

*Douglas County Local*

*Voters' Pamphlet*

*Primary  
Election*

*August  
6, 2024*

**Ballots will be mailed July 16, 2024**

**Official Publication of  
Douglas County**



# This voters' pamphlet contains information about local Douglas County races and measures only.

For details on additional races, including federal, state, legislative, and judicial races visit **VoteWA.gov** or scan the QR code.

Additional races include:

U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, State Senator, State Representative Pos. 1 District 7, State Representative Pos. 2 District 7, State Representative Pos. 1 District 13, State Representative Pos. 2 District 13, Supreme Court Justice Pos. 2



## Important Dates

Ballots Mailed .....July 16, 2024  
Voting period begins .....July 19, 2024

### Last day to register to vote:

Online & by mail .....July 29, 2024  
In person .....August 6, 2024

Election Day .....August 6, 2024  
Ballots postmarked by .....August 6, 2024  
Drop boxes close @ 8 p.m. ....August 6, 2024

### Douglas County:

Certifies the election .....August 20, 2024

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### Local Jurisdictions Participating in the Election:

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Douglas County, Wenatchee Valley Fire Department, Douglas County Fire District No. 5

## State Offices



TVW is producing a Video Voters' Guide for candidates who filed for US Senate, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner and State Supreme Court. This is voluntary so it may not include all candidates.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone and you will be taken to the TVW Video Voters' Guide.

([www.tvw.org/video-voters-guide](http://www.tvw.org/video-voters-guide))

## Contact Information for Election Related Organizations

### Douglas County Elections

## Contact Information

509.888.6402

213 S. Rainier St

PO Box 853 Waterville WA 98858

[elections@co.douglas.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.douglas.wa.us)

[www.douglascountywa.net/elections](http://www.douglascountywa.net/elections)

### Public Disclosure Commission:

View contributors for candidates and measures.

Visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) or call toll free (877) 601.2828

### Douglas County Democratic Party:

- [DouglasCntyDemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:DouglasCntyDemocrats@gmail.com)
- <https://www.facebook.com/Douglas-CountyDemsWA/>

### Douglas County Republican Party:

- [dcrccemail@gmail.com](mailto:dcrccemail@gmail.com)
- [www.DouglasCountyRepublicans.org](http://www.DouglasCountyRepublicans.org)

## Accessible Voting



Douglas County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU).

AVU's are available in the Auditor's Office starting 18 days before Election Day, until 8 p.m. on Election Day. AVU's are wheelchair accessible, screened from other voters to maintain privacy, and can accommodate your headphones or sip and puff tools.

If you have questions or concerns regarding accessibility, please contact the Douglas County Elections Office at 509.888.6402.

## Replacement Ballot

If you have lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, replacement ballots are available. To get a replacement ballot:

<b>By email:</b>	<a href="mailto:elections@co.douglas.wa.us">elections@co.douglas.wa.us</a>
<b>Online:</b>	VoteWA.gov
<b>By phone:</b>	509.888.6402 or 509.888.6407
<b>In person:</b>	Douglas County Courthouse 213 S. Rainier St Waterville WA 98858
<b>Election Day:</b>	<b>**New Location**</b>
8:30 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Law and Justice Building East Wenatchee
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Douglas County Courthouse Waterville

## Returning Your Ballot

Drop boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time! Drop boxes are securely locked and emptied by teams of two trained election officials. Drop boxes are the most direct and secure way to return ballots!

Boxes are open 24/7 beginning no less than 18 days before the Election and closed promptly at 8 p.m. on Election night.

Mailing your ballot? No stamp needed! USPS recommends dropping your ballot in the mail one week prior to Election Day to make sure it gets post-marked in time to be counted. Ballots must be post-marked by Election Day.

## Register to Vote

Register in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

**BUT WHY WAIT?**

Update your registration today.

Log on to VoteWA.gov to get started. You can register to vote in person at the Douglas County Courthouse in Waterville until 8 p.m. on Election Day or at the **\*\*New Location\*\*** Law and Justice Building - 100 19th St. NW in East Wenatchee on Election Day from 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

For questions call 509.888.6402 or email at [elections@co.douglas.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.douglas.wa.us).

## Ballots will be mailed July 16.

If you have not received a ballot by July 23 or you need a replacement ballot call the Douglas County Election office at:  
509.888.6407 or 509.888.6402.

You may NOT be voting on every item in this Voters' Pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.

# Douglas County Drop Box Locations

### Waterville:

Douglas County Courthouse .....213 S. Rainier St.

### East Wenatchee:

Public Service Building.....140 19<sup>th</sup> St. NW

East Wenatchee City Hall .....271 9<sup>th</sup> St. NE

Office of Public Defense Building ...110 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE

### Coulee Dam

Coulee Dam Town Hall.....300 Lincoln Ave.

### Rock Island

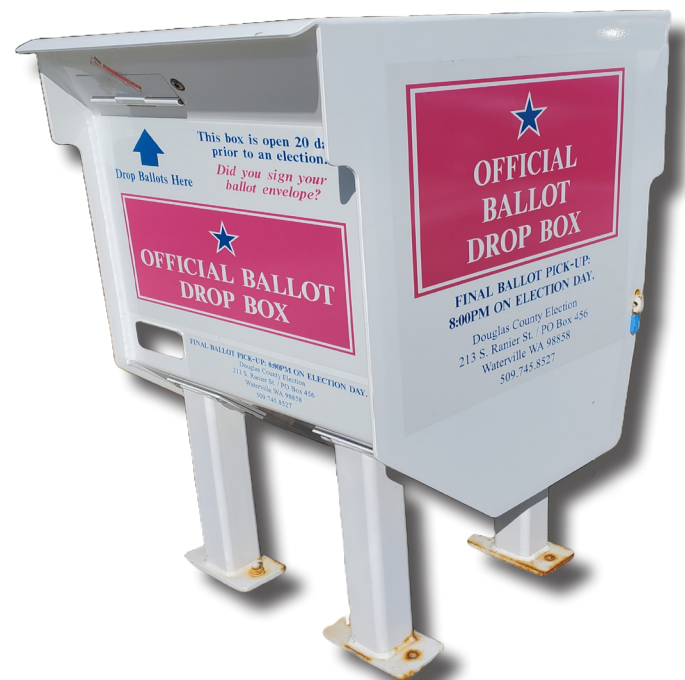
Rock Island City Hall.....5 N. Garden Ave.

### Bridgeport

Bridgeport City Hall ..... 1206 Columbia Ave.

### Mansfield

Mansfield City Hall ..... 26 Main St.



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Douglas County Commissioner 1 | District No. 1 | 4 Year Term

No Photo  
Submitted

**Dan Sutton**

(Prefers Republican Party)

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No Information Submitted

*Did you receive election mail  
for someone else?*

## **Send it back to us!**

Election mail is anything we send out to voters.

It could be:

- A ballot
- A voter ID letter
- A signature update letter
- Anything for a voter who isn't in your household

**When you send back  
misaddressed election  
mail, you help us keep the  
voter rolls up-to-date!**

**Write  
"Return to  
Sender" on the  
envelope**

## *Did You Know...*

- We offer an online version of the voters' pamphlet at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)
- We have drop boxes in all Douglas County incorporated towns.
- There is secure transport for all ballots coming from a drop box to the Douglas County Courthouse.
- Washington State is a non-partisan state. You do not have to pick a party when you register.
- All of Washington State has been a vote by mail state since 2011.
- Check registration, check voting history, see a voter's pamphlet, and more by going to [Votewa.gov](http://Votewa.gov)
- All voted ballots require dual custody. Election officials are never alone with a voted ballot.
- You are not required to vote for every race and measure. Your vote will be counted for the races and measures you do vote on.

# DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Douglas County Commissioner 2 | District No. 2 | 4 Year Term



## Paula Lamanna

(States No Party Preference)

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paulalamana@yahoo.com

### Elected Experience

### Other Professional Experience

Operations manager, program director, business owner, real estate agent, worked in natural resources, Fish and wild life, watershed restoration.

### Education

I moved from Priest River Idaho to East Wenatchee in eighth grade. I graduated from WVC with An Associates in IPM and biology. I went on to get my bachelors degree from WSU extension and UOP in sustainable business management.

### Community Service

I volunteered with at risk Youth through Solomons Porch, and I was part of the staff a stocking project for homeless and at risk youth. Delivered and made meals for shelters and homeless families.

### Statement

I am seeking the position of Douglas County commissioner with a strong desire to bring a positive outlook and fresh ideas to the table. As a commissioner, I understand the multifaceted responsibilities involved in policy making, and the administration of the county. Drawing upon my knowledge in project management I aim to implement effective strategies that uphold performance standards, and meet objectives within set timelines and budgets. I am committed to actively engaging with, and listening to the needs of our community from diversity, increasing jobs, infrastructure, natural resources, agriculture, and working towards solutions that benefit everyone. Advocating for the needs of youth, seniors, and veterans, is important to me. I am enthusiastic about enhancing resources available to them within Douglas County. I would love to be a part of this generation of commissioners that builds a solid foundation in our community; so as our community grows, the next generation can easily continue where we left off. Together, we can work towards building a stronger and more connected community. Our community is where life happens, let's be part of the solutions together. Thank you for considering me for this important role.



## Katie L. Shafer

(Prefers Republican Party)

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### Elected Experience

Douglas County Hospital District #2 Commissioner for 13 years  
Completion of new Waterville Ambulance Building in 2024  
Duties include governing of local Clinic and EMS Services

### Other Professional Experience

Umpqua Bank 2010-Present  
Community Manager overseeing 3 locations  
Former Realtor

### Education

### Community Service

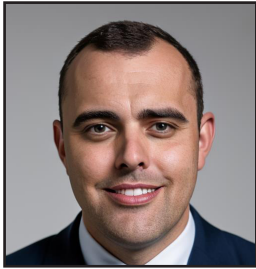
Notable engagements include,  
Host, 2023 Women In Business Event  
Supporter, Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services at Justice Gala  
Contributor of 2024 Apple Blossom Festival  
Annually involved in NCW Fair through financial support, volunteerism with various local boards and clubs

### Statement

As a candidate for County Commissioner, I bring forth a sincere dedication to our community, driven not by personal agendas but by a deep-rooted love and appreciation for the people and values that make our County unique. With a background in the financial world and over a decade long tenure as a Hospital District Commissioner, I am equipped with the financial acumen and steadfast commitment needed to effectively manage our County's resources. My primary goal is to ensure that taxpayer dollars are judiciously allocated towards initiatives that directly benefit our residents and uphold our shared goals and values. By running our County with the efficiency of a business and with the heart of a community member, I am determined to foster a thriving environment. The greatest difference each of us can make is to vote within our communities that we live and work in each day, I humbly ask you for your vote!

# DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Douglas County Commissioner 2 | District No. 2 | 4 Year Term



## Austin Flemens

(Prefers Republican Party)

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### Elected Experience

Executive board member, political action chair - Wenatchee Valley Firefighters, Local 453.

### Other Professional Experience

Fire Captain for Wenatchee Valley Fire Department. Sergeant in the US Marine Corps (3rd Battalion, 8th Marines) where I received the Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal.

### Education

Bachelor of Science Business Administration, Western Governors University.

### Community Service

Volunteer work for NCW Community Toy Drive, Toys for Tots, Operation Warm and Firewise community cleanup.

### Statement

I am running for County Commissioner because I believe in the transformative power of local leadership. Our community deserves transparent, inclusive, and collaborative governance, and I am committed to making our county an even better place to live, work, and thrive. With four years of service in the Marine Corps as an infantry machine gunner, including two overseas deployments, I honed my leadership, discipline, and resilience. Finishing my service at the rank of Sergeant, bringing these values into my current role as Captain at the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department. As your County Commissioner, my top priorities will be addressing the needs of our residents, promoting sustainable economic development, and ensuring our infrastructure is well-maintained through responsible budget management. I am dedicated to fostering a safe, prosperous, and vibrant community for all. My wife, a progressive care unit nurse, and I are deeply invested in the well-being of our valley. Together, we are raising our 8-month-old son and are passionate about the future of our community. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you and work towards a brighter future for our county. Your support will help us build a stronger, more resilient community for generations to come.

No Photo  
Submitted

## Jimmy Sherrell

(Prefers Republican Party)

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### No Information Submitted

# DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Douglas County Commissioner 2 | District No. 2 | 4 Year Term

No Photo  
Submitted

**Randy Agnew**

(Prefers Republican Party)

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**Elected Experience**

5 years Rock Island City Council

8 ½ years Mayor of Rock Island

8 ½ years Link Transit Board Member (Past Chairman)

8 ½ years Town Toyota Center Board Member

8 ½ years Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council Board Member  
(Past Chairman)

8 ½ years Douglas County Port District Community Leadership Advisory Group

8 ½ years Douglas County Solid Waste Board Member (Past Chairman)

**Other Professional Experience**

I am a computer programmer and business owner.

I design and write complete custom accounting systems.

Owned my software development business for over 30 years.

**Education**

ITT Peterson School of Business - Computer Programming Degree

**Community Service**

**Statement**

Experience matters, but it's the results that count.

I firmly believe elected officials should represent the people that elected them *first*. And then manage and run the organization they were elected to *for the benefit of the people*. Not to be a king.

From my personal experience and from every other Mayor and Commissioner I've talked to, the first term of an elected official that hasn't been in a similar government position before, is spent learning how things work. What they can and can't do. How to do the things you want to get done. Building the relationships that are required to get things done. As a small town Mayor, since you only have the most basic staff, you have to learn and do a lot of things yourself. I've spent the last 8+ years learning, building those relationships and getting things done. My first term as Commissioner will be producing results rather than learning how things work.

Some of the highlights of my 8+ years as the Mayor of Rock Island:

Budget has doubled; From \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000

Cash Reserves quadrupled; From \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000

Population has increased by over 60%

Kept taxes and fees as low as possible.

## Your Signature Matters!

- Remember to sign and date the declaration on the return envelope with your name printed on it.
- We compare the signature on your ballot envelope with the signature on your voter registration. This is how we know the ballot comes from you.
- How do we get your signature? If you register or update using a paper registration form, we capture the signature on the form. If you register or update through the Department of Motor vehicles, we capture the signature from your Washington State Driver License.
- Do not sign for another registered voter.

**VoteWA**

Visit [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov) for all your voting needs.

**VoteWA is a collaboration between the Office of Secretary of State and all 39 Washington counties to create an advanced, centralized system for both voter registration and election management.**

## Voter tip:

**Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!**

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).



# FIRE DISTRICT

## Wenatchee Valley Fire Department | Proposition No. 1

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### Authorization of Benefit Charge

**Shall the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department composed of (Chelan County FPD No. 1 and Douglas County FPD No. 2) be authorized to impose benefit charges each year for six years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.26.140(1)(c)?**

Yes

No

### Explanatory Statement

Wenatchee Valley Fire Department “WVFD” is responsible for providing fire protection and emergency medical services in your community. The WVFD is currently funded by a property tax levy of up to \$1.50 per thousand of assessed value.

This measure if approved by the voters would reduce WVFD’s maximum property tax levy to \$1.00 per thousand of assessed value and would authorize a benefit charge to fund up to 60% of the WVFD operating budget for an initial six year period. Extension of the benefit charge beyond the initial six year period will require additional voter approval.

A benefit charge is not a property tax. The benefit charge is a user fee designed to allocate the cost of the services provided by WVFD in reasonable proportion to the measurable benefit a property receives. The benefit charge is based on an industry accepted formula that takes into consideration fire flows, the square footage of structures, the type of structures and various risk factors.

The WVFD Governance Board has determined that permanently establishing the benefit charge will provide a more stable, reliable and cost effective method for financing the operations of WVFD and for maintaining satisfactory levels of service.

#### Argument For:

A fire benefit charge would take a fair and balanced approach, as opposed to the ever increasing changes in assessed valuations. Under a fire benefit charge, you pay according to the size, risks, and hazards of the building on your property. Residential homes pay less than higher risk industrial and commercial buildings. This is because it takes fewer firefighters and fire engines to put out a fire in a house compared to a large commercial structure. I want to pay the appropriate fire protection for my needs. Vote yes on Proposition 1.

Prepared by:  
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#### Argument Against:

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement for or against this measure.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

# FIRE DISTRICT

## Douglas County Fire District No. 5 | Proposition No. 1

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### General Obligation Bonds - \$700,000

**The Board of Fire Commissioners of Douglas County Fire Protection District No. 5 adopted Resolution No. 2024-1 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and install additional firefighting equipment, to issue \$700,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 11 years, and to collect excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2024-1. Should this proposition be:**

**Approved**

**Rejected**

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will authorize Douglas County Fire Protection District No. 5, Douglas County, to borrow \$700,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 2024-1, approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for the acquisition and installation of additional fire fighting equipment. The bonds would be repaid out of the collection of excess property taxes annually over a maximum period of 11 years.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, please contact the Douglas County Assessor at (509) 745-8521.

Argument For:

Argument Against:

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