

Four commissioner candidates vying for spot on General Election ballot

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The four candidates running for the Le Sueur County 4th District Commissioner position were asked questions about their family, their government experience, reasons for running, and immediate needs of the county heading into the Tuesday, August 9 Primary Election. Voters in Waterville, Waterville township, Kilkenny, Kilkenny Township, and Le Center will trim the candi-

dates to two who will then be placed on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

Here are the responses of the candidates:

Name: Lance W. Wetzel
Family: Wife - Jeni, Son - Landen (16), Son - Keegan (14), and daughter - Kinsley (4)

Occupation: Tri-City United School District- Maintenance/Custodian/Boiler Operator

Past government experience: Mayor of Le Center from 2007 to 2013; Le

Sueur County Commissioner District 4- 2014 to present - Currently Vice Board Chair; Le Center Area Fire Department- From January 2000 to present - Currently 2nd Assistant Chief; South Central EMS Board from 2014 to present- Currently Board Chair; South Central Emergency Communications Board from 2014 to present - Currently Vice Board Chair; Minnesota Valley Coalition of Governments from 2007 to present - Currently Board Chair; and Statewide Emergency Communication Board Strategic Board Member.

Reasons for running: I am running for re-election because I truly enjoy the job. I do my best to listen and communicate to find the best solution for everyone involved. I enjoy and respect working with the other commissioners, department heads, county staff and the public. I feel that Le Sueur County has a lot of potential and would like to see this proceed while living within our county means. I appreciate working with all of the townships and cities within District 4 that help make our county successful. I am always available for any questions or concerns and you can find my contact information on the Le Sueur County Website or by phone at (952) 217-3009.

What are some of the immediate needs of the county: Some immediate needs would be to try and



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stem more economic development growth and the ability to work with our senators and representatives to capture any or all funding possible. Also to promote our public safety: police, fire, emergency responders and emergency management to provide the best services possible. The county has made several necessary improvements within the county in the last few years and I do ask that if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Name: David Preisler
Family: Married for 35 years to Teri Preisler, two sons, Ethan and Cody and their spouses and grandson William

Occupation: recently retired after 28 years as CEO of Minnesota Pork Producers Association, previously served as the Le Sueur County Ag Extension Agent

Past government experience: Registered Lobbyist for Minnesota Pork Producers Association; Appointed

to Statewide Agriculture and Environment Task Force; Le Sueur County Planning and Zoning Commission; and Le Center School District Board of Education/Chair.

Reasons for running: My professional roles focused on serving rural Minnesota, listening, advocating, and moving to action to make things better for those I served. My experiences included successfully advocating with State and Federal lawmakers in the areas of transportation, health, tax policy, environmental compliance, regulations, and agriculture.

An example of getting things done that had a positive impact was the Ag 2 School tax credit that reduced property taxes for ag landowners. I initiated the bill, worked with legislators and multiple organizations resulting in a reduction of ag land property taxes in relation to school district building bonds.

No matter what situation or difference of opinion, I hold true to listening and being a voice of reason to bring forth thoughtful, effective solutions. Vibrant rural economies are critical. It takes long term relationship building and credibility to be heard when decisions are made that impact rural Minnesota. I have built those types of relationships at the local and state level and will work to gain outside resources for the county.

Advocating for small towns and our rural communities is my passion and I would like to continue that work for you.

What are some of the immediate needs of the county? I feel strongly that the county needs to concentrate

on growth. A small amount (less than 10%) of our tax base is commercial/industrial property. A more diverse tax base relieves the pressure on farmland and houses to fund the county. I would work with the county, cities, townships, and businesses to grow, which spans from daycare to manufacturing and more. Growth also helps to fund cities, townships, and schools. No one entity can do it themselves, it needs to be a team. Growth should not come at the cost of quality of life. It needs to enhance it.

We also need to grow housing that will support the needs of families and our workforce. As employees are hired, it is important to have enough housing for them to move into our county and raise their families.

It will be valuable to continue to facilitate the expansion of broadband consistently throughout the county.

Finally, the county is going to have to thoughtfully approach the current inflation pressure and adjust to the likely reduction in federal funding that has been received the last few years without putting a heavier burden on taxpayers.

Name: Bob Emmers

Family: I live in Le Center with Eliza Alsaker, we've been together for 10 years. I have a daughter and two boys, and Eliza has a son who passed away in 2015 at the age of 11.

Occupation: Corporate Controller / Treasurer at Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. Degree in Accounting, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for 20 plus years, Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).

Past government experience: I was councilman for four years for the City of Le Center and I'm currently on the Planning and Zoning Committee for the City of Le Center.

Reasons for running: The main reason I'm running for commissioner is to represent the citizens, businesses, and taxpayers of District 4 and Le Sueur County. We need to represent the interest of the people, by listening to the challenges and concerns that the citizens of Le Sueur

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8am	Volleyball Tourney Check-in at 8:00am at Sticha Park volleyball courts		
8am	ZJ's 5K Check in/registration at 7am on South Main		
9am	Kids Fun Run Registration at 8:45am on South Main		
9am-12pm	Old School House Tours 405 3rd Avenue SW		
10am	Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull Registration at 9:30am on South Main		
10am-1am	Beer Garden North Main until 1am		
11am-6pm	BINGO South Main until 6pm		
12-1pm	New Prague Dance Team North Main Street near Main Stage		
12-6pm	Kids Games/Inflatables Grass area near Something For All on South Main		
1pm	Grand Parade Line-up begins at 11:30am at Delaware/So Main		
2pm	Lonsdale FD Water Battle North Main Street		
2:30-3:30pm	Kids Bean Bag Tourney Registration begins at 7:00am at Command Center on North Main		
3-5pm	Farmer Appreciation Vehicle Fair DRS parking lot on North Main		
3:30-5:30pm	Shenanigans Live Music Main Stage on North Main		
4-6pm	Car Show Registration begins at 3:30pm on North Main, \$15/vehicle		
4pm	18+ Bean Bag Tourney Registration begins at 7:00am at Command Center on North Main until full		
6pm	Car Cruise Registration begins at 3:30pm on South Main, \$15/vehicle		
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