

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

**Please remit by 5 p.m. August 14, 2024, to:**  
**Campbell County Clerk's Office**  
**Campbell County Courthouse**  
**500 S. Gillette Avenue; Suite 1600**  
**Gillette, WY 82716**

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Applicant Name	Ben Decker	Telephone Number	(307) 689-3315
Age	44	Registered Republican (Y/N)	Yes=> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Address	802 Beech St Gillette, WY 82716	Years as Resident of Campbell County	31
Education	Associate of Arts in General Studies from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (included most math classes required for engineering)  Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from University of Wyoming		
Work Experience	UPS - 6 years 4 months  Own and operate residential rental properties - 25 years Manage all aspects of building maintenance, leasing, and finances		
Community Service	Regular blood donor  Donations to non-profits		
Past Political Experience (Boards, Elected Office, Party Activities, etc.)	Delegate on resolutions committee - 2022 Wyoming Republican Party State Convention Precinct Committeeman - 2023 to present Delegate on nominations and elections committee - 2024 Wyoming GOP Convention		
Other Pertinent Background Information	Attended and watched many Commissioner, City Council, and various board meetings		
Why Does Candidate Desire to Become a commissioner	Campbell County currently faces major challenges. I would like to give my time to help on the path through these challenges to allow our community to continue to thrive. There is a way forward that will result improvement rather than decline.		

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<p>How Does Applicant Plan to Enhance the County Commission?</p>	<p>As commissioner I would aim to:</p> <p>Follow the Wyoming and United States Constitution</p> <p>Give time and effort to the mundane tasks associated with daily operations (e.g. find ways to provide the same level of service with reduced budget)</p> <p>Support the Fire and Sheriff's Department to allow them to continue operating successfully</p> <p>Maintain county infrastructure at an excellent level</p> <p>Provide equal playing field, and consistent rules to businesses within the same industry (e.g. require reclamation bonds for windmills and solar panels, equal county tax structure for different types of energy production)</p> <p>Work with City and State officials to achieve our goals.</p> <p>Ask and find answers to difficult questions to achieve better outcomes</p> <p>Communicate with the public to maintain transparency and incorporate their wishes</p>										
<p>Does Applicant Intend to Run for Election if Appointed?</p>	<p>Yes</p>										



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August 13, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

As a sworn Deputy of the Campbell County Clerk, I hereby certify that the person listed below is a registered voter in Campbell County, Wyoming, United States of America.

Name: Ben Decker  
Residence Address: 802 Beech St  
Gillette, WY 82718  
Date of Registration: 8/21/2018  
Party Affiliation: Republican

Witness my hand and official seal.

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Cindy J. Lovelace  
Campbell County Clerk

