

**Commissioner Currie to run for re-election as a write-in.**

Coeur d' Alene, Id-September 8, 2010-Incumbent Kootenai County Commissioner Rick Currie, announced his decision on Wednesday afternoon to run as a write-in candidate for County Commissioner representing District 2.

By filing as a Republican write-in candidate Currie seeks to retain the seat for a fourth term. Currie who sought and failed to win the Republican nomination for the Kootenai County Commission in a three way race has decided to make an attempt to retain his seat with a rare write-in challenge to the Republican nominee.. With an extremely low voter turnout in the May primary no candidate received over 40% of the vote. "It's integral to our democratic process to allow for write-ins, and I will offer voters a clear choice.

"I would not be putting myself and my family through this process if I were not so concerned about the state of the county. Currie feels that during these challenging economic times, experience, leadership, and continuity are essential to guiding our County into the future. He sees that the challenges facing the County revolve around economic growth, managing the balance between development and the preservation of our rural lands, and working to ensure the quality of our air and water resources. Currie maintains that balance among the various interest groups is crucial to maintaining our quality of life and economic stability; "I am going to keep on protecting that balance."

Currie, 63 a native of Coeur d' Alene , and a Vietnam veteran, is the senior member of the Board of County Commissioners. He has served on the Basin Commission, has voted to increase the public safety budget, and advocated for the waste to energy conversion project to enhance non-tax revenue. Currie feels his record of commitment to the citizens of Kootenai County is unparalleled as demonstrated by his experience, dedication, integrity, fiscal conservatism, and availability to the residents. "My door has always been open to my constituents, and it always will be," Currie says.

Anyone who would like further information or has questions may contact Commissioner Currie by telephone at 661-8617.