

League of Women Voters of Wyoming July 2018
Albany County Assessor

The County Assessor serves a four-year term with no term limits. Annual salary is \$85,000 plus some benefits. No Republican filed for office.

What experience, qualifications and interests do you have that would encourage voters to select you for this office?

Grant Showacre (D): I have been valuing property with this Assessor's office for eighteen years, twelve serving as your County Assessor. I am a certified appraiser with 750 hours of continuing education. My eighteen years experience with all the office statutory duties helps with my leadership of a current staff of six. I enjoy serving this community in other ways. As a member of Kiwanis and the Eppson Center Operating Board, I can help make Laramie a place we are proud all of. I am also active with my church, the Eppson Thanksgiving Dinner, The Cattlewomen's Ranch Tour and other programs.

Please explain how the County Assessor's responsibilities are coordinated with other Wyoming County Assessor offices and the Wyoming Department of Revenue.

Grant Showacre (D): We coordinate with other counties at Association meetings and direct communication. During the Association meetings, we discuss statewide issues and review new information brought to our attention. We assist county specific questions using direct communication. I am a member of the Assessor's Legislative Committee. We communicate with the Legislature as an advocate for the taxpayer supporting a fair valuation process across the state. To help value properties fairly and equitably, Assessors work directly with the Department of Revenue and State Board of Equalization who work with and monitor all the Assessors, helping insure properties are valued fairly statewide.

How might you use additional resources to the County Assessor's office to deliver steady, timely and accurate assessments?

Grant Showacre (D): With a 21% budget reduction, our staff was reduced by 1/3 including a two person field inspection team. Additional resources are needed to increase field staff back to two inspection teams. Data collected from field inspections is the foundation of our valuation process. The State requires Assessors to physically review **all** real property every 6 years. Because of required inspections to new construction, remodels, renovations and sales verifications, one field team cannot complete all of the reviews the State requires. Office personnel currently give some assistance to the field team where possible without falling behind on their own statutory duties.