

Lyon County Commission – 2nd District

Doug Peck, Republican

Occupation:

Retired: Kansas State Trooper (26 years)

Current: Lyon County 2nd District Commissioner (3½ years)

Number of Years in Lyon County: 46 years

What prompted you to run as a candidate for Lyon County Commission?

I have lived and worked in this community most of my life. My wife, Jane, was self-employed until her recent retirement. We raised two daughters, and both are graduates of Emporia High School and Emporia State University. I feel that this is the best way to give back to the community that we call home.

What do you see as the County Commission's role regarding / ensuring the quality of life in Lyon County?

I feel that our largest role is in the Economic Development of our community. That means:

- Bringing in new businesses, both small and large;
- Maintaining and assisting growth of our current and long-standing businesses;
- Encouraging housing development in our area that would help our community grow;
- Maintaining quality health care for all citizens;
- Ensuring that we maintain the county roads and infrastructure.

What are your 3 top priorities?

- 1. The yearly budget.** It has to work for the taxpayers and maintain the business of running the county. It is not an easy task. We have many agencies and county departments that bring us their requests for funding. We then have to sort out the needs from the wants. The needs will always come first, and then we have to prioritize the wants.
- 2. The employees that work for the county.** We are proud of the great folks that work for the citizens of Lyon County. They work hard day in and day out to provide the best service to our citizens. I realize that most of our budget goes to wages and benefits for our employees, but it is imperative to maintain our workforce. Once you lose an employee it takes time and extra money to train a new employee to take over that same job.
- 3. Help develop a plan for Economic Development for all citizens of Lyon County.** As a member of the Board of the Regional Development Association, I see the opportunities that can come our way in the future.

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

First of all, my experience. I am now working on the fourth yearly budget for the county. I feel that I know all of the county departments and what makes them strong and efficient. I

have talked to many people in Lyon County and I feel that I have their trust to do the job that I was elected to do.

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

My contact information is: Email at dpeck@lyoncounty.org; phone, 620-794-8471

Anything else you would like the citizens of Lyon County to know about you?

About the job:

- Weekly and sometimes twice a week Commission meetings;
- Other obligations, such as committee meetings that we attend. Some of these meetings start as early as 7:00 a.m. and others may last into the late evening;
- We take phone calls from the public;
- We attend public events;
- We regularly visit with all of the department heads;
- We attend road and fence viewings;

About me:

- I am a homeowner and taxpayer in Lyon County;
- I would appreciate your vote for re-election as the 2nd District Lyon County Commissioner