

ELECTION COVERAGE

BONNER COUNTY ASSESSOR

We asked the three candidates running for Bonner County Assessor a few questions:

1.) What, in your view, are the most important responsibilities of the county assessor?
4.) What should be the priorities of the office moving forward?

2.) What are your qualifications for the job?
5.) Is there any specific message you want to send to voters prior to the election?

3.) What motivated you to get into the race?

RICHARD MILLER

Republican



1.
 - Accuracy of assessments valuations.
 - Reviewing legislative actions that affect property owners, businesses, timber and agricultural valuations.
 - A well-trained staff working together as a team with the assessor and updated software support are critical.
 - Improve communications with property owners.
2.
 - I offer over 40 years of administrative, finance, personnel training and team-building experience.
 - I know how to budget and allocate limited resources from working with my customers throughout my career.
 - I understand property values and have worked hands-on in many aspects of property management, development and construction which gives me a unique perspective in valuating

and assessing all stages of building and the quality of the structures.

3. I am aware of how difficult it can be to make a living in Bonner County. Assessed valuations directly affect property owner's budgets. As your assessor, I will work hard to bring in accurate assessments and reduce costs for the county and homeowners.

I believe it is my time to give back to the community where I have lived, worked and raised my family for over 20 years.

4.
 - Improving communications with property owners and business concerns.
 - Keeping property owners updated on any pending legislation, regulation, or changes in codes that will affect their interests.

5. The perception of some property owners in Bonner County is that they are not being heard. This needs to change now.

This assessment process needs to be equitable for all Bonner County property owners without regard to regional or economic bias. It will be my mission, as your assessor, to advocate for you with the utmost respect and equitability possible.

My core belief is government is to serve the people.

Voting is a privilege where we get to choose whom we believe will best represent us. This is a job interview, and I would like to encourage you to look at the qualifications needed for this position and vote for me May 15.

Editor's Note: We are only featuring candidate profiles for those running in contested races. We'll feature profiles again during the general election with primary winners.

AGE: 65

BIRTHPLACE AND RESIDENCE: Born in Alton, Ill., lives in Sagle.

PROFESSION: Specialty building contractor and craftsman DBA Dr. Splinter's Woodworks.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE: I have been filing and paying taxes since I was 15 years old.

EDUCATION: Master's degree

FAMILY: Married to Susan Arima for 25 years and have one daughter.

FUN FACT: Board member Life Choices Pregnancy Center. Board of Directors of Injectors Car Club. Enjoys building hot rods from vintage trucks.