
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.

Ashley

First Name

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Middle Initial

Mathews

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos

City

NM

State

87544

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

☒ Other

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Posting at utility payment desk

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?

Parks and Recreation: Submitted

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

I hold a Masters Degree in Recreation Parks & Tourism Sciences from Texas A&M University and worked in the recreation/parks business for 7+ years as an employee with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. During that time, I worked closely with local park & rec department across the state. I believe my experience in recreation programming coupled with my work in recreation administration (budget forecasting, needs assessments, survey development, etc.) might be of benefit to the board. Additionally, as a citizen of the Los Alamos and a small business person, I understand the value parks and recreation services bring to the community so I would like to make a contribution.

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

-Texas Parks & Wildlife Department employee managing special events (festivals) and outreach programming to increase public involvement in the outdoors. Also with TPWD, trained members of the public on outdoor skills. - Texas Agrilife Extension Service employee where I worked closely with county government officials at all levels. Gained a better understanding of how local government works (politically and administratively).

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, I am available to participate in board meetings and other events/activities as needed.

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.)

At this time, I have no special interests or goals. As mentioned previously, I wish to make a contribution to my community and believe this topic/area is one in which my experience and education can be of service. I come with no agenda, but with an open/questioning mind willing to listen to the pros and cons of proposals, plans, ideas, etc.

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.

No previous experience.

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, I do not believe I have any current or future matters that would run crosswise with serving on the board. Additionally, my years of local government ethics training taught me that should I suspect a matter before the board could interact with my professional life, I would notify the board and exclude myself with discussions/recommendations, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or barbara.lai@lacnm.us

LOS ALAMOS

County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Mathews, Ashley
Applicant's Name

PRB
Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY
Interviewer Name

11/15/18
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. <u>1 YR IN LOS ALAMOS, OWN HOME RENTAL, BOTH EMPLOYED AT LANL, BA WILDLIFE/REC SCIENCES, MA PARKS & TOURISM, CO-DIRECTED TX WILDLIFE EXPO, WORKED AT TX PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPT WORKED WITH COUNTY GOVT SECITIES.</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>ONE ISSUE: SIZE (LAND) AVAILABLE & POTENTIAL USER CONFLICTS. THIS ALSO PART OF BOARD'S ISSUES, AS IS FUNDING FOR NEEDS & WANTS - PRIORITIZATION - NEW VS. TAKING CARE OF EXISTING. VARIED BACKGROUNDS OF LOS ALAMOS PEOPLE CREATE DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS.</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>WORKED WITH LARGE & SMALL COUNTIES, BOARDS ARE VOLUNTEERS WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS & AGENDAS ADVISE, FUNNEL VOICE OF COMMUNITY TO ELECTED DECISION-MAKERS. TRY TO RATIONIZE PROPOSALS & ACCEPT DECISIONS.</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>EVENT PLANNING EXPERIENCE HELPFUL. ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE - ESPECIALLY LISTEN AS UNBIASED AS POSSIBLE. 'IT'S NOT ABOUT ME' - FIND COMMON AGENDA FORMER GOVT/EDUCATION/RECREATION EXPERIENCE USEFUL. PER IS A BUSINESS.</u>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? <u>FIRST UNDERSTAND PERSONALITIES & RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOARD & STAFF. UNDERSTAND HISTORY OF RELATIONSHIP ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS, NOT TO MAKE PEOPLE DEFENSIVE.</u>

6	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 LAST 5 YRS, BUT EARLIER MEMBER (3 YRS) OF TX RURAL LEADERSHIP BOARD (HELP W/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT). ENCOURAGED SOME CHANGES IN APPROACH/FRESH PERSPECTIVE, DID GET SOME SUCCESSFUL CHANGES MADE.</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>NO</i>
8	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>
9	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</i>
10	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>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>MONTHLY MEETINGS, ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES. WE HOPE TO CHOOSE CANDIDATES (4) BY END OF MONTH, & COUNCIL APPROVE IN DECEMBER.</i>

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Stephanie Nakhleh
Interviewer Name

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Date/Time of Interview

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1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. S Moved 1 yr ago from Tx. Camped here & liked it. LANL employee. BA wild life, masters in Parks & Rec. Texas PR dept. Directed Tx wild life Expo. Lead of the becoming outdoors Program. Mentored PR staff to run programs on their own.
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.] P Limitation - physical size. user group conflicts. Funding is always an issue. Varied backgrounds of citizens - urbanites vs rural expectations.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? L Volunteers are there to funnel voice to county Council & to advise. So, to listen, understand resources, & voice opinion about path forward
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? S Ability to communicate, to listen w/ unbiased ears. Put biases aside. Reinterpret info so it can be heard by others. It's not about me. Parks & Rec. is a business, or close to it. Event planning also experience also might be useful
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? P Understand personalities involved. Understand history. open individual. Ask a lot of questions.

6 L	<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>Member of TX rural leadership dev. board, representing TX AgriLink. 3 years. Brought fresh perspective</p>
7 S	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p>NO</p>
8 P	<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>yes</p>
9 L	<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>NO</p>
10 S	<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>NO</p>
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Board or Commission

Linda Lundstrom
Interviewer Name

11/15/18
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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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>Physical property & conflicts between user groups Funding & prioritization of needs & wants</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>there to advise & funnel info to County. Role is to listen, pros/cons, resources voice opinion.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Communicate & listen w/ unbiased ears. interpret & understand the role former experience in Gov't + Parks/Recreation/Wildlife</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? <i>understand political environment & personalities involved between.</i>

6	<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>over 54 years ago!</i> <i>Texas Rural Leadership Board - 3 years -</i> <i>fresh perspective @ the time vs. previous years</i> <i>of no change</i></p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p><i>NO</i></p>
8	<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>Certainly</i></p>
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