

## **SALINA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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### **Saline County Treasurer**

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**Please limit responses to the questions to 200 words per question.**

**1. Why are you seeking this position and what are your qualifications?**

I have had a genuine interest in finance and budgeting most of my life.

Before my bid for the county treasurers office, I was the general manager for several \$100 million retail operations. I am no stranger to delivering on budget, and driving results. I have also secured certification from the Kansas County Treasurer’s Association in June 2024.

**2. What do you see as the top three areas in the County Treasurer’s office that need immediate attention? How would you address them?**

Tag office employee retention (turnover reduction), continued re-investment in non exempt wages, and supporting the Kansas

County Treasurers Association's efforts in shifting the fees collected and retained by the state back to the county tag offices.

Kansas County Treasurers are tasked with managing and operating the tag office as agents of the state. Over the past 17 years, the Kansas Department of Revenue in conjunction with state legislature, have shifted many job responsibilities and operational costs from the state to the county level, without adjusting the fee reimbursement schedule.

If elected, I will continue to work with our legislature to be an advocate for the taxpayer; shifting fees collected by the state back to our counties where the work is being done so we may better serve the customer.