



Official On-Line Voters' Guide

Baker County, Oregon

Primary Election

May 21, 2024

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A note from your County Clerk and Candidate Statements from:

County Commissioner, Position 1

Michelle Kaseberg

Curtis W. Martin

County Assessor

Kerry B. Savage

County Surveyor

Tom Hanley

Hello Baker County Voter,

I would like to take a minute to say thank you for looking at our On-line Voters' Guide. You may be thinking that it is shorter than what you expected to see. For clarification, this Guide is an optional resource for which our County level candidates may choose to submit a statement. As you will see, for this May's primary election, four Baker County candidates submitted statements. In addition to the submitted Candidate Statements, you can access Candidate Filing forms for County Candidates, PCP (Precinct Committee Person) filing forms for both of the major parties within Baker County, and the Notice of Measure Election forms for the different measures that have been filed through their respective links. The links are found at www.bakercountyor.gov by clicking the "What's New" located just under the photo on the homepage.

The Primary Election is May 21, 2024. The majority of ballots are planned to be mailed out to voters on May 1st though some groups, such as Military and Out of Country / State Absentee, get mailed out a little earlier. Since this is a closed primary, you must be registered as a Republican or Democrat to receive a nominating ballot for those partisan offices. Those who are registered Non-Affiliated or any other selection will receive a Non-Partisan ballot. All of the county level offices in Baker County are non-partisan which means that regardless of party affiliation, all ballot styles contain the county level offices. The last day to register to vote or change your party is April 30. You may return your voted ballot by mail, deliver it to the Baker County Clerk's Office or drop it in any one of our Official Ballot Drop Boxes, which are as follows:

Baker County Clerk's Office

1995 3rd St., Ste. 150
Baker City, OR 97814
541-523-8207 www.bakercounty.org
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
Election Day 7am-8pm

Drive Up Drop Site

County Courthouse
4th Street Driveway
Baker City, OR 97814
7 days a week 24 hours
Election Day Until 8pm

Halfway City Hall

155-B E. Record Street
Halfway, OR 97834
Monday-Thursdays 7am-10:45am, 11:45am-4pm
Election Day 8am-8pm

Huntington City Hall

50 Adams St. E
Huntington, OR 97907
Monday - Friday 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
Election Day 9am-8pm

Richland City Hall

89 Main Street
Richland, OR 97870
Monday-Friday 8am-12pm
Election Day 8am-12pm, 1pm-8pm

Community Connections

2810 Cedar Street
Baker City, OR 97814
Monday-Friday 8am-12:30, 1:30-4pm
Election Day 8am-12:30, 1:30-8pm

If you decide to return your ballot by mail, it is our recommendation to mail at least 7 days before Election Day so that we receive it in time for tally of Election Day unofficial results. Post-marks do count, as long as they are post marked on or before Election Day and received in our office on or before May 28 through the mail, however, those results will not be tallied/reported until the final Certification release.

Those are some important highlights. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and my staff or I would be happy to assist you. We take pride in being your trusted source of election information.

Best Regards,

Stefanie Kirby, C.R.A. & C.E.A.

County Clerk

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Michelle Kaseberg
County Commissioner, Position 1

Occupation: Retired from 43+ years in Banking industry; current Rancher, co-owner of Mountain View Cattle Company, Inc.

Educational background: Baker High School Graduate; attended Linfield College 1 ½ years, Business major

Occupational background: Operations Solutions Manager – Umpqua Bank/Sterling Bank 16 years; Training Director, Marketing Coordinator, Corporate Secretary – Pioneer Bank/FirstBank 27 years

Prior governmental experience: Baker County Fair Board; OSU Extension Citizens Advisory Network

Optional information: Volunteer Service and Awards: 4-H Youth Leader (28 years); Baker County Cattlewomen (25 years); Baker County Woman of the Year (2018)

I am a proud, lifelong resident of Baker County (4th generation), raised on a dairy and cattle ranch operation here in Wingville. My husband and I raised our children on that same ranch and still proudly operate a registered Angus operation. Every resident deserves to be heard and respected, regardless of political beliefs and backgrounds, whether Republican, Democrat, Independent or non-affiliated with a political party. My 43-year career in the banking industry has taught me a great deal about the private sector, and how to listen and be accountable to customer concerns. Now in retirement, I am excited about the possibility of serving the community that has given me so much.

Curtis W. Martin
County Commissioner, Position 1

Occupation: Lifelong Eastern Oregon Beef Producer and Farmer

Educational background: High school diploma, Vale Union High School

Occupational background: Agricultural Producer, Lifetime Rancher

Prior governmental experience: Integrated Water Resources Strategy Rule making Workgroup (2010-2014); SB1010/Oregon's Ag Water Quality Management Plan Annual Review Committee; Advisory position with Confined Animal Feeding Operations; Current member of Oregon Cattlemen's Association Science Committee, directly engaged with Carbon Sequestration/GHG state policy, and the interaction on Eastern Oregon Ranching Sustainability and Economic viability; Oregon Cattlemen's Association President 2011 thru 2013, that required multiple interactions with State Government/Agencies representing the concerns, and advancing the interests, both environmentally and economically of entire Cattle Producing Agricultural sector of Oregon.

Optional information: Current member of Baker County Natural Resources Advisory Committee; current member Oregon Beef Council; Chair of Powder/Brownlee Local Advisory Committee overseeing Oregon's Agricultural Water Quality Program; Board member of Baker County Local Implementation Team dealing with Sage Grouse restoration projects/actions, current Board member of Powder Basin Watershed Council; Board Member with Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (representing Baker County); also member Powder Basin Total Maximum Daily Load advisory committee dealing with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.



Kerry B. Savage
County Assessor

Occupation: Baker County Assessor

Occupational background: May 2008 elected Baker County Assessor. I began my career with the Baker County Assessor's Office in 1987 as an appraiser; in 1989 I became Data Analyst and then Chief Appraiser in 1992. Prior to being elected Baker County Assessor in May of 2008 I had been the Assistant Assessor since 1997.

Educational background: Graduated from Baker High School in 1980 and later from Eastern Oregon University in 1985 with a B.S. In college my primary course of study was computer science and accounting.

Prior governmental experience: Elected Baker County Assessor in May of 2008. Appointed Oregon Heritage Commissioner in 2020 for the State Historic Preservation Office and just reappointed to a new 4 year term. Served about 6 years on School District 5J budget board before being elected as Baker County Assessor.

Optional information: I have been with the Baker County Assessor's Office for 36 years in various capacities and have seen technology change the way we maintain records and provide service. I have continued the effort of preserving records in a digital format that will be cost effective, easy to maintain, and available to the citizens of Baker County. We are again relying on technology to help create a path for the tax payers of Baker County to access these records. This effort keeps with my primary premise of being cost effective and easily maintained. This new procedure is still in the testing phase as we want to ensure that a quality product is available to all Baker County citizens. Our office has continued maintaining the scanning of recorded Baker County Surveys' with the help of the Baker County Surveyor's Office. We are now in the maintenance of scanning all diagram, and appraisal cards since 2021.

Married to a beautiful wife Ginger for 33 years, father of two sons Blain; graduate from Colorado School of the Mines and Product manager for Rocky Mountain Instruments in Lafayette Colorado and his wife Whitney who is a teacher at Leroy Elementary in Northglenn Colorado and Lee; graduate from Eastern Oregon University and currently a rural mail route carrier for the United States Postal Service.

I have been involved in the community with Scouts, Little League, YMCA programs, Baker County Man of the Year for 2000, BSA volunteer of the year in 2000, E W shrine parade coordinator for 3 years, a member of cohort 5 of the Ford Family Leadership program. In August 2015 I was elected the second vice president of Oregon State Association of County Assessor's, August 2016 first vice president and then in 2017 elected to be the president of the Oregon State Association of County Assessor's and currently a member of the education committee.

Tom Hanley
County Surveyor

Occupation: Engineer & Surveyor

Occupational background: Works at Hanley Engineering

Educational background: B.S. Engineering, OSU

Prior governmental experience: 1st elected in 1996

Optional information: None