

League of Women Voters of Wyoming July 2018
Albany County Clerk of District Court

The Clerk of District Court serves a four-year term with no term limits. Annual salary is \$85,000 plus some benefits. No Democrat filed for this office.

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

Janice Sexton (R): I have worked in the Clerk of District Court office for 23 years; as the Clerk, I am finishing my 4th term. I have served as the CDC Assoc. President and am currently on the Case Management Development Committee. Our office has developed an excellent working relationship with the public, the other offices in the Courthouse as well as the Attorneys throughout Wyoming. There have been many changes in the office involving office space, case management systems, handling and location of the actual case files, and new Judges; I've seen all of these changes through successfully.

Given that the Clerk's office interacts extensively with the public, what changes would you recommend to policies such as summons for jury duty, requests for court records, or collection of fees?

Janice Sexton (R): Many recommended changes are already in the works; jury summons, questionnaires, notifications to appear, etc. that will happen on-line (we will actually be rolled out on this big change in the next few months), public access to court records and electronic filing is part of the case management development committee that I am serving on (we will be the pilot court for this change in September 2019), along with the new system, should also be the capability to make payments electronically.

Is the new judicial recordkeeping system making it easier or more difficult for the public to access records? Please explain?

Janice Sexton (R): The new recordkeeping system has not yet been implemented, but Albany County is set to be the pilot court in September 2019. The committee that I am now serving on has been meeting by Skype and in person over the last 18 months; it will indeed make it easier for the public to access records. Records are currently accessible to the public at our public terminal. We have to keep in mind and be very careful due to the very sensitive information contained in some of our cases.