

## **Lyon County Commission – 2<sup>nd</sup> District**

**Ronald W. McCoy, Democrat**

**Occupation:** Business Owner - President of A-1 Pump & Jet Services, Inc.

**Years in Lyon County:** 50 years

### **What prompted you to run:**

I feel that with my 40+ years of managerial experience, I am in a position to bring a more professional managerial approach to the position and the council as a whole.

### **What do you see as the county commission's role to bring quality of life to the people of Lyon County:**

I believe that it is absolutely the County Commission's duty to help improve many of the factors that impact the quality of life for all of the residents of Lyon County. That includes both residents of the City of Emporia as well as the residents of all of the smaller communities in our county and the residents that don't live in town at all. Specifically in the areas of Economic Prosperity, Safety and Security, Transportation, Access to Healthcare, Adequate Housing and Educational opportunities.

### **What are your top 3 priorities?**

1. Develop some type of economic incentive program that will help our outlying smaller communities retain existing business and attract new business.
2. Bring a professional approach to the management and operation of a \$60,000,000 business enterprise, which is what our county government is responsible for managing.
3. I would also like to take a more moderate approach to policies put in place to reflect more of what fits in our county and not what some Metropolitan center on the coast thinks is a "good plan".

### **What do you think sets you apart from the other candidates?**

I believe that what makes me the best candidate for the position is my 40+ years of experience as a Business Leader / Manager. I have managed a county district hospital, and have run my own business here in Emporia for the past 31 years. As a private business owner I know what working within a budget means and how you do that. I also know the value of hiring and retaining good employees and providing great customer service. In private business that means managing your costs and revenue and not spending money you don't have on things you may not even need.

In our county commission that should mean working to increase our tax base by bringing in new business or even better, helping existing companies to expand. It also means holding the line on the mill levy and taking a hard look at where we do spend our money.

**If people would like more information, can they find you on social media, and if so, how?**

In my current capacity as the owner and manager of a private commercial business operation we have always limited our Social Media presence.

As a candidate for the Lyon County Commission, I do plan to have a social media account where people can find answers or ask questions. Hopefully that will be ready to go in the next 30 days.

**Anything else you would like the citizens of your district to know about you?**

Absolutely! I think it is important for people to know that I am seriously concerned about how divisive and negative our politics have gotten.

What I believe is that if we would all put as much effort into getting along and finding common ground as we do being hard headed and extreme that so much more would get done.

I would say that I am a middle of the road kind of person and I believe that the prevailing radical extreme policies and positions are only working to tear down our country rather than helping us do positive things.

I believe that those 5% - 10% of the people who champion the extreme policies in both parties are WRONG.

I have always been told that you can't get elected to any position if you tell the truth because the special interests will try to stop you no matter what.

I, on the other hand, believe that talented, skilled people, with actual good intentions to help the majority of the people they represent are the answer to our current dilemma.

I played TEAM sports my whole life in school and have since built a very successful business based on the sole concept of TEAMWORK. Hard work and teamwork are how things actually get done, and that is what I hope to bring to this position most of all.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely  
Ronald W. McCoy, President  
A-1 Pump & Jet Services, Inc.