

# APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CAMPBELL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Gillette, WY 82716**

Applicant Name	Scott Clem	Telephone Number	307-660-7141
Age	40	Registered Republican (Y/N)	Yes
Address	1802 Limecreek Ave. Gillette, WY 82716	Years as Resident of Campbell County	34
Education	May 2002, High School Diploma, Campbell County High School, 3.9 GPA December 2005, A.S. Psychology, Gillette College, 3.4 GPA January 2019, Ordained into the Gospel Ministry through a Baptist fellowship March 2025 (projected), B.S. Theology, Liberty University, 3.9 GPA		
Work Experience	May 2019- May 2022, Senior Pastor at Central Baptist Church Jan. 2015-Jan. 2021, Wyoming State Representative for House District 31 Nov. 2015-Oct. 2018, Group Home Coordinator at the YES House June 2006-Nov. 2015, Case Manager at the YES House		
Community Service	I currently sit on the board of the American Lands Council and the City of Gillette's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.  In the last 10 years I have volunteered in the following ways: -Community trash clean-up -Donation of items to the Soup Kitchen/Emergency Closet -Involvement in various Church/Youth activities and summer camps -Involvement in ministry programs for the elderly and those with addictions -Speech and Debate judging with the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association -Conducted funerals/memorial services -Assisting families/individuals in times of Crisis -Hosted Bible studies and offered biblical counseling.		
Past Political Experience (Boards, Elected Office, Party Activities, etc.)	Campbell County Republican Party: -I've served as a precinct committeeman from 2016 to present -The last two years I've served as the County Party Chairman -In 2020 and 2022 I served as the Chairman for the Wyoming State GOP Convention  State Representative in the Wyoming Legislature from 2015-2021 -Committees I served on include: Travel, Recreation & Wildlife; Labor, Health, and Social Services (Vice-Chairman); Corporation, Elections, and Political Subdivisions; Opioid Addiction Task force; Select Committee on Coal/Minerals Bankruptcy; and others  The City of Gillette's Parks and Beautification Board from 2012-2016 -Appointed to a partial term in March 2012 and reappointed to a full term in 2013 -Served as Chairman 2013/14; Seved as Vice-Chairman 2014/15		

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<p style="text-align: center;">Other Pertinent Background Information</p>	<p>My wife (Chelsie) and I have been married for 19 years and have 5 children together, ages 18 yrs to 20 months. Our oldest is attending Black Hills State University this fall, with the other kids (except for our baby) attending Campbell County Schools. Except for a brief time in my younger years, I've lived my entire life in Campbell County, and have a long history of public service and civic involvement.</p> <p>I graduated from CCHS in 2002 as a salutatorian and attended UW on a full-ride scholarship. At the age of 19 in January 2004, I obtained a spinal cord injury while snow skiing in the Black Hills. Despite this challenge, I went on to graduate from Gillette College, married the best woman in the world, and went back to work. Even with paralysis, I felt the duty to provide for my wife and our then, newly born baby girl. In addition to working for the school district, I worked at the YES House for 12 years, where I came to manage the residential group home. I later resigned and went on to pastor a local church for 3 years.</p> <p>At the time I first entered full-time ministry, I was also serving my third term in the Wyoming Legislature (2019/20). I am very grateful for the opportunity I had to represent the citizens of Campbell County in the State House. I developed a reputation of being very thoughtful, inquisitive, and developed a voting record of being among the most conservative members of the Legislature. Though I was asked to resign from the legislature (by church leadership) upon entering the ministry, I felt that was unfair to my constituents and would be a poor testimony. I decided to serve out the rest of term, and for the sake of the church I pastored, I chose not to run for re-election. While I know there are always exceptions to the rule, I think it's important to finish what you start.</p> <p>In May of 2022, the church deacons and I had difference of opinion with regard to the vision and direction of the ministry. This was a very difficult time for my family, and with tensions only increasing I felt it best to resign from the pastorate so that the church could find someone else to best fit what they were looking for. Rather than seeking full-time employment elsewhere, I decided to go back to school to finish my degree. I am scheduled to graduate with my B.S. in Theology by March of 2025 through Liberty University. Ultimately, I would like to continue my education in pursuing a Masters of Theology, with the goal of teaching in a higher education setting (like as an online adjunct professor) and serving in a local church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Why Does Candidate Desire to Become a commissioner</p>	<p>While my wife and I have sometimes joked about moving to a warmer climate, the bottom line is we love our community in Cambell County. It is where our extended family lives, where our kids go to school, where we have forged close and enduring relationships, and where we culturally feel "right at home." Even during the most difficult times of our lives, Gillette is where we have chosen to be. Living in such a great community, I feel a duty to give back the blessings that I myself have been given. I feel obliged as a Christian, husband, father, and community member, not only to preserve our heritage, but to build upon it for our prosperity to enjoy.</p> <p>Having a disability, I've discovered that I am limited in what I want to do. I'm never going to be able to serve my country in the armed forces, and I'm not the guy that one would use for hard, manual labor. I've been forced to develop other kinds of skills, and I feel I'm particularly skilled in areas of public policy and political involvement. My desire is to use the knowledge, skills, and tools that God has entrusted me with for the praise of His glory, and for the benefit of human image-bearers of God.</p>

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<p>What are the Top Five Issues Facing Campbell County?</p>	<p>1) The budget: In the face of decreasing tax revenues, Campbell County will need to look at ways to make the public’s money stretch. Every day, individuals are forced to live within their means, and so must the county gov’t. We must do so by providing the same great government services, being mindful of our savings and investments in public infrastructure, and by taking care of all our county employees comparable to that of private industry. There is a balance we must strive to maintain. Given our county resources, I believe we can do this without raising our county mill levy. In fact, we might even be able to reduce it.</p> <p>2) Public Safety/Infrastructure: Government’s number one role is to protect your God given rights. We must endeavor to provide the same great county services the public expects, which means giving the Sheriff, Fire Department, County Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, etc. the tools they need to keep our thriving community safe and the wheels of commerce well-lubricated. At the same time, we must discern between wants and needs, and strive to do more with less. While I’m not necessarily opposed to new capital construction, I think the primary focus should be on providing maintenance and increasing the longevity of our infrastructure and capital assets.</p> <p>3) Legacy Industries: Our way of life in Campbell County has been under attack for a long time by an out-of-control federal nanny state gov’t. Our ag community and coal, oil, and natural gas partners should not be vilified for trying to make a living. Our legacy industries have helped to produce a better quality of life and have carried Wyoming through hard times. We should do what we can to carry our legacy industries, not abandon them. Gov’t should work for people and work for the business community, not against them. At the same time gov’t should not be showing special favor to some at the expense of others. There must be balance to maintain justice for all. While this problem is far bigger than Campbell County, I am in favor of looking for opportunities to partner with those who share common interests to advance common causes.</p> <p>4) Economic Diversification: Campbell County (and all of Wyoming for that matter) would like to have another goose that lays golden eggs. We’ve been chasing after “economic diversification” for decades now, and it’s proven to be allusive. There have been all sorts of state programs and infusions of gov’t money (taxpayer dollars) to prop up new business ventures with lackluster results. I don’t know what the answer is, but I do know we should endeavor to learn from past mistakes, that we should not be wasteful of taxpayer dollars, and that governments of any size shouldn’t be picking winners and losers. At the end of the day, gov’t doesn’t create new jobs and industries, the private sector does that. I’m in favor of exploring new ideas and taking risks, while at the same time exercising an abundance of caution and wisdom, recognizing that gov’t has its own lane to stay in.</p> <p>5) Inflation/tax relief: This is more of a federal and state problem, but everyone in Campbell County feels the pinch. Inflation is driven in large part by federal gov’t spending and the Federal Reserve Bank (which isn’t federal and has no reserves). It affects all of our spending habits, including the county, as it pays for goods and services and must provide fair wages for its employees. Inflation is another kind of taxation that nobody voted for and has big impacts on the economy. Despite our small size, Campbell County should do what we can to advocate for common sense spending, conservatism, moderation, and tax relief at both the state and federal levels.</p>
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<p>How Does Applicant Plan to Enhance the County Commission?</p>	<p>In my capacity as a state legislator and in my service in the Wyoming GOP, I've made a lot of mistakes, shared in many successes, and developed relationships that I think could benefit Campbell County. I can't promise that I won't make mistakes, or that trouble will not find me (like it did when I openly challenged and defied the Governor's unconstitutional covid edicts—I was a pastor and sitting legislator at that time). When you don't follow the crowd—liberal or conservative—and stand for something like the state constitution, that bothers some people. What I can promise is that I'm much more interested in working with others and solving problems, not creating them. I think I have developed a good reputation in that way.</p> <p>As a pastor, I've had conversations with all sorts of people, and I always try to do so in a respectful way. I believe in free speech. I don't have to like what you say in order to defend your right to say it. I also believe in the law of love, treating all people with dignity and respect, because all humans bear God's image. Fail as I might to live up to those ideals, that's my heart. I think I can bring a sense of decorum and humility, working alongside other commissioners who share the common interests of our community's success.</p> <p>As a younger man with younger kids of my own, I know what people my age are worried about, and what I wish others in gov't would stop and consider. I don't want my kids just to become wealthy with a big home, or to become hedonistic. I don't want my kids worshipping idols like gov't, national security, or economic success. Don't get me wrong, material success and security can be great blessings, but it's not everything. I want to raise decent and moral human beings who value others, who want to do right by God and others, and who care about building a society that aspires to the higher virtues that we all admire (i.e. faith, hope, love, truth, justice, wisdom, courage, and temperance). I want my kids to live a society that is not just focused on the animalistic and base things of life (food, shelter, sex, etc.). A good and moral people comes from a good and moral society. That takes work. That takes cultivation. That's what I want to work toward.</p>
<p>Does Applicant Intend to Run for Election if Appointed?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>