes keeping county road and bridge equipment in good working condition so it can serve the public reliably across Boundary County's rural landscape.

- Focused on maintaining road and bridge equipment for long-term public service.
- Committed to maintaining the county's rural character and prioritizing agricultural and timberland values.
- Platform includes addressing property taxes and supporting local law enforcement.

SCHOOL BOARD & COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Before becoming Commissioner, Bertling served on the Boundary County School Board from 2000 to 2011 — 11 years of elected public service to the community prior to the Commissioner's office.

- Keeping forests and outdoor recreation open: hiking, biking, fishing, and hunting.
- Keeping the county moving in a positive direction with work to finish and work to continue.
- Roots in Boundary County's working economy: timber, agriculture, and rural infrastructure.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 — ALL BOUNDARY COUNTY REPUBLICANS VOTE ON THIS RACE



DEBRA HENDERSON

Boundary County Commissioner • District 2

Challenger — First-Time Candidate

SINCE 1979

County Resident
47 years in Boundary Co.

CHALLENGER

Commissioner D2
First-time candidate

DEEP ROOTS

4 Children Raised Here
Grandchildren here too

LIFELONG BOUNDARY COUNTY RESIDENT

Debra Henderson has lived in Boundary County since 1979 — 47 years — when her mother moved her and her two sisters here. She raised all four of her children in this community and is now watching her grandchildren grow up here as well.

- Deep personal investment in Boundary

County's future rooted in nearly five decades of community membership.

- Motivated by genuine care for the community her family has called home for most of her life.

BALANCED LEADERSHIP

Henderson's campaign theme is "Balanced Leadership for a Growing

Community." She emphasizes respecting the values that built Boundary County while making thoughtful decisions for a changing future.

- Believes county leaders must make decisions that respect community values while planning for responsible growth.
- Advocates for open communication: people deserve to understand how decisions are made and to have a voice in the process.

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BOUNDARY COUNTY COUNTY CLERK RACE

Open Seat — Three Candidates • For Boundary County Voters — Informational Profiles

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KIMBERLY KICHENMASTER

Boundary County Clerk — Open Seat Candidate • Bonners Ferry

HEALTHCARE
Exec. Assistant
Bonner General Health

IDAHO NOTARY
Notary Public
State of Idaho

SINCE 2020
Boundary County
Bonners Ferry

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Kichenmaster serves as an Executive Assistant and Credentialing Specialist at Bonner General Health, where she manages complex credentialing processes, documentation systems, and administrative workflows requiring precision and attention to regulatory requirements.

- Secretary, Pend Oreille Hospital District — board-level administrative experience.
- Idaho Notary Public — established credentials in document integrity and official recordkeeping.
- Strong background in compliance, data management, and administrative accuracy from the healthcare sector.

SEARCH & RESCUE COMMUNICATIONS

For seven years, Kichenmaster served as a Communications Lead for Crook County Search & Rescue — a high-stakes role requiring coordination, recordkeeping under pressure, and the ability to manage logistics in time-sensitive situations.

- 7 years leading SAR communications: radio operations, dispatch coordination, and incident documentation.
- Demonstrates composure, organizational discipline, and cross-team coordination in demanding environments.
- Practical leadership experience outside of traditional government roles.

COMMUNITY & YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Kichenmaster moved to Boundary County in 2020 and has invested in the community through youth programs and education. She brings energy, fresh perspective, and a deep commitment to Boundary County's families.

- Active in 4-H, Girl Scouts, and TeenPact youth leadership programs.
- Homeschool co-op instructor — brings educational commitment and community engagement.
- No prior county government office experience; brings an outsider perspective with strong administrative credentials from healthcare and emergency services.



PAM BARTON

Boundary County Clerk — Open Seat Candidate • Naples

7 YEARS
In Clerk's Office
Boundary County

13 YEARS
County Government
Total Service

CHIEF DEPUTY
Current Role
Boundary Co. Clerk's Office

DIRECT CLERK'S OFFICE EXPERIENCE

Pam Barton currently serves as Chief Deputy Clerk of Boundary County — making her the highest-ranking staff member in the office below the retiring Clerk, Glenda Poston. She has worked in the Clerk's Office for seven years and has been directly trained in its operations.

- 7 years inside the Boundary County Clerk's Office — knows the systems, the staff, and the work.
- Chief Deputy Clerk: responsible for day-to-day operations and already functioning in a leadership role.
- Directly positioned to provide a seamless transition as Glenda Poston retires.

13 YEARS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Beyond the Clerk's Office, Barton brings 13 years of total experience in Boundary County government. She understands the full ecosystem of county operations — how offices interact, how processes connect, and how decisions made in one department affect others.

- Familiar with county elections administration, land records, DMV services, and court-related functions of the Clerk.
- Built relationships across county departments over 13 years of service.
- Institutional continuity candidate — the experience most directly relevant to the Clerk role.

MANAGEMENT & FINANCE BACKGROUND

Barton brings more than 30 years of management and finance experience to this race. Her background in financial oversight and organizational management strengthens her capacity to run the Clerk's Office efficiently and responsibly.

- 30+ years of management and finance experience across her career.
- Well-equipped to oversee the financial recordkeeping and budget functions that fall under the Clerk's jurisdiction.
- Combines deep institutional knowledge of Boundary County with broad private-sector management experience.



STACIE WATTS

Boundary County Clerk — Open Seat Candidate • Paradise Valley

REVENUE DEPUTY
Former Clerk's Office
Boundary County

EDWARD JONES
Financial Services
Current Career

SINCE 2016
Boundary County
Paradise Valley

FORMER CLERK'S OFFICE REVENUE DEPUTY

Stacie Watts previously served as Revenue Deputy in the Boundary County Clerk's Office, giving her direct first-hand experience with the office's operations, recordkeeping, and financial functions. She left to pursue a career in financial services and is now seeking to return to public service.

- Served as Revenue Deputy in the Boundary County Clerk's Office — direct knowledge of Clerk operations.
- Edward Jones Financial Services: currently working as a financial advisor, applying skills in financial analysis and client service.
- Unique combination of Clerk's Office insider knowledge and external financial services expertise.

CORPORATE FINANCE & BUDGET MANAGEMENT

Before her time in Boundary County government and financial services, Watts worked at Medtronic managing multi-million-dollar budgets. That corporate financial discipline translates directly to the fiscal responsibilities of the County Clerk's office.

- Medtronic: managed multi-million-dollar budgets in a major medical technology corporation.
- Edward Jones experience builds on this with direct financial services and client advisory skills.
- Strong background in budget management, financial reporting, and fiscal accountability at scale.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & LOCAL ROOTS

Watts has been a resident of Paradise Valley since 2016 and has committed herself to Boundary County through civic service, emergency response, and youth development. She brings a combination of community investment and professional credentials to this race.

- Vice-Chair, Boundary County Fair Board — elected community leadership role.
- Volunteer firefighter — committed to community safety and emergency preparedness.
- Girl Scout troop leader trainer — active in youth mentorship and leadership development.

BOUNDARY COUNTY TREASURER • ASSESSOR • CORONER

Three Uncontested Incumbent Republicans — For Boundary County Voters — Informational Profiles

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JENNIFER ECONOMU

Boundary County Treasurer — Incumbent • Moyie Springs

3+ YEARS
County Treasurer
In Office Since 2023

10+ YEARS
Treasurer's Office
Chief Deputy 2015–2022

UNOPPOSED
Only Candidate
2026 Primary

THREE YEARS AS COUNTY TREASURER

Jennifer Economu has served as Boundary County Treasurer since January 2023, bringing continuity and fiscal discipline to an office she has worked in since 2015. She built her foundation as Chief Deputy under Treasurer Susan Larson for seven years before winning election in 2022 and taking the helm.

- More than three years of service as the elected County Treasurer, managing Boundary County's public finances.
- Over a decade in the Treasurer's Office — seven as Chief Deputy, now in her fourth year as Treasurer.
- Oversaw a smooth leadership transition and has continued the high standard of service set by her predecessor.

LIFELONG NORTH IDAHO ROOTS

Born in Moscow, Idaho, Economu moved with her family to Naples at age 8 and graduated from Bonners Ferry High School in 1995. She and her husband, Steven — her high school sweetheart — have spent their entire adult lives in Moyie Springs, where they raised their sons, Shane and Spencer, and remain rooted today.

- Family, career, and community all built in Boundary County — she is not a newcomer to this office or this region.
- Joined the workforce straight out of high school and built a decade-plus career in county government.
- Her husband and sons are archery and rifle hunters, fishermen, and snowmobilers — an outdoor North Idaho family.

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP & RE-ELECTION

Economu entered office with a commitment to streamline practices while maintaining excellent constituent service. Now running for her second term, she brings a proven track record as the trusted steward of Boundary County's public finances — and she is running without opposition.

- Three-plus years of responsible management of Boundary County tax collections, distributions, and financial records.
- Sought to modernize office practices while preserving the institutional reliability residents depend on.
- Running unopposed in the 2026 Republican primary — the clear and trusted choice for Boundary County Treasurer.



OLIVIA DRAKE

Boundary County Assessor — Incumbent • Paradise Valley

3+ YEARS
County Assessor
In Office Since 2023

11+ YEARS
Assessor's Office
Technical & Leadership Roles

UNOPPOSED
Only Candidate
2026 Primary

THREE YEARS AS COUNTY ASSESSOR

Olivia Drake has served as Boundary County Assessor since January 2023, leading an office she joined more than eleven years ago as a deed processor and cadastral analyst. She was trained under longtime Assessor Dave Ryals and stepped into the top role when Ryals retired, bringing the technical depth and institutional continuity the office required.

- Over eleven years in the Assessor's Office — from deed processing and GIS mapping to Chief Deputy to Assessor.
- Has maintained the experienced, competent department Ryals built while putting her own stamp on office operations.

BOUNDARY COUNTY BORN & RAISED

A lifelong North Idahoan, Drake grew up in the Naples area — and so did both of her parents. Her father, Jeff Schauble, worked in the timber industry that has defined this region for generations. She and her husband Lawrence "Scooter" Drake live in Paradise Valley, where they grow trees and alfalfa on their small family acreage.

- Family roots in Boundary County going back generations — her parents were both raised here.
- Small family acreage in Paradise Valley: growing trees and alfalfa on working land.
- Firsthand understanding of agricultural and timber land values — the backbone of property assessment in this county.

ACCOUNTABLE & OPEN GOVERNMENT

Drake has served with a commitment to equity, transparency, and an office that is accessible to every property owner in Boundary County. She has continued to track local market trends, keep pace with changes in Idaho Code, and support the skilled employees in her department who carry out this critical work daily.

- Three-plus years of equitable, consistent property assessment across Boundary County's diverse land base.
- Active in the community: Republican Central Committee, 9B Trails, 4-H, Boundary Backcountry Access, Beta Sigma Phi, and more.
- Running unopposed in the 2026 primary — the trusted, experienced choice to continue leading the Assessor's Office.



CHAD WORKMAN

Boundary County Coroner — Incumbent • Bonners Ferry

3+ YEARS
County Coroner
In Office Since 2023

2 DEGREES
Biology & Mortuary Sci.
6+ Years Higher Education

UNOPPOSED
Only Candidate
2026 Primary

THREE YEARS AS COUNTY CORONER

Chad Workman has served as Boundary County Coroner since January 2023, bringing professional credibility, advanced training, and a deep sense of calling to one of the county's most solemn public offices. He owns Bonners Ferry Funeral Home — purchased from legendary predecessor Mick Mellett in 2021 — and serves both roles with the same philosophy: this is a calling, not a job.

- More than three years as the elected Boundary County Coroner, handling unattended deaths and coordinating with the Spokane pathologist on autopsies.
- Owner and operator of Bonners Ferry Funeral Home — serving families in grief every day alongside his coroner duties.
- Followed Mick Mellett in both roles; Mellett ran the funeral home 43 years and was county coroner for 40 of them.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Workman is a second-generation funeral director and embalmer with six-plus years of higher education, two degrees in Biology and Mortuary Science, and advanced training in death investigation. Before taking over from Mellett, he gained hands-on experience working alongside coroner and medical examiner offices in two other states.

- Degrees in Biology and Mortuary Science; advanced coursework in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology.
- Worked with Polk County, Oregon medical examiner (3 years) and Yakima County, WA coroner (5 years) prior to Boundary County.
- 2021 advanced training, International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners symposium — before even taking office.

SERVING FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

Three years into his term, Workman has built a record of professional, compassionate service to Boundary County families during their most difficult hours. He handles the full weight of each case so that grieving families can focus on what matters most — being together.

- "When dealing with death, you have a fog. I take on as much as I can to alleviate that to make grieving that much easier."
- Grateful to be part of the community's celebration of lives — seeing families and community groups gather to care for each other.
- Raised in Sweethome, Oregon — a logging town "much like Bonners Ferry" — now rooted here with his wife Abbi and daughter Rennis.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN

The Most Important Race You've Never Heard Of

At the bottom of every Republican primary ballot is a race that quietly determines the future of the party itself. **That race is Precinct Committeeman.**

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS YOU

The Idaho Republican Party is a bottom-up organization. It is not run by politicians in Boise or Washington — it is built precinct by precinct, from the ground up, by everyday citizens.

Every two years, Republicans in each voting precinct elect a Precinct Committeeman. These elected PC's form the county Republican Central Committee.

WHAT PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN DO

After each primary, newly elected PC's vote to send delegates to the Idaho Republican Convention — this year in June 2026. At that convention, delegates write and approve the party platform and elect the state chairman, who represents Idaho on the Republican National Committee.

Who sits on your county committee directly shapes the values of the entire Idaho Republican Party — and by extension, who gets elected and what they stand for in office.

FIND IT ON YOUR BALLOT

The Precinct Committeeman race is at the very bottom of your May 19 Republican Primary ballot. It is easy to overlook. That is exactly what some people are counting on.

Find it. Vote it.

THE INFILTRATION

Democrats have stopped running candidates in North Idaho. They lose here. But some Democratic donors have found a different path: register as Republicans, run for Precinct Committeeman, and take over the committee from the inside.

This is not speculation. One individual currently sits on the Bonner County Republican Central Committee with a documented history of donating to Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, and Kamala Harris. He is Tom Bokowy.

In 2026, Debra Dawson of the Oden precinct is running for PC. Her donor history follows the same pattern.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY WIN

If enough of these candidates win PC races over multiple election cycles, the party platform will change. Not through legislation — through committee votes in back rooms.

- Abortion rights added to the platform.
- Gun restrictions supported.
- Men competing in women's sports approved.

It has already started. The chart on this page shows exactly who is doing it.

HOW TO IDENTIFY THEM

Two years ago, the North Idaho Voter Services organization — 100% funded by a Democratic super-donor — endorsed PC candidates for the Bonner County Republican Central Committee. See page 17 of this voter guide for that Democrat card.

Some of them won.

Since then, the Central Committee has voted on a series of conservative resolutions: opposing men in women's locker rooms, honoring Charlie Kirk, affirming pro-life values, opposing Prop 1 (which would have eliminated Republican primaries through ranked choice voting), and others. Every resolution passed with a strong majority.

Three Precinct Committeemen voted against the conservative majority — repeatedly. Their record is in the chart below.

WHAT TO DO

If North Idaho Voter Services sends you a card with PC endorsements this spring, you know exactly who is behind it and what it stands for.

Throw NIVS in the trash.

Vote for conservative Republican candidates in every Precinct Committeeman race on your ballot. Let's keep Idaho Great!

WHO IS NOT A REAL REPUBLICAN?

These three BCRCC members voted against the conservative majority on key resolutions. All resolutions passed with strong majorities. Their names are on the ballot again in 2026.

BCRCC RESOLUTION VOTE RECORD — MINORITY VOTES 2024-2026

Resolutions listed below passed with strong conservative majorities. Minority (No / Abstain) votes are highlighted.

Committeeman	Precinct	Opposing Men in Women's Locker Rooms 11/18/2025	Opposing Pride on the Mountain 2/17/2026	Support Parental Rights in Education 10/21/2025	Honoring Charlie Kirk 9/16/2025	Pro-Life Commitment 9/17/2024	Opposing Prop 1 (RCV) 8/20/2024
Andy Kee	Sagle	ABSTAIN	NO	NO	NO	NO	ABSTAIN
David Britton	Beach	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Tom Bokowy	Washington	NO	NO	NO	—	NO	NO

NO Voted against the conservative majority **ABSTAIN** Did not vote with the conservative majority **NO** Voted with the conservative majority **—** Absent / not recorded

Column order: Opposing Men in Women's Locker Rooms · Opposing Pride on the Mountain · Support Parental Rights in Education · Honoring Charlie Kirk · Affirming Pro-Life Commitment · Opposing Prop 1 / Ranked Choice Voting
Not shown: Idaho Fish & Game regulation resolution (excluded by request) and Epstein Files resolution (unanimous — all members voted yes).

VERIFIED REPUBLICANS BY PRECINCT

Bonner County Only

Anita Aurit — Airport
Jerry Favor — Algoma
Adrian Quinn or Butch Horton — Baldy
Anne Chamberlain — Blue Lake
Lana Santelli — Careywood
Dimitry Borisov — Clark Fork
Roger Rudd — Clagstone
Richard Neel — Colburn
Wendy Eaton — E. Priest River
Douglas Paterson — Edgemere

Shane Terpstra — Gamlin Lake
Ron Korn — Grouse Creek
Kim Peckham — Hope
Mat Macdonald — Humbird
Cory Gabel — Kootenai
Joshua Jones — Laclede
Michael Fife — Lamb Creek
Tom Cleveland — Oden
Cameron LaCombe — Oldtown
Mike Nielsen — Priest Lake
Steve Smith — Sagle
Sean Morgan — Selle

Cornel Rasor — South Side
Stephen Truss — Spirit valley
Al Ribeiro — Washington
Scott Herndon — Westmond
Kristen Dodd — W. Priest River
Mark Banks — Wrenco



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May 19, 2026 — For Boundary County Republican Primary Voters

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 BOUNDARY COUNTY, IDAHO · MAY 19, 2026
 All voters registered as Republican may vote this ballot

FEDERAL OFFICES

- United States Senate**
Vote for One
- Jim Risch
 - Denny LaVe
 - Joe Evans
 - Josh Roy
-
- U.S. Representative, District 1**
Vote for One
- Russ Fulcher
 - Andy Briner
 - Joseph Morrison

STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

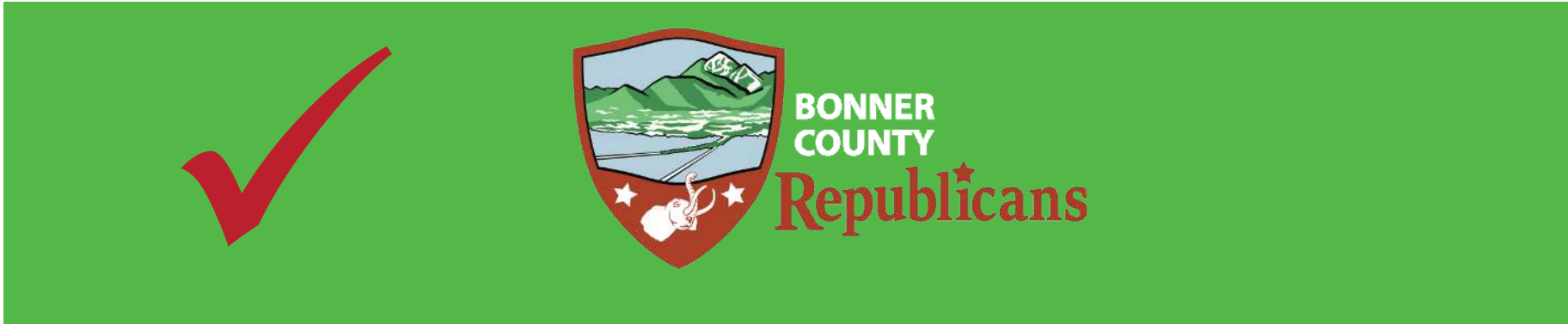
- Governor**
Vote for One
- Brad Little
 - Daniel Fowler
 - Ethan Giles
 - Justin Plante
 - Lisa Marie
 - Mark Fitzpatrick
 - Ron James
 - Sean Calvert Crystal
-
- Lieutenant Governor**
Vote for One
- Scott Bedke *Unopposed*
-
- Secretary of State**
Vote for One
- Phil McGrane *Unopposed*
-
- State Controller**
Vote for One
- Brandon Woolf *Unopposed*
-
- State Treasurer**
Vote for One
- Julie Ellsworth *Unopposed*
-
- Attorney General**
Vote for One
- Raúl Labrador *Unopposed*
-
- Superintendent of Public Instruction**
Vote for One
- Debbie Critchfield *Unopposed*

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1

- State Senate, District 1**
Vote for One
- Scott Herndon ✓ Republican Endorsed
 - Jim Woodward
-
- State Representative, Seat 1A**
Vote for One
- Jane Sauter ✓ Republican Endorsed
 - Mark Sauter
-
- State Representative, Seat 1B**
Vote for One
- Cornel Rasor ✓ Republican Endorsed
 - Chuck Lowman

BOUNDARY COUNTY OFFICES

- County Commissioner, District 1**
Vote for One
- Lester Pinkerton *Unopposed*
-
- County Commissioner, District 2**
Vote for One
- Tim Bertling
 - Debra Henderson
-
- County Clerk**
Vote for One
- Kimberly Kichenmaster
 - Pam Barton
 - Stacie Watts
-
- County Treasurer**
Vote for One
- Jennifer Economu *Unopposed*
-
- County Assessor**
Vote for One
- Olivia Drake *Unopposed*
-
- County Coroner**
Vote for One
- Chad Workman *Unopposed*
-
- Precinct Committeeman**
Vote for One
- * Most precinct committeeman races will have more than one candidate. Refer to page 21 to see details on the office of precinct committeeman.



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- Phil McGrane Unopposed

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State Treasurer

Vote for One

- Julie Ellsworth Unopposed

Attorney General

Vote for One

- Raúl Labrador Unopposed

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Vote for One

- Debbie Critchfield Unopposed

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2

State Senate, District 2

Vote for One

- Phil Hart ✓ Republican Endorsed

State Representative, Seat 2A

Vote for One

- Heather Scott ✓ Republican Endorsed

State Representative, Seat 2B

Vote for One

- Dale Hawkins ✓ Republican Endorsed
- Todd Perry

BONNER COUNTY OFFICES

County Commissioner, District 1

Vote for One

- Steve Smith ✓ Republican Endorsed

County Commissioner, District 2

Vote for One

- Jeff Roberts ✓ Republican Endorsed
- Asia Williams

County Clerk

Vote for One

- Roger Rudd ✓ Republican Endorsed
- Spencer Hutchings
- Joanne Guzzi

County Treasurer

Vote for One

- Clorrisa Koster ✓ Republican Endorsed

County Assessor

Vote for One

- Cory Gabel ✓ Republican Endorsed

County Coroner

Vote for One

- Robert Beers ✓ Republican Endorsed

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Legislative District 1 Precincts — Most of Bonner County — May 19, 2026

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