

KEWEENAW COUNTY CANDIDATES

Question 1

What issues facing your community are of most concern to you? (100 word maximum)

Question 2

What would you like to accomplish in this position? (100 word maximum)

Question 3

What local fiscal resources can we tap and how would you use them? (100 word maximum)

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS – Six Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Richard Schaefer

Party: Democrat
 Occupation: Retired
 Education: B.S. in Business from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio '67; MBA University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, '69
 Background Information: I am a year round resident that retired from General Motors after 33 years' service. My career included both domestic and international assignments in Materials Management. This discipline involved Purchasing and Transportation and the ability to acquire goods and services of the highest quality for the lowest cost. My ability to thrive in this financial environment can be....

1. Roads in the county are in bad shape because the State has a low priority for maintenance. Residents need to be informed of sources and uses of funds and be given the opportunity to comment and be aware of all road repair. Resident involvement at the Township level should be one of the major responsibilities so there is a thorough understanding of the Road Commission issues at the local level. Residents need to be made part of the solution.

2. I would like to initiate more public transparency to the Road Commission. The Road Commission needs to be more accessible to the residents of the Keweenaw County so residents can express their concerns and problems. The Road Commission knows how to engineer and build roads. I would like to have the opportunity to apply my educational and business experience to help the Commission optimize the dollars spent to achieve the highest value for all residents. The county needs to spend money in the most efficient manner. For every nickel spent we receive six cents worth of value.

3. Recently the residents of Keweenaw County passed a 2 mils increase in taxes for road repair. This increase is not enough to repair all of the county roads. Consequently, all County residents should be made aware of the amount money that will be generated and where it will be spent. Keweenaw County residents are the customers and they should be given the opportunity to see where their dollars are being spent and have the opportunity to set spending priorities.

Name: Ed Tulppo

Party: No Party Affiliation
 Occupation: Motel owner
 Education: Calumet High School, Lansing Community College - Civil Technology, Hotel/Motel Management.
 Background Information: Grew up in Copper Harbor. Retired- Michigan Dept. of Transportation (32 Years). Michigan Tech Civil Engineering Dept. (9 Years). Copper Harbor motel owner. Over 40 years highway experience - Surveying, Density Testing, Traffic & Safety, Road Design, Soils Testing, Asphalt Testing. Lifetime of Keweenaw County tourism experience. US Army veteran. Member VFW, American Legion. Member Copper Harbor DDA.

1. Some of the Keweenaw County roads are in dire need of resurfacing. They are dangerous to ride on for motorists, especially for those on motorcycles, and we do get many of them touring our beautiful county. Keeping our roads clear in the winter is also a concern. We have residents, snowmobilers, and skiers traveling our highways at all hours of the day. We need to use our funding wisely to provide safe roads all year around. The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge needs to be maintained and run economically.

2. With my background and education I believe that I can be an asset to Keweenaw County. I grew up with the motel business and understand the whole Keweenaw tourism picture. My forty plus years involved with all aspects of highway work are also a plus. I have good contacts with MDOT and Michigan Tech. I have dealt with MDOT, County employees, and contractors statewide. I will do my best to use our funding properly to provide good, safe roads for the people of Keweenaw County.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 1 – Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Donald Piche
Party: Democrat

No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 2 – Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Raymond E Chase
Party: Democrat

No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3 – Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Del Rajala
Party: Republican

No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 4 – Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Vacant

No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 5 – Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Randy L Eckloff
Party: Democrat

No Response

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ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP

TREASURER – Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Laurel Ann Hamlin

Party: Democrat
Occupation: Retired District Accountant for CLK Schools
Education: Bachelor of Science Business Administration, Industrial Management Minor, Michigan Technological University 1986
Background Information: 1988-2013 District Accountant for CLK Schools Duties included: *Supervision of Biweekly Payroll, Accounts Receivable/Payable and deposits for five funds *Prepare and revise budgets for five funds *Prepare all funds for Annual Audit *Monthly Bank Reconciliations and Financial Reports for Board of Education *Administer Retirement Reporting *All State and Federal Reporting

1. The issues facing our community that are of most concern to me are the creation of jobs, maintenance of our roads, and sound fiscal management of our limited financial resources.

2. I would like to accomplish the execution of the required duties as the Allouez Township Treasurer with the utmost of integrity as well as create a welcoming atmosphere within the Township office for my fellow Township residents.

3. Local fiscal resources that can be tapped are limited and governed by the Township budget and County allocations.

Name: Julie Newman
Party: Republican

No Response

TRUSTEE – Two Year Term, Partial Term ending 11/20/16

Name: Chris Cronenworth
Party: Republican

No Response

AHMEEK VILLAGE

TRUSTEE - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Jeff Swanson
Party: Democrat

No Response

Name: William Lahnala
Party: Republican

No Response

TRUSTEE - Two Year Term, Partial term ending 11/20/16

Name: Dave Maki
Party: Republican

No Response

SCHOOL BOARDS

Question 1

What issues facing your school are of most concern to you? (100 word maximum)

Question 2

How are budget issues affecting your local school system? (100 word maximum)

Question 3

What would you like to accomplish in this position? (100 word maximum)

CALUMET/LARIUM/KEWEENAW - No Party Affiliation - Six Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Michael W Luoma

No Response

Name: Jason Wickstrom

No Response

Name: Daniel J Zubiena

No Response

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CALUMET LAURIUM KEWEEMAW – Partial Term Ending 12/31/16

Name: **Vacant** No Response

GRANT - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 2 Positons

Name: **Miranda Kilpela Davis** No Response

Name: **Staci Gibson** No Response

LAKE LINDEN/HUBBELL - No Party Affiliation - Six Year Term, 2 Positions

Name: **Kim Codere** No Response

Name: **Denise Lepisto** No Response

LAKE LINDEN/HUBBELL - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 2 Positions

Name: **Kevin Codere** No Response

Name: **Thomas M McConnon** No Response

HOUGHTON COUNTY TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

Osceola Township Road, Sidewalk, and Drainage

Shall Osceola Township impose an increase of up to 3 mills (\$3 per \$1,000 taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, 2014 through 2018, inclusive, for road, sidewalk, and drainage puposes which 3.0 mills increase will raise an estimated \$98,703.35 in 2014, the first year the millage is levied. If approved, the monies collected from each voting precinct will be spent in that voting precinct.

YES

NO

Schoolcraft Township Road Millage

Shall the limlitation of the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the unincorporated areas of the Township of Schoolcraft be increased by 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per thousand of taxable value) for a period of ten years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) and the taxes so raised be used for road repair and road improvement in the unincorporated areas in the Township of Schoocraft, raising in the first year an estimated \$23,500.00.

YES

NO

KEWEENAW COUNTY PROPOSALS

NONE