

WEXFORD COUNTY



PROSECUTOR

WILLIAM FAGERMAN

Republican
Did not respond

SHERIFF

GARY FINSTROM

Republican
AGE: 50
RESIDENCE: Cadillac
EDUCATION: Graduate of Cadillac Area Public Schools; associate's degree in law enforcement and police administration, Northwestern Michigan College; FBI National Academy.
POLITICAL CAREER: 1993-present, Wexford County sheriff.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 1977-present, Wexford County Sheriff's Office, served as a corrections officer/dispatcher, deputy, detective sergeant, lieutenant and undersheriff until elected sheriff in 1992.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? To provide the highest quality of service to the residents and visitors of Wexford County and the management of our tax dollars.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? To continue service to Wexford County and to provide a community that our children will want to stay in and raise their families.

CLERK

ELAINE RICHARDSON

Republican
AGE: 48
RESIDENCE: Cadillac
EDUCATION: Lake City High School graduate; attended Baker College.
POLITICAL CAREER: Appointed in 1994 to replace retiring clerk Don Linn; elected in 1996.

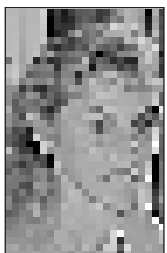
PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Manager of a title office at a local law firm; started working in clerk's office in 1982 and continued as deputy until 1994 appointment.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?

The county clerk's office is responsible for running this election, and it is my goal to run it as smoothly as possible, and to see to it that all details are covered.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I enjoy my job and try to do my best for this community. I understand that I am a public servant and am honored to serve in the capacity of County Clerk for Wexford County.



TREASURER

WENDY MOORE

Republican
AGE: 54
RESIDENCE: Cadillac
EDUCATION: Cadillac High School graduate; American Institute of Banking Course Study through Mid-Michigan Community College.
POLITICAL CAREER: Elected as Wexford County treasurer in 1996.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 22 years in banking, employed by Chemical Bank West as a vice president.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? Capitalizing on every opportunity to maximize revenue and control expenses. With looming budget cuts by the state, we need to use tax dollars prudently.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Experience in office and banking. Efficient staff with a "can do" attitude. "Opting In" to state program to administer delinquent tax foreclosures and principal residence audits has generated additional revenue. \: Growth in county delinquent tax fund has enabled us to become 100 percent self-funded.



REGISTER OF DEEDS

LORIE SORENSON

Republican
AGE: 43
RESIDENCE: Cadillac
EDUCATION: High School, Elkhorn, Wis.; various Northwestern Michigan College and Baker College business law courses.
POLITICAL CAREER: Elected Wexford County register of deeds, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 14

years of experience in county government.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? To continue my goal of upgrading technology in the register of deeds office for easy accessibility of the public records for Wexford County residents. My goal is to have all the real property records available on-line for convenient accessibility.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am the current register of deeds and have several accomplished goals in my first term, including restoring and preserving old books, upgrading office equipment, implementing new computer programs, purging and archiving old records.



DRAIN COMMISSIONER

MICHAEL SOLOMON

Republican
AGE: 60
RESIDENCE: Cadillac
EDUCATION: B.S., forestry Michigan State University, 1966; M.S., forest hydrology, Michigan State University, 1968
POLITICAL CAREER: Wexford County drain commissioner 2000-present.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Hydrologist, U.S. Forest Service, 33 years.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? Maintaining water quality in lakes of Wexford County. Water resources in this county are vital to our tourist industry and the reason many of us



moved to the North. We need to do all we can to protect these values.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My experience in water management and knowledge of local lakes and streams gives me a unique background to protect and manage water resources. I will work in partnership with cities, villages, townships and the State of Michigan to protect and manage our waters for the full use of all citizens.

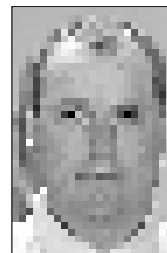
SURVEYOR

CRAIG PULLEN

Republican
AGE: 37
RESIDENCE: Cadillac
EDUCATION: Cadillac High School, 1985; B.S. degree in surveying, Ferris State University, 1989.
POLITICAL CAREER: First-time candidate.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Have worked with Wade-Trim Surveying-Engineering since 1989, currently vice president; licensed as professional surveyor in Michigan in 1993, Wisconsin and Minnesota in 1999.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Coordinating the remonumentation program. I can devote the time necessary to run this program smoothly.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have been a contract surveyor for the remonumentation program since 1993. I understand the program and grant issues. I can dedicate the time and have the organization skills to do the job well.



RICHARD WILCOX

Republican
Did not respond

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1

KERRY J CLAYTOR
Democrat
AGE: 47
RESIDENCE: Manton
EDUCATION: Associate's

degree in business.

POLITICAL CAREER:

None
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Title examiner for real property

TOP ISSUE/WHY? I was told that our current commissioner wasn't seeking re-election because of other interests, and I didn't want our district to go without representation.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am brand-new, just a regular person, and you can rest assured that I will do my very best to represent the majority of the people in my district.

LINDA STAHL

Republican
AGE: 41
RESIDENCE: Manton
EDUCATION: College
POLITICAL CAREER: No response.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: I have worked as a secretary in many different positions. I have also worked in management. I am currently employed at Manton Consolidated Schools.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? I do not have an agenda, but to serve in District 1 to the best of my ability.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My desire would be that you would exercise your right to vote. I feel it is a moral obligation. That you would vote for the candidate who has morals and values. Someone who would seek wisdom and make the right decisions. Thank you.



DISTRICT 2

LESLIE HOUSLER
Republican
Did not respond