

# ***McDowell for Assessor***

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I am announcing that I'm seeking re-election to the Office of Kootenai County Assessor. I have the education, training and experience of more than 32 years in the Assessor's Office. I have served the property owners of Kootenai County as your Senior Deputy Assessor since 1983 and as your Assessor since 2003. I know and understand the many challenges of the office. I place a high value on quality customer service, professional development for staff, and cost effective operations.

Your Assessor's Office is a complex system of many diverse functions with a central mission to insure the fairness of our local tax system. A qualified Assessor must understand appraisal, mapping, vehicle licensing and titling, customer service, and personnel management and motivation.

The Kootenai County Assessor is charged with valuing over 84,000 parcels of property with a net taxable value of over \$14 Billion dollars. The Assessor maintains the single largest database of property information in the county, and maintains over 1,000 digital maps to track property ownership. The vehicle license division of the Assessor's Office registers over 100,000 cars and trucks each year and handles more than \$10 million dollars in license revenue.

The primary source of funding for most local services comes from our property tax payments. We could not have police, fire, schools, and roads without them. The fairness of the system that we use to distribute the burden for paying these taxes is dependent upon an equitable assessment of all taxable property within our county.

During this next term some primary areas of focus will be to carefully track the decline in our real estate market the past two years and reflect those changes in our assessments. We also will work with our legislators to maintain the balance in our state's tax system and guard against shifting state tax burdens to local property tax payers.

We have a well-trained professional staff in place in the Assessor's Office. We have an experienced group of managers who work well as a team. I plan to continue our long-standing tradition of professionalism and quality customer service that the Assessor's Office is known for, and I pledge that I will continue to have an open door to listen to our property owners in Kootenai County.

**MICHAEL G. (Mike) McDOWELL**  
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

### **PERSONAL**

- 4th Generation Kootenai County Native; age 55
- Married 30 years; wife Kathy (Meyers)
- Two children; Nick age 29, Heather age 27
- Granddaughter; Kaylee, age 2
- Local property owner and taxpayer since 1973

### **PROFESSIONAL**

- Graduated N.I.C. with honors A.A.S. in Architectural Drafting in 1977
- Mapping Division Manager for Kootenai County – 1977 to 1983
- Senior Deputy Assessor – 1983 to 2003
- Kootenai County Assessor from 2003 to present
- Coeur d' Alene City Councilman 1991 to 1996
- Idaho State Certified Ad Valorem Appraiser
- Vice President, Idaho Association of County Assessors
- Past Chair, Idaho Association of County Assessors Mapping Committee
- Member of the International Association of Assessing Officers since 1983
- Member of the Idaho Association of Assessment Personnel
- 1992 Graduate of Leadership Coeur d' Alene
- Past Member, Kootenai G.I.S. Consortium Steering Committee
- Past Member, Idaho Geo-spatial Committee
- 2007 Idaho Assessor of the Year – I.A.C. Mills-Adler Award

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Idaho Panhandle Kiwanis (President - 2003)
- Coeur d' Alene Parks and Recreation Commission (1991 – present)
- Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (precinct committeeman)
- Coeur d' Alene Area Chamber of Commerce Commodores (past member)
- Knights of Columbus Council 1363 (3<sup>rd</sup> degree member)
- Cd'A Public Golf Club Inc., Board of Directors and Vice Pres. (1996-2000)
- Lake City Senior Center (Board Member 1991 – 1996)
- St. Pius X Parish Council (past member)
- Centennial Trail Foundation (past board member)
- Idaho Panhandle Council – Boy Scout Troop 2 (merit badge councilor)
- Coeur d' Alene Men's Golf Club, President 1993, Vice President 1992