

2018 Candidate questions

Whitman County Treasurer

1. What education and experience has prepared you to be County Treasurer?

I have a B.A. in Business Administration with a Finance Emphasis and a Minor in Economics from Eastern Washington University. I have been through Budgeting Accounting and Reporting Training through the Washington State Auditor's Office.

I have over 18 years of Government Finance experience with the City of Colfax and as Whitman County Treasurer. I am a member of the Washington Finance Officers Association, Washington Public Treasurers Association, and Eastern Washington Finance Officers Association (Past President 2011-2013)

The County Treasurer's Office is also the Banker for the County and all of the Special Purpose Taxing Districts. I have 5 years of banking experience working for Washington Mutual right out of College.

2. What three key things would like to accomplish as County Treasurer?

My next term as County Treasurer I would:

Keep up our excellent record of doing daily tasks such as, distributing taxes to the Special Purpose Taxing Districts and reconciling our bank accounts by the 10th of the month to make sure we know how the amount of funds the County has on hand.

Continue to send staff to State Auditor's Office, Department of Revenue and Washington Finance Officer training to keep up on rules and regulations that are implemented. (RCW's and WAC's that are passed by the State Legislature)

The Treasurer's Office currently has a great working relationship with the County Auditor's Office and the County Assessor's office. We must maintain the relationships.

3. What should the Treasurer's role be in supporting the local economy?

The Treasurer's role is to process Property Taxes in an efficient manner so that funds are distributed to the Special Purpose Taxing Districts so that they are able to operate and provide the Citizens of Whitman County with an excellent quality of life.

4. As Whitman County Treasurer, how will you work for a transparent, accountable, and efficient government?

We balance the County Bank Statements by the 10th of the month to let the Board of County Commissioners know how much money is on hand to operate. The Treasurer's office also keeps a close eye on Revenues from Sales and Property Taxes to make sure we are on track with what was projected. We work very close with the Whitman County Auditor's Office, our audits are improving every year.