



# KRSL/KZRS Russell Radio

## Election 2024

### Candidate Questionnaire

1. What is your name and what position are you running for?

Hello, my name is Kristin E (Schmitt) Bay and I'm running for Russell County Treasurer.

2. Talk briefly about your work experience, public service and private sector.

I have 5 years of experience working in the Russell County Treasurer's office. I'm presently working in the Ellis County Appraiser's office since May of 2023.

I have supervised over 30 employees, managed a balanced multi-million-dollar annual budget, providing budgetary input and justification for departmental headcount, facility's needs and salary adjustments. Also provided customer service duties working for Sprint, a Fortune 500 Company, for over 14 years.

Community Service:

- Past President of Russell Main Street Inc
- 2008 Kansas State Extension Council board member for Russell County.
- Previous Treasurer for the Amazing 100 Miles Tourism Coalition.
- Previous CASA Judicial District
- Previous representative of 12 Chamber of Commerce's and 3 Main Street Organizations well performing my Public Affairs Manager duties for Sprint in Kansas.

3. Why are you running for this position?

After working in the Treasurer's office for 5 years I want to provide excellent customer service to make the taxpayers' experience simple and fast. Be available to answer customer questions and address community peers' requests. Approve title work on a regular basis so that taxpayers receive their titles in a timely manner. Complete financial distributions timely so as not to impact other organizations' finances.

Hire, develop and retain employees so that we can provide excellent customer service.

Build relationships within the Russell County Departments as well as throughout the county and state.

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4. What goals or ideas do you have that you would work toward if elected?

I want to promote a “Team Friendly” environment for county taxpayers, employees and community peers.

Complete financial distributions, approve titles and reply to phone, and emails in a timely manner.

Build trust!!

And make your experience more pleasant or at least as much as possible while handing over your hard-earned money still staying within the state guidelines.

5. Anything else about yourself you would like to mention?

I was raised by Robert & Lyla Schmitt on the family farm south of Gorham. I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Russell County resident. I graduated from Russell High School and have a Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications Management. I’m married to Tony Bay from Dorrance, have 2 children and 1 grandchild. We have owned and operated a catering business since 2017. We have residential, agricultural, and personal property in the county.