

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICE
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PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESPONSES TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024, BY EMAIL TO: rtbdeltacounty@gmail.com

To Candidate Jeff Peed, City/Town of Cedaredge

- 1- What qualifications do you have that can give voters confidence that you should be a member of the Cedaredge municipal government? Please be specific.

I am steady in the saddle; I am sixty-six years young (as per Paul Harvey); married forty-two years to my "One and Only/Lovely Bride" Jennifer; we have been blessed with four children and four grandchildren (so far); I have shepherded three churches over twenty years; worked as an Auto Collision Repair Specialist for thirty years; Even though I consider myself a Conservative, I am happy to work with any and all, to find solutions for Crawford, seen and unseen problems.

- 2- By now, upon reading and considering the seven political principles we feel should guide political conduct in Western Colorado.

a. Do you endorse each of the seven principles restore the balance feel should guide political conduct in Western Colorado? Yes, I support all seven RTB political principles.

b. If you endorse them all, please explain how you will work to execute these principles.

- Principle 1. I will (to the best of my ability) speak up on ALL issues of Town importance, while seeking to find a workable solution for the topic at hand.
- Principle 2. I will (to the best of my ability) try to gather as many facts as I can, to make the best decisions possible, at the time. And if the matter can wait until the next meeting, I'll ask that it be "tabled" so as to further consider the "pros and cons of the issue.
- Principle 3. I believe I am well able to work with others to get "good (for the town) policy" passed.
- Principle 4. I believe I can vote and help enact what's best for the Town of Crawford, no matter who or what party the idea comes from.
- Principle 5. I'll try to be a calming influence/voice of reason on the council.
- Principle 6. I firmly believe that, as long as an individual has lived in the city limits for at least a year, anybody can run for, and hold the office they're elected to.
- Principle 7. I believe, it is imperative that we have an "Engaged and Informed Electorate". This way from the Mayor and Council Members, to the town residents; all can (and should) vote for what's best for the town, as opposed to their own "pet" projects.

c. If there are any principles you do not endorse, please identify them and explain why. I endorse all seven principles.

- 3- It is important to let people know that you put the public interest first. In looking back over the past year or two, are there any decisions Cedaredge municipal government has made that you do not agree with?

I endorse all the decision the Crawford Town Council has made in the last few years.

If yes, how would you change them?

A few years ago, there was a move a foot, to have land owners to remove all “not currently licensed and insured” vehicles from their property. And, while I like aesthetically pleasing lots as much as the next person, I ended up feeling that; to enforce this ordinance would have placed an “undue hardship” on the land owner and their investments. Consequently, the matter did not pass.

4- In the aftermath of recent political events, some security experts cite increased risks to local governments from extremist groups which pose a threat to the right to peacefully assemble and to the proper functioning of government.

a. How would you define "extremist" activity, and do you view it as a threat to the proper function of municipal government?

1) I see “extremist” activity as anybody who appeals to the lowest common denominator in people (they try to get others agitated by: the way they dress, pictures they show, inflammatory language and/or hate speech they use or accusations there of; they treat a particular subjects as zero- sum issue (I must win, you must lose), they say things like “this is the last time you’ll ever get to vote on this/this is the most important election”, etc. etc, etc.

2) I view “extremist” activities, as a GREAT threat to the proper function of municipal government.

b. What, if anything, should be done to protect elected officials and the public from those using harassment to stop civil engagement in the exercise of democratic processes?

While we live in a society that honors the principle of “Free Speech”; your “rights” stop at my nose. So, enforcing the rules of civil engagement we use in Crawford, if a person refuses to abide by those rules, they can be asked to leave. There have been Sherrif’s Deputies at Council meeting before, to see that order is maintained.

5- Our county allows the use of mail-in ballots. Do you feel this method serves the public interest?

On “mail -in-ballots”- while I have lived in other areas of the United States, where voting in person is standard practice, I feel enough confidence in “mail-in ballots” not to change it at the present time.

6- Do you feel municipal government in your Delta County community in the recent past has been moving in the correct direction?

Yes, I feel that the municipal government of Crawford Colorado, has been moving in the correct direction.

a. What additional steps would you promote to maximize serving the interests of your community in an efficient and cost-effective manner?

As far as additional steps would I promote to maximize serving the interests of my community, I believe, it is imperative that we have an “Engaged and Informed Electorate”. Not only should a small percentage of Town funds be spent educating the Electorate via ALL media (print, radio spots, printed flyers, social

media, etc.), I believe that it is important for “Council Members/Trustees” to be out in the community, talking to regular folks. Not only at major social events, but just, out in public.

- 7- What do you feel are three important issues and/or concerns facing the municipality in which you are seeking elected office and what solutions do you have in mind?
- a. The need for a steady supply of local fresh water. The solution I have in mind:
 - 1) Continue the project of rebuilding the “Spring” which is our ONLY source of fresh water.
 - 2) Continue the additional “Water Tank Storage Project”, whereby one tank can be taken “off line” for service and the Town still have water.
 - b. The need to adequately deal with water runoff through Town.
 - 1) The solution(s) I have in mind: Find funding to study the problem.
 - 2) Implement the resulting solution(s).

Thanks for your help in encouraging public participation in our election process.

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