Grant County Assessor Candidate Interview — 2026 General Election

1. **Please introduce yourself to our readers. Who are you, what is your connection to Grant County, and what would you like people to know about you personally and professionally?**
2. **Why are you running for Grant County Assessor, and why do you believe you are qualified for this particular office?**
3. **What experience, education, training, or professional background do you have that you believe has prepared you to serve as Grant County Assessor?**
4. **Many voters don't have much interaction with the Assessor's Office until they receive a property valuation notice. In your own words, what does the Grant County Assessor do, and what does the Assessor not control when it comes to someone's property-tax bill?**
5. **What do you believe the Grant County Assessor's Office currently does well, and what specifically would you like to change or improve if elected?**
6. **Washington requires property to be assessed according to state law and valuations to be fair and uniform. What would you do as Assessor to ensure that similar properties and property owners are treated consistently throughout Grant County?**
7. **Grant County includes residential neighborhoods, farms and agricultural land, small communities, recreational properties, commercial businesses, major industrial facilities, data centers, and rapidly developing areas. How would you approach the challenge of accurately and equitably valuing such different types of property?**
8. **If a Grant County homeowner receives an assessment showing a substantial increase in their property's value even though they haven't sold, remodeled, or made significant improvements to it, how would you explain how that can happen and how the county arrived at that valuation?**
9. **If a property owner believes the Assessor's Office has gotten the value of their property wrong, what should they expect from you and your staff, and what should they do to challenge that assessment?**
10. **What is your philosophy toward property assessment appeals, and how would you balance being responsive to an individual property owner's concerns with your responsibility to apply the same valuation standards throughout the county?**
11. **What information and measurements would you use to determine whether property assessments across Grant County are accurate, consistent, and equitable?**
12. **Agriculture remains one of Grant County's most important industries. What do you believe farmers and agricultural property owners should know about how you would administer agricultural and current-use property assessments and programs?**
13. **Grant County has experienced substantial industrial development, including data centers and other large and complex facilities. What challenges do these properties present for an Assessor, and how would your administration approach valuing them accurately?**
14. **The Assessor's Office maintains records for tens of thousands of parcels, including valuations, ownership information, legal descriptions, maps, and property characteristics. How would you use technology to improve the accuracy, efficiency, accessibility, or transparency of the office?**

15. **What information do you believe a Grant County property owner should be able to easily find and understand about their property assessment, how it was determined, available exemptions or programs, and their right to appeal?**
16. **Washington provides property-tax exemption and deferral programs for certain qualifying residents, including seniors and people with disabilities. What responsibility do you believe the Assessor's Office has to educate residents about programs for which they may qualify and help them navigate the application process?**
17. **The County Assessor is also responsible for managing an office and its employees. How would you describe your management style, and what would you do to recruit, train, retain, and hold accountable the people responsible for assessing property throughout Grant County?**
18. **If you are elected, what are your three highest priorities for your first year as Grant County Assessor, and what specifically would you hope to accomplish on each of them?**
19. **Four years from now, what specific results or measurements should Grant County residents be able to look at to determine whether you fulfilled the commitments you are making during this campaign?**
20. **You have had the opportunity to explain your experience, your approach to the office, and your priorities. What is the final case you would make to Grant County voters as they decide whether to elect you as their next County Assessor?**