

Rhonda Braun Announces Candidacy for Clerk & Recorder

Rhonda Braun, longtime Elbert County Elections Manager, has announced her candidacy for the Elbert County Clerk and Recorder. The following are excerpts from her announcement at the November 13 meeting of the Conservative Breakfast Association of Elbert County.

I am Rhonda Braun and I'm excited to announce my candidacy to serve as your Elbert County Clerk & Recorder. I am a freedom-loving, First & Second amendment supporting, Constitution loving, truth seeking proud American, and a follower of Jesus Christ. I believe in the sanctity of life. I believe in personal responsibility. I believe Lou Holtz's "Do Right Rule" covers most every situation - Do the right thing, do your very best, and show people you care.

I am a native Coloradan, and have been a resident of Elbert County for 29 years. I am married to my Superman - Tom, and we have raised 3 sons in Elbert County. We have 2 amazing daughters-in-law and are expecting our first grandchild in May.

I have served in Elbert County as a teacher, through church and youth programs, and through the schools and sports programs. I am a proud member of the Elbert County Republicans, the Republican Chairman's Club, and the Elbert County Republican Women.

A Clerk & Recorder has specific statutory responsibilities. In order to successfully fulfill these statutory duties, the Clerk may deputize staff to work on his or her behalf. Elbert County separates these responsibilities into 4 separate departments:

The motor vehicle department currently averages over \$1 million in transactions per month, and has a 92% approval rating by Elbert County citizens - the highest of any department in the county.

The recording department records documents, such as deeds of trust and land plats, and issues marriage licenses.

The Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners takes meeting minutes, schedules meetings, schedules Board of Equalization hearings, prepares and publishes notices and agendas and issues liquor licenses.

The elections department is responsible for the conduct of all primary, general, special and school district elections held in the county.

I have a great working relationship with the leaders of all these departments, and together we are dedicated to serving you!

I also have a working relationship with the County Commissioners and other Elbert County elected officials and look forward to working with them as we continue to address the needs of Elbert County citizens.

My passion is elections. I have served as Elbert County's elections manager for nearly 8 years, where my team has successfully conducted 15 elections, including 2 mandatory recounts, and a special district recall election in Teller County.

As your Elbert County Clerk, I will bring my passion for serving Elbert County citizens to all of the departments the Clerk & Recorder oversees.

There are essential leadership skills that will serve me well as Clerk & Recorder:

- ✚ I have worked to build strong, productive teams by encouraging communication and setting clear and consistent expectations.
- ✚ Multi-tasking while ensuring compliance with laws and rules and meeting deadlines is right up my alley!
- ✚ I'm not afraid to lead by example and put in the hard work.
- ✚ I enjoy working in a fast paced, high-pressure environment!

As Clerk & Recorder of Elbert County, I will strive to maintain and build on the atmosphere of service that the citizens of Elbert County have come to appreciate and expect. Remember when you are voting for Elbert County Clerk and Recorder - It takes BRAUN as well as brains to succeed

Rhonda Braun

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