

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

your name: Sabrina Meador
position you are seeking: County Commissioner District 3
political party: Republican

1. Tell the voters about yourself (family/jobs/hobbies or interests).

I was born and raised in Franklin County. I will have been married to my husband, Josh, for 25 years this July. We have lived northwest of Pomona on our small farm for 22 years. We have three sons Clayton, Willie, and Charlie. I love to garden, bake, take care of our livestock, and spend time out doors. As for jobs, I owned and operated a local dance studio in Ottawa for 11 years. I loved teaching, but as family life called I sold my studio to focus on my sons and to be a home educator. I have successfully taught Pre K-12th grade for 18 years with one year left to go. In addition I manage our small farm and have worked off and on with my husband in the road construction business.

2. Tell the voters about your past and present community involvement, listing voluntary, social, business and professional activities, and your participation in each activity.

Community involvement is extremely important in our family. With the best influences having come from my grandparents, Raymond and Ruth Carey, who lived by example to their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Their influences are still seen in Franklin County today. Their inspiration is why it was easy for me to have taught Sunday School and been an AWANA leader for 10yrs, plus other church duties. I also volunteered as the 4-H Shooting Sports and Eastern KS Western Heritage Coordinator, and was 4-H Council Concession stand manager, and club parent leader. Currently I help with the local Aviation Explorers Club, and help pack and distribute food at the Pomona Lighthouse Food Pantry, and Harvesters Pomona distribution.

3. Why do you want this position?

I want to be County Commissioner because after observing different operations of the County more closely for over a year now, I have been inspired to step up and help out. This area of the state is growing and I want to see Franklin County be the best it can be and I want to take a direct role in guiding it gracefully through future changes. I believe one can sit back and hope it happens or take action, get up, and make it happen.

4. What is your biggest strength?

I am a fixer, I see a problem and I want to find the best way to mitigate the issues and find solutions to a better more efficient plan.

5. What is your biggest weakness?

I am a recovering people pleaser. I want to make all things work for everyone but I constantly have to remind myself I cannot please everyone.

6. What skills do you have that differentiate you from other candidates, or what training or credentials do you have that are relevant to this role?

I have a long history of management, from dance studio, to school teacher/director, to farm and home, all while working within a strict budget. I am also a voracious researcher. If a problem needs solved or an answered found, I will sift through a myriad of information to find the proper and most educated results.

7. If you had a friend who was looking to move and asked for your description of living in Franklin County, do your best to convince us why they should live here.

Franklin County is a peaceful, beautiful place to live. There is a strong supportive community as long as you seek it out. The best part is it is just close enough, depending on where you live in the county, to go to the Kansas City area, Lawrence, or Topeka, for a taste of the bigger cities but there is still enough businesses here to supply needs and entertainment where one would not necessarily have to ever leave the County's borders.

8. Tell us what you would change/improve about Franklin County if you had the power to do so.

I would like to see better communication on the operations of the county to the public.
Find a cost effective way to train public works department's new-hire equipment operators more adequately.

9. What do you see as the biggest challenges facing Franklin County.

One of the biggest challenges facing Franklin County is finding future economic development plans that will complement the County's rural character by protecting the agricultural heritage all while sustaining an affordable place for all walks of life to continue to reside here.

10. Share your thoughts on the future of Franklin County. Where do you see it in 10 years?

Decisions made within this next year will be the determining factor for the future of Franklin County. I see two paths this could go. First: The county will become an industrial complex, with thousands of acres turned into industrial green energy, factories, and warehouses, along with numerous multi-family dwellings. Pushing out life-long community connections and families. The rural charm will diminish. The other path will be a slower growth where more single family homes will be built, a few larger business will locate here creating more jobs, the sense of community and rural character and charm will still be established, and those desiring a rural life style will continue to seek Franklin County out.

11. Why should the voters elect you?

I have a deep passion for the well-being of Franklin County and all of its citizens. I am ready to work diligently for those who live, work, and pay taxes here no matter what walks of life they have come from.