

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

Trisha Strobel- Russell County Treasurer

2. Give a brief narrative of your work experience and public service to your community.

I started working in the Treasurer's Office in 2013 as the Deputy Treasurer. I won the 2016 election and started as the Treasurer in 2017 and have been in office since. Through the Kansas County Treasurer's Association, I have received my certificate as a Certified Kansas County Finance Executive, which involves 102 continuing education hours. I have used this knowledge and networking with other counties to ensure efficiency in the office.

3. Why are you running for this position?

Some people may find it hard to believe, but I thoroughly enjoy my job. I enjoy the many conversations with customers when they come into the office. I like meeting and welcoming new residents that have moved here, whether they are from another county or state. It is a challenge sometimes when customers have a hard time registering their vehicle, but my staff and I work diligently to work through the problem, sometimes having to do research online, make multiple phone calls and send many emails just for one transaction. It is rewarding when the customers are so appreciative when we can get it done for them. However, we feel it is our responsibility to do it. That is why we are here.

4. What do you hope to achieve if elected?

My hope is to continue the positive, up-beat atmosphere that has been created. It is nice hearing from customers that they like, or at least don't mind, coming into the office anymore (besides having to pay money part). I would like to continue to work with the Commission and Administrator to find ways to either keep the increase of taxes to a minimum or lower them. This can be difficult depending on property values, inflation or major projects to name a few items. However, with my financial background and knowledge of taxes, I feel it is my responsibility to voice my opinion and facts on this matter.

5. Comments or other information you feel is important for the voters to know about.

I take my job seriously because I feel it is important that things are done correctly. We have the State, and sometimes the Federal Government, that we have to report to, so it is imperative that my staff and I follow their laws and rules and stay up-to-date on them. However, I have to balance that with trying to make the office as stress-free as possible for everyone. I am proud of how hard my staff works to achieve this.