



KRSL/KZRS Russell Radio Election 2024 Candidate Questionnaire

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

Teresa Brandenburg, running for District 3 County Commissioner

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

My husband, Luke, and I have been farming with his family in Russell County since we married in 2007. I have 20 years of non-profit and public policy experience, with the last 14 years spent volunteering on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Soybean Association. During that time, I served as the president, chairman, VP1, VP2, and secretary, as well as committee chair for Finance and Strategic Planning, Expo, and Board Management. I am a graduate of every leadership program offered by the American Soybean Association, and I participated in the Transportation & Infrastructure Action Team and have been a delegate to Washington, D.C., many times.

I hold a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, and I started my professional career as the Executive Director of Russell Main Street, Inc. When I stepped back to care for our first child, I substituted in both the Lucas-Luray and Russell School Districts before I took full-time teaching roles in Plainville, Osborne, and Natoma—a total of 10 years in the classroom. I have spent the past six years as the National Director of Operations for a youth development non-profit. I also served on the St. John Lutheran Church Board for a time, and I am currently a Children's Ministry volunteer at Celebration Community Church.

3. Why are you running for this position?

This is a significant time for Russell County, and decisions will need to be made that will drastically affect the quality of life for those who call this county home for generations. We need strong leadership from individuals willing to listen to the people and understand the needs of those in our communities. I want to serve the people of this county to ensure that their voices are heard and represented in the decisions that will shape our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren.

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

I hope to tackle the challenges facing this county- from water to infrastructure to access to key services, with a high degree of fiscal responsibility. I understand that as a Commissioner, I would be managing money that is finite and doesn't belong to me- it must be managed with care and used to serve the greatest possible good. We must also establish a strategic vision that provides for the future of our county without burdening citizens with excessive taxes.

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I also hope to bring accountability to the Commission. These individuals are elected to work for the taxpayers to manage the county as a business, and if elected, I plan to dedicate the time and skill needed to govern and manage well.

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

I have been described as a servant-leader, and the order of those words is meaningful to me. I aim first to **serve** the people of Russell County, and then work to **lead** from a position of heart and skill to make Russell County a great place to live for generations!