

I Promise!

District 4 is centered in the county, with constituents from Alto, Capitan, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. I intend to support all of my constituents in all areas of the district and all rural areas of the county.



The current commissioner in District 4 is also on the Joint Use Board (JUB) for the wastewater treatment plant with members from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. Unresolved issues are a problem on the current JUB. I intend to improve this situation with my vote in support of my constituents.

As a member of the Lincoln County Commission, all of my trips to the Round House in Santa Fe will be to represent all of the people all of the time and not special interests.

“I ask for your vote and will earn your support by:

- ***Protecting our hard earned tax dollars, and***
- ***Having two-way communications.”***



“You cannot build character and courage by taking away people’s initiative and independence.”

—Abraham Lincoln



I intend to have regular communications with my constituents. If you would like to be on an update distribution, please send me your name and e-mail. And, feel free to call or send comments or questions.

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Kathryn Minter for County Commission District 4



YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE!

Background:

- First in family, degree from Oregon State University
- Married 37 years to Harvey Minter, one son
- Member Bonito Fire Department, 4 years
- The Ranches of Sonterra Water and Fire Committees
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 years, Bellaire, TX
- Member NM American Society of Safety Engineers
- Environment, Safety, Fire and Health, Chevron, 25 years

Good steward of our tax dollars:

- Economic development by the private sector
- Stick to the constitution, enforce the proper role of government
- Support businesses, reduce intrusion by government
- Proper stewardship of tax dollars
- Ensure county departments have proper funding to operate efficiently

Good Steward of Our Tax Dollars

Economic Development by the Private Sector

The government should not be picking the winners and losers and using one business' taxes to support another. There is always the potential for crony capitalism. The current commission passed an economic development ordinance that legally circumvents the state anti-donation clause. Let the free-market system work.

Stick to the Constitution and Enforce the Role of Government



Government has critical roles to play. These include public safety, roads, infrastructure, schools, fair legal playing field, oversight of public services (senior centers, the hospital and clinics, the detention center and courts) and efficient use of tax dollars.

Support Businesses, Reduce Intrusion by Government

While advertising our community to draw new businesses is good, government programs that put private companies out of business is not. Our Lincoln County Transit System (LCTS) is a case in point. No public system has ever paid for itself. How can our two private taxi/shuttle services grow their businesses when they are losing their base and being undercut by the LCTS? They should compete in the private sector and not against government with tax dollars.

Proper Stewardship of Tax Dollars

What bang are we getting for our buck when we invest in county facilities and services or enter into contracts? The commission has approved economic development projects or potential projects with no return on the investment of our tax dollars. Case in point: A consultant to study "home based workers". Many individuals have taken the initiative to start their own businesses at home or find work that they can do at home without any government help. Many have planned their homes with shops, offices or studios so they can work at home. These citizens should not be asked to pay for others to work at home. Job creation is not the role of government.



Ensure County Departments have Proper Funding to Operate Efficiently

Our county staffs work hard to stay within their budgets. They are conservative with their expenditures. But, our commission approves new programs during the year. Our economy is not expected to recover soon and state revenues will be down. We need to concentrate on existing services and ensure that we do not waste tax dollars on unnecessary items. Let's avoid raising taxes.



Our county is growing. The county assessor is running a pilot project to make property records accessible over the internet, saving citizen and staff time. If it is cost effective, we should explore making other documents accessible and use 21st century technology to improve our efficiency.



I Will be Your Eyes and Ears



During the last few years, I have seen many proposals come before the county commission which were passed without input from the hard working taxpayers. 91% of our people are working each day to support their families and put their children through college. They do not have time to attend meetings and be heard by our commission. But, these are the citizens who will pay for the programs.

I promise, if elected, that I will seek your input through regular updates and think first of what impact this will be on our taxpayers. Is this new program or expense critical to the health of our community? I will protect our hard earned tax dollars and establish two-way communications with my constituents through calls, letters and e-mails.

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