



## Jefferson County Candidate Questionnaire

### Candidate Information

Full Name: Jim Fox

Office Sought: County Commission District 8

Website / Campaign Page:

### 1. Why are you running for this office?

Please describe your motivation and what qualifies you for this position.

Running for County Commission is about ensuring a stable and prosperous future for our community without placing the financial weight solely on the people who live here. My campaign is centered on:

**Preserving the County Forward:** I am committed to a vision that moves Jefferson County forward while protecting what makes it special. This means investing in our future—improving infrastructure that has fallen behind, supporting our local schools and vocational programs, and managing growth so that development enhances our quality of life rather than straining it.

**Developing Diversified Revenue Streams:** Our current budget relies heavily on traditional taxes. In 2025, the County Commission approved a 4% property tax hike to address revenue needs, and the wheel tax was increased to support critical services like EMS, the Sheriff's Department, and school construction. I believe we must move away from this cycle by aggressively pursuing alternative funding. In October 2025, County Commission passed the Short Term Rental Resolution which I spearheaded as a private citizen, working on the resolution for three years and over 600 hours. This resolution can bring in upwards of \$6.5 million per year.

### 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 not served in any elected position in my past.

### **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.

My support for our veteran community is built on these actionable goals:

Strengthening the VSO through Citizen Input: I will advocate for the VSO during County Commission meetings, ensuring they have the resources needed to help veterans secure their federal and state benefits. I believe citizen input is vital to this process, and I will work to ensure our veterans have a direct seat at the table when commission decisions are made.

Increasing Community Awareness: I will use my platform to highlight the critical resources the Jefferson County Veterans Services office provides, from claims assistance to home visits for homebound veterans. By fostering a culture of year-round appreciation, we can ensure no veteran in our county feels forgotten.

### **5. Veteran Services and Resources**

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

1. Research/invest and support launching mobile outreach and satellite clinics
2. Expand telehealth and digital connectivity
3. Build/expand community resource networks

### **6. Veterans Service Officer (VSO)**

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?

I have spoken to Marissa King on several occasions about her goals, challenges and ideas for the future. With just two staff members, I don't feel a director would be helpful. I also do not believe this department should report to a part time elected employee. The VSO program should fall under the purview of the mayor just as all other non elected departments.

What would you do to strengthen and support the VSO to ensure Veterans receive timely and effective assistance?  
Be a chief advocate to elevate outreach and visibility

Work with and support the VSO with the creation of a Veterans Resource Hub, bridging the gap that currently exists in public information.

## 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 fully support the Jefferson County Veterans Tribute and the VSO in their mission to build a Veterans Memorial Park. This landmark will serve as a place of reflection and honor for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

## 8. Closing Statement or short biography

(Optional)

While I did not wear the uniform, I am a direct beneficiary of the sacrifices of veterans. My ability to seek this office and serve the community is only possible because of the freedoms they defended. Veterans are a vital source for our communities as civic assets. They bring unique leadership, discipline, and problem solving skills that make our local economy and community organizations stronger. Veterans play an indispensable role in the past, present and future of our county.

Signature: Jim Fox Date: 3/12/2026