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Current Occupation/Position: *Chairman, Lyon County Planning Commission, Director, South Lyon Medical Center, Director ,Coalition for Public Access, Committee Member, Lyon County Detention Facility project, retired firefighter.*

Candidate for: *Lyon County Commissioner District Five*

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Political Party Affiliation: *Republican*

Previous Elected/Appointed Positions: *Several community organizations, fire service related and equestrian clubs.*

Do you have any Building experience or Builders participating in your campaign? *While working as a firefighter in California I had my own business for several years, Agri-Systems. I offered consultant services specializing in construction and layout of equestrian related facilities. I have worked in the construction industry as well as having college credits in Materials of Construction and Construction Planning. Bill Miles of Miles Construction has contributed to my campaign as well as Manhard Consulting, Dayton Valley Investors, and Sonterra Development Company.*

What endorsements have you received for your candidacy? *For the primary I have not sought endorsements. I feel that at this early stage I should run on my qualifications and experience.*

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? *The economy! All issues regarding water, development, local government, jobs, and small business are directly related to the economy. First and foremost we have to change the culture and climate of how local government conducts business in Lyon County. Codes and ordinances need to be reviewed, adjusted and or changed accordingly to the current climate as well as preparing for the future. Additionally, we need to implement strategic planning and establish short, mid-term and long range goals I would like to introduce the idea of forming a Citizens Economic Advisory Council. This would be a forum for small and or large business owners within Lyon County. Included and represented, but not limited to, would be those with interests in real estate, development, construction, agriculture, restaurants, home based business as well as entrepreneurs. I would support a community organization such as this and would be willing to attend these meetings as a representative/liaison of the County Board of Commissioners. This would have to be driven by the citizens of Lyon County.*

I am in favor of working with developers to assist in making their existing projects more viable. Balance between residential, commercial, and industrial development is a priority and necessity. Impacted residents will have a voice in these situations. Water, transportation and level of county services must be carefully addressed with all future planning.

I do support innovative projects that will generate jobs, expand county revenues, and provide opportunities for the benefit of the county and our residents. Immediate and short term viability will be key in this decision making process. Public participation would be paramount in these situations.

Attracting recreational and tourist based events has been long overlooked. Lyon County is rich in its history. I relate these items directly to future economic development. There is a viable potential to expand and promote these opportunities. Dayton Valley Golf and Country Club is a premiere facility. Along with the V&T Railroad and the historical area of Dayton, it would make sense to explore the possibility of lodging and convention space to locate to this area. We also need to revitalize the county fairgrounds to attract new events.

Finally, at some time and point we need to start measuring economic impacts to our communities when special events are held. How can we measure success and implement sound future planning if we have no statistics to build on or learn from?

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

It needs to be re-evaluated and adjusted if necessary. We are obliged to look at all possibilities in regenerating the housing market in Lyon County. If this means being more competitive as too what other counties are doing, than re-examination would be justified. Of course it has to be a level playing field for developers, builders and the private owner/ builder as well. The RCT has to be managed and monitored with complete transparency. After the census occurs county codes will have to be addressed as to this matter. Population base, market dynamics and socio-economic indicators will be the starting point in addressing this issue.

3. How would you reduce the amount of reviews and regulations in the land development process? *Again, re-visiting our codes and planning procedures. Hopefully with the completion of the Countywide Comprehensive Master Plan, this may also reduce some of the red tape, since codes and zoning will have to be addressed to come into compliance with the new master plan. The biggest issue I hear today is out sourcing professional services.. I think an in -house county engineer would be beneficial as long as the duties and job description pertained to land development processes as well as building. Additionally, the county could approve a list of engineers/consultants that would all be on the same page with Lyon County and with similar fee structures. Streamlining all processes should be explored. With impending reductions in county planning and building departments, we will have to become innovative in serving the public.*

4. What are your long term concerns with water in Lyon County? How do you plan to address them? *Protecting our water resources will be a critical and essential component in securing Lyon County's future. As a County Commissioner I*

would pursue an aggressive and pro-active approach in maintaining and enhancing policies regarding water issues. It is imperative that Lyon County leadership as well as other municipal leadership within the county implement a united front regarding water issues. Teamwork, with an open exchange of information between Lyon County Government, Walker River Irrigation District, Carson River Sub-Conservancy and the Truckee Carson Irrigation District will be paramount in the management and development of our water resources. Developers and builders should and will be an essential part of this process as well, especially with municipal water systems and GID's.

New and proposed planned unit developments throughout Lyon County ,as well as commercial development, must be innovative in water management, particularly in addressing storm water runoff and landscaping.

I will be dedicated to staying informed and accessible in representing District Five and its stakeholders regarding our water in South Lyon County.

Our agricultural industry is vital to our county. Hundreds of year round jobs as well as seasonal jobs are dependent on our farmers and ranchers. In order to maintain these jobs, water must be protected and managed. I will be active in working with WRID as a County Commissioner to insure that agricultural interests are represented at the county level of government.

5. How do you plan to address the County's budget deficit? *If elected I offer the following for 2011-2012 budget. First we need to quantify and measure productivity at department levels. We then need to incorporate line by line analysis and review at all levels. We have to take a fresh approach in how we conduct business with the public and eliminate wasteful spending. As for development and the building industry, we have to provide an environment within county government that will help in regenerating revenues countywide. It's time to be innovative and forward thinking with future policies and legislation. Public input must be solicited. Communications and exchange of information must be progressive and not an obstacle in going forward.*

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

I do support USA Parkway but not at Lyon County's expense.