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## Introduction

The League of Women Voters of Fremont County (LWVFC), in a partnership with the Riverton Ranger, prepared this Voter Guide for the primary election on August 18, 2020. A General Election Voter Guide with sample ballots will be available in late fall for the November 3, 2020 general election. Guides are permitted in the election polling booth.

The LWVFC is open to everyone and is a non-partisan grassroots organization that neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. The LWVFC carefully crafted questions for candidates running for each office that pertain to Fremont County voters.

### THE RESPONSES:
The deadline for responses was July 6, 2020. Question responses were limited to 560 characters. Reminders and follow up phone calls were conducted when possible to those who had not responded by the deadline. The candidates’ statements included here are exactly as submitted.

Candidate question responses are grouped by office and then by party and are presented in alphabetical order, as they will appear on the ballot. Candidates who did not respond are listed as “No Response.”

### THE BALLOT:
The Primary Election determines candidates from each party to compete in the General Election. Your primary ballot will contain only the names of candidates of the party with which you are registered. If you registered as an Independent AND live outside of an incorporated town, you will not vote in the Primary Election.
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TERM: Two years, no term limits
SALARY: $174,000 base plus more in leadership
BENEFITS: Office space in Washington DC and in home state, retirement pension, health benefits, and other expenses related to Congressional duties.
OTHERS SERVING: There are 435 members of the US House; Wyoming has one member.

Responses US House of Representatives DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

QUESTION 1: What is the appropriate balance between state and federal oversight of natural resources and lands in Wyoming? Why?

CARL BEACH Q1: The legacy of federal public lands and natural resources is uniquely American and became a model of how to conserve and preserve natural resources for generations of public use around the world. As such, that legacy is something to be preserved and expanded, not contracted or transferred.

NO RESPONSE:
Lynnette Grey Bull
Carol Hafner

QUESTION 2: What role does the government have in ensuring access to cost effective healthcare?

CARL BEACH Q2: In rural communities and states such as Wyoming, the need to address a general lack of access to healthcare as well as lack of funding for rural hospitals and clinics is specifically important. Adopting a universal healthcare system would provide all citizens with more equitable access to healthcare and benefit rural areas. I support adopting a single-payer healthcare system in the US that would eliminate or minimize fees, deductibles, and copays for essential care and services, including dental, vision, reproductive, long-term care, and mental health.

State oversight is not only logistically and financially challenging but is also primarily motivated by a desire to sell off our land to private entities and corporations, leaving multiple-use lands in jeopardy. I am committed to keeping public lands for the people.
QUESTION 1: What is the appropriate balance between state and federal oversight of natural resources and lands in Wyoming? Why?

LIZ CHENEY Q1: Wyoming has suffered from massive federal overreach when it comes to the management of our land and resources. Local voices and communities must have a seat at the table and a larger say in how our land and resources are managed. Livestock producers have battled against the federal government attempts to reduce grazing on public lands. We must hold the federal government accountable for managing according to the law, and returning authorities to the local level whenever possible. I’m proud to have introduced legislation focused on these crucial issues.

BLAKE STANLEY Q1: Federal lands and natural resources, when located in Wyoming, should remain in federal hands but the state should have input on the utilization of the natural resources such as wildlife, energy, and water.

QUESTION 2: What role does the government have in ensuring access to cost effective healthcare?

LIZ CHENEY Q2: We need a health care system that ensures patients, not bureaucrats, are in the driver’s seat. Patients must have access to high-quality care at an affordable cost. Insurance companies should compete for business so patients choose a plan based on their specific needs. The federal government should foster innovation, allowing emerging medical technologies and...
Responses US House of Representatives Republican Candidates - continued

pharmaceuticals to be developed and sold in a competitive market. We must ensure that individuals with preexisting health conditions are able to access affordable care and are not denied coverage.

BLAKE STANLEY Q2: It’s not the government’s job to provide healthcare except in the case of veterans and a free market is what will keep the cost of healthcare down.

QUESTION 3: The most recent Gallup Poll found an extremely low approval rating for how Congress is handling its job. How would you improve coalition building across party lines? Explain.

LIZ CHENEY Q3: Speaker Pelosi continues to reject bipartisan solutions that are needed to address the unprecedented challenges facing our nation. Whether it’s police reform, health care, or infrastructure, she continues to introduce bills that will never become law, in areas where the American people expect us to work together in a bipartisan fashion. The Speaker should follow the lead of the House Armed Services Committee, where GOP and Dems recently worked together to pass a bipartisan defense bill out of committee to support our troops.

BLAKE STANLEY Q3: You just have to find common ground and work from there. We just have to sit down and discuss the issues, build trust and try to find a common goal.
UNITED STATES SENATE

TERM: Six years, no term limits
SALARY: $174,000 base plus more in leadership roles

BENEFITS: Office space in Washington DC and in home state, retirement pension, health benefits, and other expenses related to Congressional duties.

OTHERS SERVING: There are 100 members of the US Senate; Wyoming has two members.

Responses US Senate DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Dr. Merav Ben-David  James Kirk DeBrine  Yana Ludwig  Nathan Wendt

NO RESPONSE: Kenneth R. Casner  Rex Wilde

QUESTION 1: What is the appropriate balance between state and federal oversight of natural resources and lands in Wyoming? Why?

DR. MERAV BEN-DAVID Q1: The 30 million acres of Wyoming’s federally-managed public lands generate significant revenue to the states through tourism and recreation. Transfer of public lands to state control carries the risk of their expedited privatization. Most Wyomingites wish to keep public lands in public hands, so they continue to provide us with clean air and water, access to hunting, fishing, and grazing. Therefore, we should ensure that both state and federal lands are managed based on scientific best practices and by engaging all stakeholders.

JAMES KIRK DEBRINE Q1: WY has done well with the Large Federal Lands paid for & run by National Parks Service. Especially since Tourists from around the world & nation come to visit them. Granting Access to Public Lands when behind Private ones, is something that needs to be addressed. So it is best to keep what hasn’t been broken the same. When so many new problems need to be addressed. Such as Corona Pandemic. So mistakes aren’t made.
Responses US Senate Democratic Candidates - continued

**YANA LUDWIG Q1:** I believe in public lands at every level. Having a healthy mix of city and county parks, and state and federal parks and lands is important for recreation, wildlife, and tourism. That said, many states are overwhelmed trying to pay for and maintain public lands and I believe the federal government should be the back up and step in if needed and asked. Our natural resources need to be protected at the federal level to ensure a healthy environment and stable climate, including restrictions on practices that devastate land, and poison our waters and air.

**NATHAN WENDT Q1:** Wyoming’s public lands belong to us all, including future generations. Protecting public lands generates economic opportunity, retains our natural heritage, and provides recreation for all. Simply put, public lands need to stay in public hands. When federal land is leased it must be done so at fair market value rates to bring more money back to Wyoming. When land is designated multi-use, the federal regulations that apply need to be fair, simple and fast to navigate, and effective in ensuring stewardship of that land.

**QUESTION 2: What role does the government have in ensuring access to cost effective healthcare?**

**DR. MERAV BEN-DAVID Q2:** Forty-four million Americans, including thousands of Wyoming workers, lost their health insurance together with their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaving people uninsured right now is unconscionable. The US must adopt a system that ensures a basic level of healthcare for all people, in which health insurance is independent of employment. Such a Universal Healthcare plan should consider the needs of rural states like Wyoming, and provide services for our far-flung ranches, support for rural hospitals, and retention of healthcare professionals.

**JAMES KIRK DEBRINE Q2:** Health care should NOT be a FOR PROFIT on the Pain & Suffering & Misfortune of Humans. So Needs the Fed to make it Fair for all American residents. So none are at a disadvantage. I.E. The ACA ONLY has BlueCross/Shield WY as ONLY Choice IF employed. Which if get Sick. Of course cannot work. So loses the insurance. And can’t afford to pay the FULL complete expensive Premiums and Deductibles. When a lawyer has to send a WY client to New Mexico’s Mayo Clinic for a procedure that in WY costs $1,800, but only $800 in NM. This all before Corona Pandemic!

**YANA LUDWIG Q2:** We should move to a single payer healthcare system, and eliminate the expense and abuses of private insurance. Americans spend 30% of our “healthcare” budget on private insurance, which for most people results in an extra layer of someone being able to deny them what they need for their healthcare. Single payer (AKA Medicare for All) is the least expensive and most egalitarian way to get our needs met. We also need strict price caps on pharmaceuticals, and for any drugs developed with our tax dollars to be widely and cheaply available.

**NATHAN WENDT Q2:** The government’s role in ensuring cost-effective healthcare should be to fix the problem, or step aside to let the states do so. Healthcare should be a right available to all at a low cost. We need common-sense approaches, starting with Medicare For All If You Want It - automatically enrolling anyone without healthcare into Medicare, and giving others the option to enroll. Other measures like selling insurance across state lines with minimum standards met, price transparency, and allowing Medicare to negotiate low drug prices, will bring down costs.
QUESTION 3: The most recent Gallup Poll found an extremely low approval rating for how Congress is handling its job. How would you improve coalition building across party lines? Explain.

DR. MERAV BEN-DAVID Q3: In the past few decades, Congress has become more polarized and partisan. Politicians follow party lines instead of considering facts and the interests of their constituents. This is especially clear now, with partisanship blocking assistance to American families. We must start by identifying what unites us to create a dialogue that will allow us to discuss our disagreements. I will use my experience as Chief Scientist, Program Director and University Department Head to establish a dialogue and work to find solutions to our most pressing problems.

JAMES KIRK DEBRINE Q3: You can’t force someone who cares only for Party or Greed. Mitch McConnell has blocked important bills, needed by American Lives. So exposing such hypocrisy. And letting voters recall such unreasonable stands that Hurt Americans. Merely for Political Clout is EVIL! & Unchristian which so many claim they are!

YANA LUDWIG Q3: I believe we need to get better about asking for what the majority of people actually want, and not beginning our conversations from a compromised position, because those compromises almost always mean regular people losing. There are too many games in congress that amount to elected officials protecting the interests of their wealthy donors and too little reference to what regular people are asking for and needing. Until we get big money out of politics, real coalition building is undermined.

NATHAN WENDT Q3: We’re all on the same team, we’re all Americans. Unfortunately, we’ve lost sight of that. To build bipartisan coalitions, first, we need to get money out of politics through federally funded elections. No corporate fundraising, just candidates and people connecting on ideas. It’s also a leader’s job is to find common ground. Most people agree on 80% of the issues. I’ll start with where we agree and build from there. I’ll work to strengthen bipartisanship action, and, where real differences exist, the importance of civility in public discourse.
Responses US Senate Republican Candidates - continued

**QUESTION 1:** What is the appropriate balance between state and federal oversight of natural resources and lands in Wyoming? Why?

**MARK ARMSTRONG Q1:** Less Government more Freedom. The Federal and State Government have mismanaged public land, natural resources on public land and access to public land. The biggest offender is the Federal Government. The Law (Section 12) that brought Wyoming into the USA limits State land, but this has been violated. The State funding schools from Section 16 minerals was brilliant. When there is no public access to public land it is not really public. The Homestead Act, could move inaccessible public land to the tax role and have a public benefit. Private land!

**DEVON CADE Q1:** The balance of state and federal natural resources, and land ownership rights should remain in the hand’s property owners. The community, and landowners should be setting policy on parcel rights. Wyomingites and I both believe in limited government, and government oversight. I support funding quality of life, and quality of maintaining natural resources in Wyoming.

**JOHN HOLTZ Q1:** We should use a gyroscopic analysis which would depend upon which party exercises a greater degree of control to enable the more responsible entity to manage our natural resources and lands in Wyoming responsibly. Fluidity requires constant monitoring to achieve the proper balance.

**CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS Q1:** I firmly believe that government that governs closest, governs best. With the exception of national parks, monuments and forests, individual states are best suited to manage and oversee their natural resources and lands. Wyoming in particular has demonstrated their ability to responsibly and efficiently manage their lands, wildlife, water and energy resources to the benefit of Wyoming people, communities and industries. As a U.S. Senator, I will work to keep control in Wyoming hands and ensure any federal oversight is fair, transparent and timely.

**DONNA RICE Q1:** I believe Wyoming should manage lands and resources within our borders. The federal government in its inception and design was to provide only what could not be done at the state level. Wyoming is in the best position, with those living and working close to the land and with local expertise, to manage our natural resources and lands.

**ROBERT G. SHORT Q1:** Wyoming must maintain its primacy over its natural resources and protect private property rights. I am a proponent of public access and multiple use. We can have a balance between protecting our abundant wildlife, open spaces, and industry needs. Energy, tourism, and agriculture can coexist. Federal land management agencies need to operate in good faith and realize that resource management does not involve putting a padlock on a gate and no access. As a commissioner, I’ve been through NEPA and utilized our cooperating agency status.

**QUESTION 2:** What role does the government have in ensuring access to cost effective healthcare?

**MARK ARMSTRONG Q2:** ObamaCare increased the cost of health insurance, it should be repealed. Insurance across state lines, preexisting conditions should be included in a fix. The administration of ObamaCare cost a lot. Capitalism works and with an informed public cost should go down. Requiring hospitals to publish the cost of typical procedures can help reduce cost. Increased access can help. We have treaty/moral obligation to provide healthcare to indigenous people. I will push to defund planned parenthood and use that $530 million to improve rural healthcare.
Responses US Senate Republican Candidates - continued

DEVON CADE Q2: The government role in this should be limited. The government should allow a competitive system to allow for prices to remain affordable for consumers. When we have Wyomingites that have worked for years, and deserve a quality of life, and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

JOHN HOLTZ Q2: None.

CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS Q2: Access to adequate and affordable health insurance continues to be a major concern of Wyoming citizens, and a significant challenge for small businesses. I support a number of measures that would help drive down costs while improving access to quality care and services, including expanding opportunities to buy insurance across state lines; improving transparency in healthcare and prescription drug pricing; fostering innovation and advancements in Telehealth; and continuing efforts to repeal and replace Obamacare.

DONNA RICE Q2: The government role is limited to ensuring that access is not infringed upon by undue tax burdens are placed upon consumers by either increased taxes to pay for universal coverage, or failure to allow for premiums to be paid with untaxed dollars. I support free market, patient centered health care that gives individuals the opportunity to choose what best serves their needs. Medicaid should focus on the most vulnerable in our society, not to cover those who are healthy and able to work. I also support the concept of health cost sharing coops.

ROBERT G. SHORT Q2: Government interference into healthcare has been detrimental. Bureaucrats don’t understand recruiting and retaining healthcare works and ensuring that our hospitals are appropriately reimbursed. Uncompensated care drives up cost for all healthcare users. Burdensome regulations and prohibitions on polling across state lines makes it worse. We need to repeal and replace Obamacare while ensuring Medicare is protected for Wyoming’s seniors and preexisting conditions are covered. We need an honest conversation about malpractice and tort reform.

QUESTION 3: The most recent Gallup Poll found an extremely low approval rating for how Congress is handling its job. How would you improve coalition building across party lines? Explain.

MARK ARMSTRONG Q3: As a business man with good communication skills, working with all types of people, of any political belief, towards a common goal is my career. Reducing waste and corruption in government should be bipartisan. Improving Rural Healthcare is bipartisan. Covid-19 exposed vulnerabilities; in both the supply chain and manufacturing of prescription drugs, as well as centralized meat packing. MCOOL should also get bipartisan support. These are just some examples where reaching across party lines will help America and Wyomingites. I’m results driven.

DEVON CADE Q3: I’ve always been conservative even though the fake news depicts me as a liberal, because of my prior business affiliation with the democratic party. I would improve coalition building by sitting down with county chairman and get them to create a task force to address vital issues. My team, the community, and voters will say, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH DO YOUR JOB AND SUPPORT TEAM CADE, PRESIDENT TRUMP, AND VICE PRESIDENT PENCE, TO VICTORY, OR GO HOME!

JOHN HOLTZ Q3: Negotiation coupled with prayer.

CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS Q3: Working across party lines and building bipartisan coalitions is critical to finding solutions that put the American people and businesses first. This means forging relationships with those whom you might not always agree and finding common ground where you can. During my time in the House, I made it a point to have relationships with many of my Democrat colleagues and co-sponsored bipartisan legislation on a wide-variety of issues. Should I be elected to serve in the U.S. Senate, I will continue to look for opportunities to work across the aisle.
Responses US Senate Republican Candidates - continued

DONNA RICE Q3: I would fulfill my duties by seeking to demonstrate true statesmanship. The art of statesmanship brings together ability, qualifications, wisdom, and skills while managing public affairs. For coalition building this means using all of one's interpersonal skills to communicate and listen to those of opposing views, then seek to find the solutions that represent the best interests of those we represent. All founded in defending principles of freedom that formed the strong American values which have served this country for over two hundred years.

ROBERT G. SHORT Q3: Stop reelecting or recycling career politicians who created this mess. Politicians pontificate on bipartisanship only to return to Washington and do the same partisan gridlock. Wyoming's Senator needs to be from the private sector and understand how to work with diverse interests to accomplish goals. Private business success occurs when you check your ego and your connection to political cronies at the door. I will bring Wyoming values, vision and ethics to D.C. I am running to reignite the belief that the elected actually work for the People.

WYOMING HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TERM: Two years, no term limits
SALARY: $150 per day of work
BENEFITS: Travel reimbursements
OTHERS SERVING: There are 60 members of the State House of Representatives; Five members represent Fremont County in the State House.

State Representative DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Kevin Wilson
District 54

NO RESPONSE:
Levi J. Shinkle District 28
Andi Clifford District 33

QUESTION 1: In view of declining revenue from the extractive industry, what proposals do you have to expand Wyoming's economy?

KEVIN WILSON Q1: We need to expand opportunities in other areas of the Wyoming economy like recreation tourism, agriculture, healthcare, and education. We need more incentives for outdoor recreation and tourism and agricultural innovation. We need to expand higher education and training opportunities for...
workers in emerging sectors like technology and renewable energy. We also need to grow our telemedicine and rural healthcare capacity and expand educational opportunities for all healthcare providers to thrive in our state.

QUESTION 2: What would you do to address the revenue shortfall? And would you be willing to support tax or fee increases to help raise revenue?

KEVIN WILSON Q2: Tax and fee increases are used as a boogeyman by self-interested people and industries to scare working people against voting for their own interests. The truth is that the lowest income people in our state pay an effective tax rate three times higher than the wealthiest in our state. Lower and middle class people in Wyoming also pay more for healthcare and staples like groceries and diapers as a portion of their income. It is time that wealthy people moving to places like Jackson pay their fair share. We need progressive instead of regressive taxation.

QUESTION 3: How will you ensure access to cost effective healthcare for all Wyoming citizens?

KEVIN WILSON Q3: Right out of the gate I will be fighting to expand medicaid. This will expand coverage to thousands of struggling families, provide crucial preventative care for individuals, and drive down uncompensated care costs for hospitals and providers. We also need to stop the stranglehold of big drug companies on our lawmakers. I will stand up to drug companies and fight to lower the costs of essential prescription drugs. We also need to expand mental health services in our state so that more people are helped before they reach the point of crisis.
QUESTION 1: In view of declining revenue from the extractive industry, what proposals do you have to expand Wyoming’s economy?

LLOYD CHARLES LARSEN Q1: The extractive industries provide more revenue than any other sector of business. We must shore up these industries by reducing the high financial burden in permitting, requirements to hold leases, severance taxes and royalties. It is critical to recruit other industries and develop the infrastructure that allows them to work here such as the expansion and completion of broadband and the availability of health care. We can develop outdoor recreation. We need multiple use on public lands; there is room for industry and recreation.

QUESTION 2: What would you do to address the revenue shortfall? And would you be willing to support tax or fee increases to help raise revenue?

LLOYD CHARLES LARSEN Q2: Every business and citizen has benefited for decades from extractive industry revenues: no corporate tax, food sales tax, and state income tax and lowest property tax and exemptions for existing taxes. The reduction of revenue will require reductions in all government agencies and the elimination of some programs. The revenue shortfall cannot be compensated through budget cuts and elimination of programs alone. We have to look at tax and fee increases. Professions and generating income should not be exempt. Current tax exemptions should be reevaluated.

QUESTION 3: How will you ensure access to cost effective healthcare for all Wyoming citizens?

LLOYD CHARLES LARSEN Q3: The term “access” and “cost effective healthcare” are not defined. Some want a hospital in each community; others want regional hospitals supporting emergency/primary care offices in smaller communities. Providers feel they exceed the definition of providing “cost effective healthcare”. The greater Ft. Collins, CO area with a population equal to half of WY is served by 4 hospitals. In WY 10-12 hospitals serve the same population. Low patient volume increases the service costs. A regional approach can provide acceptable access and help to reduce costs.
QUESTION 1: In view of declining revenue from the extractive industry, what proposals do you have to expand Wyoming’s economy?

THERESA LIVINGSTON Q1: Outdoor recreation, travel, thinking of new ways of bringing in businesses.

QUESTION 2: What would you do to address the revenue shortfall? And would you be willing to support tax or fee increases to help raise revenue?

QUESTION 2: Do you want an old clunker that is unreliable or a 4 wheel drive vehicle in great shape. Good roads? Good schools? You have to pay for all that stuff. Our taxes are a joke compared to other states. I don’t believe that we will have to pay that much but isn’t it worth it to have what we need to be a great state? I do.

QUESTION 3: How will you ensure access to cost effective healthcare for all Wyoming citizens?

THERESA LIVINGSTON Q3: We need a nation wide one payer system. Every other country has it and it works. Why are we afraid? I hear I don’t want to pay for other people’s health care but, really, we already do in the higher costs we pay for our insurance, if we are lucky enough to have it. We pay more to the doctors & hospitals to cover those who can’t pay. We need to take care of all of our people in this state. We also need great mental health access. I know, more taxes, but you’ll get it back with great benefits.
QUESTION 1: In view of declining revenue from the extractive industry, what proposals do you have to expand Wyoming’s economy?

LINDA WEEKS Q1: While I know oil, gas and agriculture are important industries in Wyoming and will always be, they are cyclical by nature. I believe we must diversify by attracting other industry/companies to Wyoming in order to flatten out the highs and lows economically. Wyoming has much to attract out of state businesses no corporate tax, no state income tax and a wonderful way of life for workers. We need to aggressively seek out companies to move here, in order to broaden the tax base and increase revenue.

QUESTION 2: What would you do to address the revenue shortfall? And would you be willing to support tax or fee increases to help raise revenue?

LINDA WEEKS Q2: In Wyoming we are proud to believe in limited government and low taxes. While the recent budget shortfalls will cause many challenges, I believe there are ways to streamline costs without cutting programs or raising taxes. We need structural spending reform. The Governor must go through each agency’s budget line by line and look at what is being spent and determine how to deliver programs for less. Increased taxes would impact Wyoming families and discourage people and companies from relocating to Wyoming. A NO vote on raising taxes!

QUESTION 3: How will you ensure access to cost effective healthcare for all Wyoming citizens?

LINDA WEEKS Q3: I do not support the expansion of Medicaid as it is way too expensive. I believe we need to bring in more medical insurance companies to Wyoming which will make healthcare more competitive and affordable. Additionally we need to expand telehealth, promote price transparency (hospitals to consumers, in plain english) and pay transparency (insurance companies to providers).
QUESTION 1: In view of declining revenue from the extractive industry, what proposals do you have to expand Wyoming’s economy?

TIM SALAZAR Q1: As a co-sponsor of the Food Freedom Act Amendments in 2020, I was able to help our Agriculture industry have greater freedom in selling their products without state interference. This will help the success of our ranchers and farmers in Wyoming. I have been one of the few state legislators who have not voted for a single tax increase over the past 4 years (including a business or grocery tax) so that our small business climate continues to be one of the most attractive in the nation for expansion and in-state growth.

QUESTION 2: What would you do to address the revenue shortfall? And would you be willing to support tax or fee increases to help raise revenue?

TIM SALAZAR Q2: First, I refuse to vote for any tax increases of any kind. The last thing working families and fixed incomes need during this difficult time is higher taxes when so many are trying to put food on the table! Secondly, in 2017-18 the Wyoming government spending and efficiency commission (Alvarez and Marsal report) gave the state legislature several recommendations to lower the cost of delivering programs and services. Those ideas should go forward.

QUESTION 3: How will you ensure access to cost effective healthcare for all Wyoming citizens?

TIM SALAZAR Q3: I authored and passed into state law in 2020, HB 113 ‘Importation of Prescription Drug Study.’ This bill requires the Department of Health to study the feasibility of a prescription drug importation program for possible implementation in Wyoming. Such a program could dramatically lower the cost of many prescription medicines that our citizens need on a daily basis. Nobody should have to choose between food or daily medicine because of cost. My bill was supported by AARP and signed into law by Governor Gordon in May 2020.
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSION

TERM: 4 years
SALARY: $34,000 per year
BENEFITS: Qualify for health insurance and retirement
OTHERS SERVING: There are 5 Districts in Fremont County, each represented by one Commissioner.

Fremont County Commission

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Margaret Wells
District 2

Question 1: When considering budget deficits, do you support cutting services, raising taxes, or some sort of combination? Please explain.

Margaret Wells Q1: I do not support raising property tax. Fremont County needs to be frugal. When cutting services, the county needs to take a serious common sense look at how those cuts will effect the county government, its personnel, as well as our Fremont County residence. I am a stickler for accountability and honesty.

Term: 4 years
Salary: $34,000 per year
Benefits: Qualify for health insurance and retirement

Question 2: Within the job responsibilities of a County Commissioner, what are your top 3 priorities?

Margaret Wells Q2: Being frugal with the county finances. 2. Support our local businesses, municipalities. The need to build the local economy. This county is large and has a wide variety of issues that is unique to each area. I believe it is important to listen and represent all equally, no matter how rural they maybe. Everyone deserves to be heard and responded to timely and with respect. 3. We need to make sure our law enforcement has our support and the ability to defend our communities.

Question 3: What are the top 3 challenges facing our county and how do you propose to address them?

Margaret Wells Q3: Budget deficit is the biggest and most important challenge facing our county. We need to address this with the idea of bringing

No Response

District 2: Larry Allen

District 5: Jennifer McCarty
resources, recreation opportunities, and encouraging business development. How do we keep our residence in this county, based on the economic downturn? 3. Protect our private property rights, as well as supporting access to public lands.

NON-PARTISAN CITY COUNCILS

TERM: 4 year terms. No term limits.
SALARY: In Riverton, Council members receive $500 a month; Lander Council members receive $75 per meeting. Council members in Dubois, Hudson and other towns received $50 per meeting.
BENEFITS: Riverton members do not get benefits; Lander members are eligible for health care.

OTHERS SERVING: This a non-partisan position, selected by voters living within a particular city ward or area. Lander and Riverton have 6 council members plus the Mayor, while Dubois, Hudson, Pavillion and Shoshoni each have 4 council members plus the Mayor.

City Council HUDSON

Julie Carlotta Thomas

City Council DUBOIS

David A. Bennett & Rick L. Lee

NO RESPONSE

Brady Hamilton

Archie Hanson, Jr.

NO RESPONSE

**City Council Hudson - continued**

**QUESTION 2:** Given declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what specific ideas do you have for reducing expenses and/or increasing local government revenues?

**JULIE CARLOTTA THOMAS Q2:** I am a team member willing to accept responsibility for maintaining our community by working with those around me in an attitude of cooperation, kindness and respect.

**QUESTION 3:** Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

**JULIE CARLOTTA THOMAS Q3:** I plan to deal with all the challenges we may be faced with with flexibility and a certainty that we will get through it working together.

**QUESTION 4:** What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

**JULIE CARLOTTA THOMAS Q4:** Support, kindness and respect. I always try to demonstrate this daily in my interactions with my wonderful Wyoming neighbors.

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**City Council Lander | Ward 1**

**DAN HAHN**

**Q1:** I listen, I take every item that comes before the council very serious without judgement. 30 yrs in business (Fremont county). Easy going. Team player that works well with others.

**Q2:** We have cut budgetary expenses for years. But with the current problems we are just about to the point of cutting jobs and or benefits/services. Creating revenues have always been a problem in Lander. We have water and sewer which makes money now but those revenues have to stay in water and...
City Council Lander | Ward 1 - continued

sewer. The general budget revenues are on the decline and this is hard to change quickly. We have a real problem.

**QUESTION 3:** Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

**DAN HAHN Q3:** This is a tough one because it takes money to make money even with a good idea and we have very little money. The other option is trying to get big business in Lander that is not a non-profit. Fremont county is pretty heavy in non-profit which puts a strain on small communities. This is not an easy fix, there have been a lot of people on board with this problem.

**QUESTION 4:** What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

**DAN HAHN Q4:** Keep looking for new revenue streams, keep an eye on the revenues coming in and make adjustments within the city to stay on budget. Never give up on the city and people of Lander. Stay on board with, Safe routes to schools, bike and walk paths, clean water/streams, recycling, clean energy, affordable housing, pavement overlays, keeping the potholes filled, drug prevention. Keep the citizens of Lander safe and healthy.

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City Council Lander | WARD 2

**JULIA STUBLE Q1:** I am fiscally prudent and a critical thinker. A Wyoming native, I have a long track record of building consensus and promoting data-informed solutions.

**QUESTION 2:** Given declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what specific ideas do you have for reducing expenses and/or increasing local government revenues?

**JULIA STUBLE Q2:** Our City budget should reflect our intended outcomes for the future. I propose any additional reductions in expenses come from non-essential services first and will engage the public fully when essential services may be cut. For revenues, I support the proposed 1/2 cent tax for economic development. Together, we can improve our infrastructure, expand our tax base, attract new businesses and community members, and build on Lander’s existing assets and strengths.
QUESTION 3: Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

JULIA STUBLE Q3: I will advocate 1) the Legislature maintains its financial commitments to Lander and 2) for reforms to the state distributions of sales and use taxes in order to better fund municipalities. I believe we can recover from this crisis and become a prosperous, thriving town by becoming even more attractive to entrepreneurs through infrastructure investments. Let’s provide the environment and resources necessary to build up our existing job-creators and create new ones. I enthusiastically support those who are already tackling economic development projects.

QUESTION 4: What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

JULIA STUBLE Q4: 1) Pragmatic and values-based budgeting 2) Expanding revenue sources 3) Investing in the future. We all want Lander to be a place where we can find jobs, where our parents can retire, and where our kids can play safely. Working together, we can build on what we already have going for us and create the community we want.

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MELINDA K. COX Q1: Ability to understand differences of opinion and transparency. Serving in local government for twenty plus years by being employed by the Fremont County Government. Monitoring federal, state, and local budgets.

RUSTY S. VISHER Q1: I am friendly and determined. I am qualified due to one, being a member of our Lander community. Two, I have a BA in Business Management. I am also willing to ask hard questions to get the best results for our community.

QUESTION 2: Given declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what specific ideas do you have for reducing expenses and/or increasing local government revenues?

MELINDA K. COX Q2: Resourcing and collaboration both are imperative to a declining economy.

NO RESPONSE Michael Kusiek
**RUSTY S. Visher Q2:** I would love to be able to bring new businesses in to our community not only for job opportunities but to help increase and boost our local economy.

**QUESTION 3:** Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

**MELINDA K. COX Q3:** The City of Lander will need to be creative and resourceful. Relying on our citizens for input and making difficult fiscal decisions now in preparation for the next few years. There are a lot of unknowns at this time and it will be important to acknowledge the unknowns and make decisions based on the facts and not the “what ifs.”

**RUSTY S. Visher Q3:** My very first objective would be to understand the city budget inside and out and determine where I feel our community would benefit the most from funding.

**QUESTION 4:** What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

**MELINDA K. COX Q4:** Citizens of Lander. Fiscal management to enhance our community. Creative solutions for growth.

**RUSTY S. Visher Q4:** 1: Budget. I am determined to understand the budget and try to figure out where to allocate funds in the most beneficial way to our community as a whole. 2. New Business. I would like to help create new employment opportunities and increase our quality of life here in Lander. 3: Roads. Every time I call the roads department I am told they are decreasing their funding for repairs and snow removal. I feel that roads are very important to our quality of life and want to figure out where we can help with this issue.

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**City Council PAVILLION | 4-YEAR**

**Matt Pattison**  
(no photo provided)

**NO RESPONSE:**  
Tex Frazier  
Sheila L. Johnson  
Mykah Trujillo

**QUESTION 1:** What are 2 attributes and 2 qualifications that make you ready for this office?

**MATT PATTISON Q1:** Prior two yrs on council, very business minded.

**QUESTION 2:** Given declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what specific ideas do you have for reducing expenses and/or increasing local government revenues?
MATT PATTISON Q2: Trying to draw more businesses into Pavillion, and trying to conserve on our budget.

QUESTION 3: Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

MATT PATTISON Q3: Trying to bring different events into town, and possibly more businesses.

QUESTION 4: What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

MATT PATTISON Q3: Would like to get Pavillion back on the map that people like small friendly a town. They want to live in a rural community. Working for the people and not against them. Work on our services that we provide, garbage, water, sewer, and irrigation.

LANCE W. GOEDE Q1: I believe that my top two attributes are my positive energy and being solution-oriented. I work hard to maintain a positive attitude, while also looking at ways to find solutions to problems. As for qualifications, I served for almost 18 months on the City Council from 2017-2019, so I will be able to hit the ground running - I am familiar with the City budget, infrastructure, staffing, and overall operations. I have served on the City Planning Commission and volunteered on a number of other City groups. I have the time to commit to serving.

KRISTY K. SALISBURY Q1: My education includes a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Wyoming. I have worked at Central Wyoming College for 25 years as a Project Director for Federal Grants. I have also designed programs and have successfully obtained funding for other projects to provide free academic and athletic offerings for youth.
City Council Riverton | Ward 2 - continued

**QUESTION 2:** Given declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what specific ideas do you have for reducing expenses and/or increasing local government revenues?

**LANCE W. GOEDE Q2:** I believe we need to become creative and innovative in both cutting expenses and increasing revenue. We are obligated to provide some services (e.g., utilities, public protection, etc.) so we must prioritize those, while also finding ways to focus on other areas that the public wants. We must look for increased efficiencies (combining services), we must look at areas to eliminate (stop doing some things), but we must also find new revenue streams that don’t negatively impact the citizens (private and federal grants).

**KRISTY K. SALISBURY Q2:** I would exhaust all alternatives before considering raising taxes or fees for residents. Reduced expenses could be achieved by limiting spending for city operations and not hiring replacements for open positions. Increased grant writing or federal funding is one of the few ways to generate additional revenue during this unpredictable economic climate.

**QUESTION 3:** Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

**LANCE W. GOEDE Q3:** The City needs to focus on the economic development through the use, implementation, and ongoing management of the 2019 Master Plan. Tourism, retail space, and construction need to be developed through grant funding, encouragement of businesses to expand through decreased barriers, but also building a City that is attractive and welcoming. I support the 1/2% Economic Development tax that will give Riverton more control over what we do in developing Riverton.

**KRISTY K. SALISBURY Q3:** High quality healthcare is essential to Riverton’s economic viability. As part of the Riverton Medical District for the past two years, I have seen the negative economic impact created through loss of medical services and employees. The proposed hospital will strengthen economic development through the addition of 250 healthcare employees, local jobs for construction workers and jobs created to provide supplemental services. Healthcare is crucial to local business efforts to retain and recruit employees.

**QUESTION 4:** What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

**LANCE W. GOEDE Q4:** 1. Development of the City’s Master Plan to expand business, construction, and overall attractiveness, to include a comprehensive hospital system and an active Regional Airport. 2. Address the issues of public intoxication and homelessness, through active work with the Solutions Committee (which I currently Chair) and partners in our community to address addiction treatment, recovery, and homelessness. 3. Improve the recreation opportunities in Riverton, through continued partnership with CWC/R-Rec, grant funding, and community partnerships.

**KRISTY K. SALISBURY Q4:** My priorities include economic development, safety and recreation. With the current pandemic and economic crisis it will be necessary to identify and address challenges through innovative measures. My focus would include support of policies and procedures to encourage employment opportunities, address safety issues, and promote recreation and community events. I would seek funding opportunities for law enforcement for increased support in recruiting and resources as they experience response rates 3 to 4 times higher than most Wyoming towns.
QUESTION 1: What are 2 attributes and 2 qualifications that make you ready for this office?

LINDSEY COX Q1: I have lived in Riverton my entire life and I am now choosing to raise my children in this town. I am involved in youth sports as the President of Riverton Little League and AAU Volleyball. I am also on the Advisory committee for the Boys and Girls Club. I believe that if we want our community to get stronger we have to start with our children, by creating a good environment for them to grow up in and want to come back to. I am dedicated to making it a place worth living.

TIM HANCOCK Q1: I take seriously my oath to support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wyoming. I am detail oriented as I review ordinances or practices to ensure that they are constitutional and make sense for Riverton. I also take seriously my role as a representative of the citizens of Ward 3. I encourage and support citizen feedback.

I believe that the viewpoints of citizens should be reflected in the votes of their representatives. I have a Masters of Public Administration and I am a lawyer.

QUESTION 2: Given declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what specific ideas do you have for reducing expenses and/or increasing local government revenues?

LINDSEY COX Q2: I am not going to come into this office and pretend to have all the answers. I need time and more information to make suggestions in that matter. I am not afraid to ask questions and seek out the help of people better educated in areas I have no experience in.

TIM HANCOCK Q2: As with any budget, the most important aspect of budgeting is to live within your means. We have practiced this for years with the City of Riverton by planning for larger projects and ensuring we have the money set aside for them. City Staff is also constantly looking for other revenue sources, including federal and state grants. As a council, we must continue to support these efforts and ensure that we have a balanced budget that makes sense.

QUESTION 3: Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

LINDSEY COX Q2: Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, I do not believe the City of Riverton has control of the situation. We will need to look for other sources of revenue. I have no plans at this time to change the economic future of the community. We will have to wait and see what the future holds.

TIM HANCOCK Q2: As with any budget, the most important aspect of budgeting is to live within your means. We have practiced this for years with the City of Riverton by planning for larger projects and ensuring we have the money set aside for them. City Staff is also constantly looking for other revenue sources, including federal and state grants. As a council, we must continue to support these efforts and ensure that we have a balanced budget that makes sense.
LINDSEY COX Q3: I completely support the ½ cent tax on this year’s ballot. This is an amazing opportunity for our county to benefit from money being spent in our community. If it passes we would be able to generate funds that could go towards business retention or expansion, a Community Centerfacility, an Outdoor sports complex, the Healthcare industry, the Fairgrounds and entries into communities, and also county Museums and Libraries. There are endless possibilities that come with this initiative and I want to be a part of building something new in this community.

TIM HANCOCK Q3: We must encourage the growth of local businesses and try to attract new businesses to come to Riverton. One way we can do this is through changes in local ordinances and practices. We have already seen this with the local Murdoch’s. They were able to move to the Safeway building and utilize the parking area to display their products because in 2018 we changed the parking regulations that had gotten in the way of local businesses utilizing their space. I will continue to look for these kinds of changes to code and practice.

QUESTION 4: What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

LINDSEY COX Q4: I would like to revive our downtown. I want our community to have a better sense of confidence when it comes to our local healthcare options. I would support the building of rec center/ community center. I think the best way to accomplish this is by listening to our community. As recent evidence shows, the Friday night cruise, proves that this is small town America and that we still believe in coming together. I want to build on that enthusiasm.

TIM HANCOCK Q4: Continue to support our Riverton Police Department and ensure they have the training and equipment to do their jobs professionally. Continue to support the Riverton Airport by improving the airport and encouraging its use. Encourage more activities and more use of our public spaces. We have made great strides in making City Park a place that families want to go. I will work towards the Rails to Trails and the Riverwalk becoming places that we can feel comfortable bringing our families.
QUESTION 1: What are 2 attributes and 2 qualifications that make you ready for this office?

JACOB Z. STETLER Q1: I have lived in Shoshoni for going on 20 years. During that time I have grown as a person and a community member. My house is paid for and I have 2 very young boys, so it is fair to say that I am not going anywhere and I have plenty of motivation to do my best help Shoshoni grow as a community. I have jumped in with both feet and I am learning how things work very quickly.

QUESTION 2: Given declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what specific ideas do you have for reducing expenses and/or increasing local government revenues?

JACOB Z. STETLER Q2: We have already cut so much from our budgets that there is not a whole lot left to cut. I am willing to make the hard decisions when necessary to continue to provide essential services to our town. The only thing I feel that is prudent to do, to increase revenue, is to promote economic development. To increase income we need to increase businesses in our community. Raising fees and taxes puts added pressure on already stressed families.

QUESTION 3: Given the declining state funding to Wyoming cities and counties, what plans do you have to change the economic future for the community you hope to represent?

JACOB Z. STETLER Q3: We are currently working on bringing businesses into our town. On top of that, we are trying to get a medical clinic opened in Shoshoni. We are also continuing to work on infrastructure, in an attempt to provide an environment suitable for growth.

QUESTION 4: What are your top 3 priorities for the City, and how would you implement them?

JACOB Z. STETLER Q4: The biggest reason that I got involved in local politics was to help communications between the town and the governing body. Everyone has a voice and every voice should be heard. I have and will make myself available to everyone who is willing to talk civilly. We are also currently working on options that will give kids something to do including the basketball court we are planning to have completed this year. I plan to continue with similar projects. We are also currently working on bringing new businesses into Shoshoni.
**MAYOR**

Pavillion is the only town with an open position this election. **TERM:** Pavillion is a 2-year unexpired term **SALARY:** Varies **NO RESPONSE:** Chuck Snyder, Jr.

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**BALLOT PROPOSITIONS**

**One-half percent (½%) sales tax to support county growth**

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Wyoming, be authorized to impose an excise tax for economic development of one-half percent (1/2%) upon retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services made within the county as defined by Wyoming state statutes, the purpose of which is for economic development.

- Economic Development shall be defined as any project that retains or increased employment, and/or results in a net gain of money into the community.
- Thirty percent (30%) of the net proceeds of the tax shall be used to support transportation infrastructure such as commercial air service and ground transportation: the remaining seventy percent (70%) will be allocated to the County and 6 Municipalities based on population to manage and invest in economic development projects of their choosing.
- Economic Development projects on the Wind River Indian Reservation are eligible for county allocation.

- If passed, the tax shall become effective on March 1st, 2021, and as provided by W.S. 39-15-203(a)(v)(C) the same proposition shall be submitted at the general election in 2024.

**Your vote will be:**

FOR the county sales and use tax
AGAINST the county sales and use tax

For more information: Facebook page at facebook.com/forwardfremontcounty

**Shoshoni Senior Citizens Service District**

Shall the Shoshoni Senior Citizens Service District be established with a maximum levy of 1 ½ mills to be imposed on the taxable property of the district, the purpose of which is to support the Center’s operations and facilities.

**Your vote will be:**

Yes
No
Learn how to vote, where to register, Re-register if you did not vote in the last General Election

You must be 18 years old on Election Day, be a US Citizen, and be a resident of WY.

Go to your County Clerk's Office with your identification documents, fill out your Wyoming Voter Registration Application Form and get it notarized right there.

OR
Visit fremontcountywy.org/county-clerk/election-and-voting
Print the Wyoming Voter Registration Application form, fill it out, then sign the form before a county clerk or notary public. This part is really important, it MUST be notarized! Follow the directions for mailing it on the website.

Previously registered? Moved? Changed Your Name? Want to change your Party Affiliation?

Do a quick check! Make sure you’re STILL registered, update your address or name, or change your party affiliation. Call the Fremont County Clerk’s Office 307-332-1088 or 307-332-1089, so you CAN Vote.

On Election Day, you can register and vote at ANY 8 Voting Centers.

No matter where you live in Fremont County, you can register and vote at any of the following Voting Centers (polling places) from 7am - 7pm.
- Arapahoe
- Ethete
- Riverton
- Lander
- Dubois
- Fort Washakie
- Kinnear
- Shoshoni

But why wait?
REGISTER NOW!

Absentee Ballot

Q: Can I vote without leaving my house using an absentee ballot?
A: Yes! Go to: fremontcountywy.org/county-clerk/election-and-voting, print and fill out an Absentee Ballot Request Form, and find out all you need to know about absentee voting in Wyoming

Q: How do I request an absentee ballot?
A: You have 4 easy options:
1. Call your County Clerk’s Office and ask for one to be mailed to you.
2. Go to the online address above, then download an absentee ballot, print it, fill it out, mail it or drop it off at the County Clerk’s Office or in the secure dropbox behind the Lander Courthouse.
3. Go to the online address above, then download an absentee ballot, print it, fill it out, scan it, and email it to the County Clerk’s Office. Place “Absentee Ballot Request” in the subject line, provide your name, date of birth, residential address, phone number, and mailing address.
4. Go to your County Clerk’s Office and ask for an absentee ballot.

Q: Where do I return my completed absentee ballot?
A: Remember, all absentee ballots must be received by mail, placed in secure dropbox behind Lander’s Courthouse, or delivered to the your county clerk’s office no later than 7:00pm on Election Day.

Q: How can I vote early with my absentee ballot?
A: Go to the County Clerk’s website or Facebook page to check for early absentee voting times and dates.
Identification Documents:
Provide ONE of the following
• Valid WY Driver’s License or Out of State Driver’s License
• US Passport
• Tribal ID of Any Federally Recognized Tribe
• ID card Issued by any State or Outlying Possession of the US
• US Military ID
• ID Card Issued by a Local, State, or Federal Agency
• WY Student ID
• Photo ID Card Issued by University of WY, a Wyoming Community College, or a Wyoming Public School
• ID Card Issued to a Dependent of a Member of the US Armed Forces

OR Provide TWO or more of the following:
• Certificate of US Citizenship or Naturalization
• US Military Draft Record
• Voter Registration Card from another State or County
• Original or Certified Copy of Birth Certificate
• Any other Form of ID Issued by an Official Agency of the US or a State
• US Social Security Card
• Certification of Birth Abroad Issued by the Department of State
• Original or Certified Copy of a Birth Certificate Bearing an Official Seal
• Any Other Form of ID Issued by an Official Agency of the US or a State

If your current residence address is not on the above documents provide ONE of the following:
• Current Utility Bill
• Current Bank Statement
• Current Government Check
• Current Paycheck
• Any Other Current Government Document Showing Your Name and Address.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, be sure to call before going to your location.