

About the Candidate

Randy M. Patterson was born in Eureka, California. As an infant he was physically abused and at the age of two, he was sent to a foster home. He was the youngest of fourteen foster kids in a wonderful stable Christian home. At the age of 7, Randy was placed in the home of Ben and Lucille Patterson. He was taught that integrity is the only thing of real value along with your Faith in God. Over the years he has overcome many obstacles and has succeeded in every aspect of life.



He plans to serve the community of the First District of Wagoner by drawing upon his previous business as well as government experience. Patterson commands over twenty-years of business experience, including small business expertise, in which he increased delivery service for a local company and worked to introduce a new product to the Oklahoma area. He has worked in multiple professional environments and demonstrated competency in business ownership, sales and marketing management, business development, operations and customer service. His ten years of government service include serving on the Coweta Planning Committee, a Court Appointed Special Advocate, Wagoner County Road Maintenance, Wagoner County Leadership, and a reserve K9 Deputy.

Patterson brings not only his experience to the First District of Wagoner, but he also leads by example. Patterson with his wife, Leslie, of twenty-three years, resides in Broken Arrow and has two sons, Ben 21 and Jeremy 19. Prior to that, they lived in Coweta for thirteen years. Randy honors his faith by being active in his church and his patriotism by being active in his community. Open communication while ensuring optimum performance through conservative financial and resource management and motivating personnel are Patterson's hallmarks of excellence.

several ways. I have served for nine years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and have ridden with the Sherriff's department and eventually became a reserve deputy. I was also certified as a K-9 handler and know the value of these officers to our community. In that capacity I have developed good working relationships with those in the Sherriff's Department as well as the County Court System. I have also worked on Wagoner County Road Maintenance, addressing problems in creeks, on roads and bridges. I have operated many kinds of heavy equipment. My experience also includes serving two years on the Coweta Planning Commission. Recently, I completed Wagoner County Leadership in May, 2010, and have continued attending the Wagoner Board of Commissioners' meeting on a regular basis. I am passionate about helping others. I know how to represent individual wants and needs while addressing the overall concerns of those in the County. I will utilize my previous advocacy experience and after considering input from all parties, I can then make informed recommendations as your County Commissioner. I have worked with many departments over the past nine years of serving in the courts as a Court Appointed Special Advocate or Court Appointed Guardian. I have talked with the citizens of our district from Admiral to Hwy 51 and 193rd to the River and know their concerns.

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Wagoner County Commissioner Dist. #1

Why I'm Running

I am running for County Commissioner because I am passionate about helping others and I want to make a contribution back to the community in which I live.

If I am elected, I will address the flooding problems and accomplish reform in the water flow plans of District One, improve road maintenance by seeking out ways to more effectively repair roads and patrolling for current and potential problems. I want to look forward into the future to help build our economic growth and infrastructure stability. I want to ensure public safety through consistent communication with the public and coordination of government services for swift and safe disaster response.

My other concern is the potential relocation of Bell's Amusement Park to Wagoner with its accompanying animal shelter. We need economic growth. I want to search out companies that would benefit district one with economic growth. I want to be known as the Commissioner who said he could, he would, and he did. No longer business as usual! I want to work with district two and three to accomplish this. My commitments to you are quality service, demonstrated integrity, open communication, resource management, and financial accountability. I feel that I deserve the vote and confidence of the American people because character counts and I ask that you make me your First Choice for the First District of Wagoner County.

How have I Prepared?

I have already been actively involved in Wagoner County in



#1 Issue of My Campaign

Better service with character and integrity. I look forward to serving the people of the First District with integrity. I believe in leading by example and accomplishing things others said could not be done. When I owned my own business, my employees were never asked to do anything I would not be willing to do myself. I also enjoy a challenge and took on many tough jobs which others refused to do. Through hard work and surrounding myself with qualified employees who were also willing to work hard, I was able to accomplish the project (including many projects with local city governments and corporations), at or below budget. I communicated a price, worked with and worked through others and delivered with integrity.

Open Communication with Integrity. I had to be open minded as a Court Appointed Special Advocate to meet and coordinate with all parties involved to present all of the facts with honesty in the Court System being total unbiased. Also, as a Court Appointed Guardian I had to have open communication with integrity to take care of people who could not take care of themselves. When necessary, budgeting their income, paying the appropriate parties, and when required meet with professional medical personnel.

Character counts, not just in my business life, but also in my personal life. I have been married to my wife, Leslie, for twenty-three years and we have raised our two sons, who are pursuing their college degrees, to value relationships and to function conservatively with finances. When I was injured on the job, I did not file for bankruptcy. My wife and I worked hard to ensure that all vendors were paid. It was not easy, but it was the right thing to do. We must have service with character and integrity.

Top 3 issues for My District

The top three issues for District One that need to be addressed by the County in the next four years are: Flooding, Road Maintenance, and Public Safety.

My plan to address the flooding Issue is to aggressively search out problem areas in our creeks and clean out as needed. In addition, I will utilize my previous experience on the Coweta Planning Commission to plan and prepare for better water flow as District One continues to grow. We will do this and keep our cost to a minimum with maximum results.

For Road Maintenance, based on my previous experience negotiating, procuring and operating equipment and working with the Wagoner County Road Maintenance, I will seek out ways to more effectively repair roads. I will also implement patrolling of all roads, checking for problems in tin horn, ditches and vegetation growth. We will do this with accurate bids and maintain a healthy budget.

Thirdly, the issue of Public Safety will be addressed by consistently communicating with the public on evacuation plans in case of a disaster. I will rely on my previous experience as a reserve Deputy and Security Guard and I will work with the 911 Coordinator, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and Fire Department to ensure swift and safe disaster response. Emphasis will be placed on consistent communication with the public. We will look at adding sirens in areas not able to hear existing sirens. This will happen when monies are available. I talked with the Sheriff, Bob Colbert prior to this election about putting in a sub station in District One and he is still interested in doing so.

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

Consistency and openness are the keys to the flow of communications between an elected official and constituents. If elected, my ideas to increase the flow of information between the commission and the citizens are to create a consistent flow of information through local media, phone service, internet and an open door policy. The phone calls will be returned by your commissioner. Monthly updates on road projects, tree trimming and creek work to alert the public were they need to be cautious or take an alternate route. This will help keep our employees safe as well as the public.

In addition, openness will be addressed by communicating with local law enforcement and emergency management. I will work to put an evacuation plan together in the case of a local disaster. This will ensure safe and swift response by the constituents and the emergency response teams.

Cooperation, communication and the willingness to negotiate for the better of the County must come first from all three commissioners. This will allow us to share ideas, equipment and other resources and will save thousands of dollars in equipment and man power. How we function as District One also reflects on District Two and Three, as well as Tulsa, Broken Arrow, and Catoosa.