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Current Occupation/Position:

Retired

Candidate for:

Lyon County Commissioner

District 2

Campaign Manager:

Susan Lawson

Political Party Affiliation:

Reagan Democrat

Previous Elected/Appointed Positions:

Chairman Stagecoach GID 25 years.

Nevada State Water Plan Board

Nevada State Water Plant Operator Certification Board

Lyon County Planning Commission

8 years

Carson Water Subconservancy District 8 years

Lyon County Fish and Game Commission

Lyon County Debt Management Commission - current

Do you have any Building experience or Builders participating in your campaign?
Formerly Licensed as a General Engineering and General Building Contractor under
Lawson and Sons in Nevada. I also worked as a project construction manager with my
last project being the construction of the first phase of the Arrowcreek development in
Southwest Reno. After retirement I have worked as a consultant to companies to
streamline their operations.

Miles Construction
Atlas Construction

What endorsements have you received for your candidacy?

Bill Miles – Tom Reviglio – David Peri – Bill Clegg – Joe Dini – Phil Cowte

1. In your view, what is the single most important problem facing your County in the next 4 years? How would you address this problem?

Bringing Lyon County into the 21st century. Lyon County does not have a two or five or ten year plan for addressing where the County will be in the future. This process is critical for building a sound diversified economic base. I will be recommending to the other commissioners the prominent inclusion of the private sector in the process of formulating short, medium and long range plans

2. In considering this economic downturn, what are your thoughts of the Residential Construction Tax?

All taxes can be viewed as regressive. The Residential Construction Tax should be reviewed and if found to be overly burdensome, reduced or eliminated.

3. How would you reducing the amount of reviews and regulations in the land development process?

Again I would include the private sector in a process to streamline the permitting system now in place in Lyon County. There is no doubt the current process is difficult to work with, having done so myself.

4. What are your long term concerns with water in Lyon County? How do you plan to address them?

My long term concern with water in Lyon County is the fact there are many factors making demands on a finite sources. Those factors are: agricultural, residential, and to a lesser extent industrial and commercial. I have 25 years experience working on water issues as the chair of the Stagecoach GID, serving 8 years on the Carson Water Subconservancy and on the Nevada State water Plan Committee to draw from in this issue. I have worked with Senator Reid to provide funding for a Carson River basin study to determine the current level of aquifers and the direction of flow of resupply for those aquifers. This will provide a picture of the amount of water for use in the Basin. It is these kind of programs that will give a definite view of our water resources. As of now Lyon County does not have a definitive program to address water issues. I will be working to make this a high priority as part of any long range plan.

5. How do you plan to address the County's budget deficit?

I am going to be requesting my fellow County Commissioners to initiate a series of community hearings to ask the residents what level of services they would be willing to support through individual taxes. I do not believe in imposing taxes on others to pay for an individual's needs if they are not willing to pay something on their own. The only way to reduce taxes is live on a balanced budget and if that requires a reduction in services I will vote to make that reduction.

6. Do you support USA parkway? If so, to what financial extent?

I fully support the USA Parkway being constructed and the sooner the better. I do not have the financial resources to make any difference. I am currently working with the TRI engineer to find ways to fund the completion of the Parkway through our congressional delegation. I was able to elicit a letter of support from Senator Reid and we are working to build on that.