



Jefferson County Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Information

Full Name: Taylor Hackbarth

Office Sought: County Commissioner, District 10

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1. Why are you running for this office?

Please describe your motivation and what qualifies you for this position. My name is Taylor Hackbarth and I'm married to Jodi Hackbarth (a local of Talbott), and we have 4 children.

I'm running for Jefferson County Commission in the 10th District because I've grown increasingly disappointed with the current representation on our county commission. Like many of you in Jefferson City, Talbott, New Market, and the surrounding areas, I've watched decisions being made that don't always reflect the best interests of our entire community or make the most responsible use of the hard-earned tax dollars we all contribute.

As a business executive and business owner in our region, I've spent years building and leading successful operations with a focus on efficiency, accountability, and smart resource management. I know what it takes to balance budgets, prioritize investments, and deliver results that benefit everyone. I'm bringing that same proven approach to our county government to ensure our tax dollars are used wisely and effectively.

I'm stepping up to bring real accountability to county government. We deserve commissioners who prioritize fiscal responsibility, carefully review every budget item, and ensure our tax money is spent efficiently on priorities that truly matter to the 10th District and all of Jefferson County—whether that's maintaining our roads and infrastructure, supporting public safety and emergency services, investing in education for our children, preserving the natural beauty of our rural community, or

advocate for better facilities for our students—pushing for responsible solutions to long-standing issues at the school and highlighting the importance of investing in safe, modern learning environments for our children. Additionally, I collaborated with the Morgan Wallen Foundation and Dicks Sporting Goods to secure \$125,000 in grants that directly benefited our local ball fields and little league.

If elected, I pledge to be an open and accessible voice for all residents in the 10th District and across Jefferson County. I'll listen carefully to your concerns—no matter where you live in the district, what your background is, or which issues matter most to you. My door will be open, and I'll work hard to find practical, common-sense solutions that benefit everyone, not just one group, demographic, or special interest.

Jefferson County is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

2. Military Service

Are you a Veteran? Yes No

If yes, please provide:

- Branch of Service:
- Dates of Service:
- Areas Served:
- Highest Rank / Position Held:
- Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or Equivalent:
- Awards or Decorations (optional):

3. Previous Support of Veterans

If you have served in an elected position in this Jefferson County or any other political offices in the past, what have you done to support Veterans?

I have no previous experience.

4. Priorities to Support Veterans

Jefferson County has a growing veteran population of more than 4,000 veterans. Please outline your top 3 priorities to support veterans and their families.

5. Veteran Services and Resources

What specific actions would you take to improve access to veteran services at the county level?

Ensure to properly fund and support a full-time VSO and necessary staff.

What do you know about the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) program in Jefferson County and do you have a stance on reporting structure, or if this should be a Director position?

In my opinion, the VSO should report directly to the Mayor, but work at will and pleasure of the Commission.

What would you do to strengthen and support the VSO to ensure Veterans receive timely and effective assistance?

Ensure that the Veterans Service Officer's department is properly funded and fully staffed.

7. Additional Veteran-Related Issues

Please identify any other veteran-related issues you believe need attention in Jefferson County and how you would address them.

I am collecting this information and feedback daily as I meet personally with the veterans of our District. Once compiled, I intend to meet with the VSO and the leadership of the local organizations to develop a long-term plan.

8. Closing Statement or short biography
(Optional)

Signature:  _____ Date: 3/9/26