



KRSL/KZRS Russell Radio Election 2024 Candidate Questionnaire

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

Hello, my name is Thomas Mahoney. I'm a lifelong member of the Dorrance community and I am running for the 5th District Commissioner seat for Russell County.

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

I am a retired airline pilot and have lived in or around Dorrance, KS for virtually all my life. In 1993 my wife, Heddy, and I started the Pro-Bound Sports manufacturing company in Dorrance which we still own and operate. This experience has provided us with an in-depth understanding of marketing, budget management, production scheduling, and developing creative solutions for ongoing business success. In addition, we owned & operated the Midland Railroad Hotel in Wilson, KS from 2010 to 2014. This experience provided us with new challenges in hotel, restaurant, and tavern management. Among other things, I am currently providing volunteer services to the Dorrance Historical Society. Additionally, I provide advanced flight training to interested parties.

3. Why are you running for this position?

I feel that it is vitally important for the more rural areas of Russell County to receive a higher level of consideration from the taxes paid to the county for local services. Considering the rapid increase in county taxation that each citizen is aware of, it is more important now than ever to guarantee that our tax dollars are being spent effectively and efficiently. I believe I have the experience to provide creative and critical thinking to either reduce the tax spending or at least get more return for the tax dollars being spent.

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

Cooperation and respect between representatives of the county commission is the priority to problem-solving whether it is approving spending for services for some of our surrounding small communities or the county seat itself. Also, the public must have easy access to a better understanding of the decisions leading to the actions being taken by the Board of Commissioners. This means more transparency as to the decisions the board is making, and in return, for the board to have more meaningful input from the community. Technology has provided us with effective tools to make that type of communication a reality.

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

Unlike some that are running for a position in the 5th District in Russell County, I do not have an axe to grind. I have actually lived and worked in Russell County (District 5) all of my life and I have never purchased a car tag outside of the county. I have traveled extensively throughout the United States and have yet to find a better place to live than District 5 of Russell County.

P.S. *Y'all is invited to spend the day at the Hayland Farm's 5th Annual Fly-In on Oct 12th for some good country fun, barbeque, and airplane rides. Bring the kids. Don't miss out! More information will be posted on Facebook or visit <https://haylandfarms.com/>.*