

About the Candidate

As a student, I had an opportunity to learn from my father, the road base, pad site and bridge building techniques used by Paragon Construction and MJ Lee Construction. With that I learned how to achieve and pass density tests for road bases and commercial building pads. I learned in this industry how to operate and repair heavy equipment. I have over 3500 hrs of operation experience with self-owned heavy equipment.



James Hanning

JamesHanning.com

hanningforcommissioner@yahoo.com

Wagoner County Commissioner Dist. #1

Management & Leadership... I worked and was promoted within Thrifty Corporate supporting licensee companies on the West coast as mediator and a liaison. After 4 years I was offered an opportunity to join the Tulsa based giant, MCI World Com to support a customer base on the east and west coasts. For 5 years I managed and tracked over \$30 million monthly in my support base. During that time, I gained valuable knowledge in team building and leadership skills that helped my department meet and exceed goals. I developed and implemented software for use in order tracking and revenue growth reports that were used worldwide.

Business Owner... I was able to take my previous experience as well as my leadership skills to start and run my own restoration company. My company has mitigated and restored a wide range of municipal, private and public buildings. My company was privileged to have a life changing opportunity when we were recruited to assist the victims of Katrina in disaster relief. We had to work within

our means, we needed to be resourceful and learned to work with a network of other resources including governmental agencies all the while empathizing with the plight of the victims across the entire Gulf Coast.

A resident of District 1 for over 26 years, with family roots in Wagoner County going back several generations, I am a lifelong Republican. My wife Vicky and I, married for 16 years, have 3 daughters. I am proud to live in Wagoner County and would love the opportunity to serve you, my friends and neighbors.

Why I'm Running

I have first hand experience with the lack of response from our county official and the ongoing decline of our road conditions. I began to learn the responsibilities of the commissioner to find ways of improving our current situation. Once friends and neighbors found out what I had learned, I was encouraged to run for this office. Because of my business experience, I decided to become engaged as part of the solution in resolving the issues that have plagued our county for years. When I began to attend the Wagoner County Commissioner meetings, I saw first hand the true scope of our county's lack of response to the needs of its constituents.

How have I Prepared?

In order for me to be prepared for this position, I started to attend the weekly commissioner meetings in March 2010. I had the opportunity to meet other county and state officials that were very helpful in giving me information that would help prepare me for the commissioner's position. I have attended the Excise Board meetings who review the county budget and give recommendations to solve budget shortfall problems. I have attended the Wagoner County Economic Development Board meetings, which has given me more insight as to the growth possibilities for Wagoner County. I have met with individual departments within the Courthouse to review and understand the operation and needs of these very important offices. I have been invited to and attended Firefighter Association meetings to meet the men and women that give so much everyday. It is important for me to know the hurdles facing our volunteer firefighters. I have met with the Sheriff to discuss where Wagoner County could improve its' law enforcement program not only for the citizens safety but for our officers as well.



Top 3 issues for My District

1-Utility Infrastructure

Relationships between Rural Water District and City water supply- I'll make available the vehicle for dialogue to solve some of our greatest challenges within our county infrastructure. There is great opportunity for both county and city utilities to grow with the needs of the people if open relationships were to exist between the county and the cities. With the absence of leadership in our district, we have found areas of our county with more service than is needed and some without enough. This not only hurts positive growth but is a safety issue for many of our friends and neighbors.

2- Roads and Bridges

Roads and Bridges can no longer be patched and expected to last. With the amount of growth within our county, the roads simply cannot handle the stress they have been put under. Now is the time to work on our road infrastructure. It's been years since we've seen any substantial road work. It has been almost 4 years ago and that work was temporary shovel work for an election. Roads should not to be use as an election tool every 4 years. Our road base needs to be built correctly before thousands of dollars worth of materials are placed on top. Built correctly, simple ditch and culvert maintenance work should allow everyone in Wagoner to enjoy well serviced roads for longer spans between repairs.

3- Flooding

Flooding of our streets and neighborhoods is a serious problem. I will take an aggressive approach towards these issues. Through the Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved in June of 2009, there are many grants that can be applied for that would help with funding issues in regard to debris removal from bridges and water ways. These are (Hazard Mitigation Grant, Repetitive Flood Claim Grant, Severe Repetitive Loss Grant, Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant, Pre-Disaster Grant). However, there are steps that need to be taken by the commissioner or the county will not receive the available grants. Currently, there is a study that will be complete by this fall that will give some direction for the county to follow for current and future flooding problems. This joint effort of the Adams Creek Watershed Study was paid for by the City of Broken Arrow (\$335K) and Wagoner County (\$50K). Once completed this study will be a valuable tool for resolving much of our flooding issues. I will make sure that Wagoner is able to take full advantage of all the resources available to protect property and people in Wagoner County.

#1 Issue of My Campaign

There should be better transparency and fiduciary responsibility. We need to make county operations available to the public in a manner that is consistently clear and accurate. All too often proposals have been presented with little or no disclosure to the public. With this secrecy there will be a greater chance for mistakes and errors in judgment. The details of county business are not beyond the grasp of the general public and should not be treated as such. I will bring county business back to the people for their oversight. In doing so, most concerns and questions about where our county is financially, on road work status and on safety issues will be respectfully answered.

Communication between the Commissioner and Citizens is important. If elected, what are your ideas to increase the flow between them?

One of the issues facing this office is the lack of response or concern to its constituents. Throughout Dist. 1, there is an over whelming majority that have expressed concern that they are unable to reach the commissioners office or when they leave a message there is no return call.

Since the beginning of 2010, we have been speaking with residents about our push to bring better communication to Wagoner with a web-base resource site. With persistence and communication, the county has approved our request to have this web-based service implemented to allow better communication between the elected offices and the voters. We feel this is a great step forward for Wagoner. However, this first step will need to be followed with training and a format that needs to be adhered to. I will work to keep this service up to date with the latest information for everyone to see. We can not allow this service for our community to become another unanswered phone. Once I'm elected, this public office will start its open door policy to insure that everyone will feel welcome when they come to visit their county barn office. All concerns or suggestions will be met with respectful and dignified responses. I look forward to meeting all of you. Thank you for you support and your vote.