
General Information

All County Board and Commission members must be residents of Los Alamos County.

Once a resident fills out and submits this application, an interview is scheduled with the B&C's County Council liaison, the relevant staff liaison, and the B&C Chair. After the interviews, the applicants' names are presented to the full Council during a regularly scheduled Council meeting, where a vote is taken regarding the appointment of each applicant. Each applicant will be notified if they are appointed or not.

Only on-line applications will be considered.

If you are interested in applying for the Board of Public Utilities, please contact Jamie Kephart at 505-662-8132.

If you are interested in applying for Labor Relations Board, please contact Denise Cassel at 505-662-8047.

Profile

Board and Commission Application

Note: Please be aware that as a public entity, the County of Los Alamos, is obligated to furnish this information to the public if requested. Note also that current LANL employees, if appointed to a Board or Commission, may be required by LANL to complete a 701 form.

Cornell

First Name

G

Middle Initial

Wright, Jr.

Last Name

Street Address

City

Email Address

Primary Phone

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Alternate Phone

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Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

☒ Republican

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

LA Daily Post Article

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, which one? (Los Alamos County law prohibits residents from serving concurrently on more than one County board except as expressly approved in writing by the County Council before the appointment is made.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

I'd like to serve the community in a way that makes use of my professional skills and experience. I'm recently retired and feel that I now have sufficient free time to devote to this sort of responsibility.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

I have a degree in Electrical Engineering, although to be fair, my career was in computers, not power. For much of my 40 years with IBM and LANL I was responsible for technical project and team management along with ongoing technical duties. Throughout my career, the computer industry has seen very significant change and I have always enjoyed learning about and understanding new application areas and technologies. I see the BPU as a another interesting area about which to learn. Additionally, I worked briefly as a student intern on a project related to the construction of a coal-fired power plant and have retained an interest in the technology and economics of power generation and delivery.

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes.

**What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission?
(Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)**

I'm impressed with our county-owned utility structure and I'd like to help ensure its long-term success through good planning and decisions which are technically and economically sound.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

Minor interaction with staff a few years ago while getting a smart meter installed. Nothing outside of "normal consumer" interaction.

Are there any issue or matters, financial or otherwise, that you are now or might become involved in that may come before the Board or Commission for which you seek appointment?

No.

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Carlsten at 505-662-8261 or libby.carlsten@lacnm.us

Cornell G. Wright, Jr

Skills

- System design, software design and development
- Integration of complex and innovative software and systems
- Team leadership and project coordination across multiple organizations
- Broad range of programming languages and platforms
- Oral and written communication, presentation, documentation

Summary

- 40 years of software design, development and systems integration experience with IBM and LANL in a wide range of hardware, operating system, and high performance middleware and system projects.
- Extensive experience in small and large team environments as a team leader and manager.
- Bachelor's degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Professional Skills and Experience

System design, software design and development

- Designed and led the development of the high availability messaging component of IBM WebSphere Front Office for Financial Markets.
- Designed and led the development and integration of a standalone byte code interpreter for a new generation of IBM mainframe service processors.

Integration of complex and innovative software and systems

- As part of the procurement and integration of a new leadership class HPC system at LANL, developed specifications for an innovative extremely high speed IO subsystem targeted at improving system efficiency. Collaborated with the selected vendor to design the subsystem and subsequently led the testing and integration with LANL applications.
- Worked with application developers and system integration teams at LANL to integrate applications, DaCS hybrid programming model and system components.
- Integrated the high availability messaging component of IBM WebSphere Front Office for Financial Markets with service provider data feeds, multiple product components and applications.
- Defined the build and product quality tracking process for IBM WebSphere Front Office for Financial Markets.



LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS

April & May 2018

LOS ALAMOS

Cornell Wright

Applicant's Name

JEFF JOHNSON

Interviewer Name

BPU

Board or Commission

4-24-18 / 12:00 PM

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL: Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>Worked at IBM & LANL - currently retired</i> He has a technology Background; worked on a coal-fired power plant when in college Has been involved in large complex projects professionally
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <i>County - issue w/ next contractor & Diversification of economy for LAL DPU - WWTP; OLD INFRASTRUCTURE; NEW TECHNOLOGIES; Rate structure for new technologies; maintain High Quality service</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council? <i>BPU act as intermediary between DPU & Council; Has role in strategy & Basic management of DPU; ACT AS SUB-BOARD OF Council; Develop Policy for DPU & Track & Evaluate implementation</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Ability to comprehend technical issues & Project Plans - Ability to communicate w/ Council & other BPU members</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <i>Communicate w/ Stakeholders & Refer to Council</i>

6	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? <i>Understand constraints of organization - Talk to people about issues; Be a participant in discussion - LISTENING</i>
7	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? <i>NO B&C's went to a few Ski Board meetings about disposition of ski hill</i>
8	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Aware of Charter/Code Relationship not intimate w/ them</i>
9	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>Yes</i>
10	Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board? <i>Yes - Aware; No - not an issue</i>
11	Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you’re applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>No issue -</i>
12	<i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i>
13	Do you have any questions for the interview panel?

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LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS

April & May 2018

LOS ALAMOS

Cornell Wright
Applicant's Name

Utilities
Board or Commission

Tim Glasco
Interviewer Name

4/24/18 12:00
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

X Personally

____ Telephone

NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL: Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>Handed out a resumé. Has degrees in computer science and electrical engineering. Once worked on a coal-fired power plant project. Lots of experience in large project management.</i>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <i>LANL contract and taxability is right now a great challenge. LA being a single dominant employer community is also a challenge. As for BPU it is the DER with all electrical system changes. Concern about PV and rooftop solar and getting away from net-metering.</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council? <i>BPU acts as an intermediary between the DPV and CC. BPU proposes up to a threshold. BPU is sort of a subcommittee of the st Council. Board assists the DPV in setting goals and helps communicate to the public.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Ability to comprehend technical issues. Ability to communicate with staff and public. Understanding how the public views issues.</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <i>Be communicative, and cognizant of the expertise that DPV staff brings to the table. Feels BPU needs to defer to council on certain things.</i>

6	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? <i>Understand the constraints we operate under, i.e. open meetings act, etc. Be prepared and participate in meetings. Listen to public and to DPV.</i>
7	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? <i>Have not served on any Boards in the last 5 yrs.</i>
8	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Have not reviewed the Charter and Code. Has read through the BPV Policies and Procedures Manual.</i>
9	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>Yes.</i>
10	Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board? <i>Yes, he is aware and No, it's not a deterrent.</i>
11	Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you’re applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>No it is not a deterrent.</i>
12	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]
13	Do you have any questions for the interview panel?

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LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS

LOS ALAMOS

April & May 2018

Cornell Wright
Applicant's Name

Utilities Board
Board or Commission

Christine Chavira
Interviewer Name

4/24/2018 - noon
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p>Electric engineer/computer science. IBM for 33 years. Posted at LANL. then LANL - retired in 2017. Applicable - in college - coal fire plant - worked at Litigation - has been interested in power distribution - since then. Team leader/project management interests him.</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>Taxability of the Lab. Diversifying base - economic base - WR wastewater plant. migration to new technology - grid type solar - current - SNR project Rate structure - net metering is going to go away.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council?</p> <p>BPU acting as an intermediary b/t BPU + Council. BPU has certain duties - strategies, budget. Council is back stopped - Subcommittee of Council that focuses on Utilities business. Not direct operation. Assist in developing strategy, community.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Ability to comprehend complex subjects ability to communicate w/ Board, public Philosophy of governance - transparency.</p>
5	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU?</p> <p>Be communicative. Council recognizes its role - BPU has to defer to Council. makes recommendation - Board recommend -> policy - accept if not</p>

6	<p>As a board member, what <u>actions</u> would you take to <u>make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County?</u></p> <p><i>Understand the constraints the Board is operating under. Being a full participant in meeting and being prepared. Studying industry trends. Listening to people.</i></p>
7	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure?</p> <p><i>Not served on any boards.</i></p>
8	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p><i>Haven't reviewed - Just aware of and read. Aware that Charter - BPU policy document.</i></p>
9	<p>Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity?</p> <p><i>Yes -</i></p>
10	<p>Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board?</p> <p><i>Yes. Not a deterrent.</i></p>
11	<p>Currently, a few boards or commissions are "live streaming" their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you're applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p><i>No problem.</i></p>
12	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
13	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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**LOS ALAMOS COUNTY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU)
INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS**

LOS ALAMOS

April & May 2018

CORNELL WRIGHT

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Applicant's Name

Board or Commission

PETE SHEEKEY

4/24 12

Interviewer Name

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <u>EE/COMPUTER SCIENCE BS'S; IBM & LANL CAREER, A LOT OF TEAM LEADERSHIP, RECENTLY RETIRED. GOOD GENERAL TECHNOLOGY BACKGROUND, DID ONE SUMMER ON COAL PLANT DESIGN. EXPERIENCE IN LARGE COMPLEX PROJECTS.</u>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <u>COUNTY: NEXT LAB CONTRACTOR TAXATION. WOULD LIKE TO DIVERSIFY ECONOMY (LIKE IBM TOWN) UTILITY: WR WASTE PLANT, AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, MIGRATION TO NEW TECH LIKE SOLAR & CFPPE, RATE STRUCTURES; QUALITY OF SERVICE</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How should the BPU interact with other parts of local government, including county staff and the County Council? <u>INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE BPU & COUNCIL, STRATEGY, GOALS, MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT, BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. LIKE AN APPOINTED SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL. ALSO COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITY.</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>COMPREHEND TECHNICAL & PROJECT PLANS, COMMUNICATION SKILLS. GOOD PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNANCE: TRANSPARENCY,</u>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <u>BE COMMUNICATIVE, RESPECT EXPERTISE; RECOGNIZE COUNCIL AUTHORITY.</u>

6	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? <i>MAKE SURE UNDERSTAND FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS, SPEAK TO COMMUNITY ABOUT ISSUES, DO HOMEWORK FOR MEETINGS, IF COURSES AVAILABLE (EG POWER INSTITUTE COURSE) APPA LISTEN!!</i>
7	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? <i>NOT IN PAST 5 YEARS; WENT TO SKI CLUB MEETINGS & VOTED.</i>
8	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>GENERALLY, NOT IN DETAIL. LOOKED AT BPU POLICY DOCUMENT.</i>
9	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>YES.</i>
10	Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board? <i>NO, BOARD GETS COMPUTER & COUNTY E-MAIL</i>
11	Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you’re applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>NO</i>
12	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>MAIN EXPERIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/COMPUTER SCIENCE, HAPPY TO LEARN OTHERS</i>
13	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>HOW SOON MANY APPLICANTS? 3. COUNCIL HEARING IN MAY</i>

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