

PRESS RELEASE

Former commissioner Tom Mathers announces his bid for District 3 seat

Craig, CO -- Moffat County native, business owner, farmer/ rancher Tom Mathers announced today he will run against Frank Moe for the District 3 commissioner seat.

Mathers, 68, would bring 12 years of experience to the job, something he believes could benefit Moffat County now more than ever.

If elected, Mathers, a Republican, would be serving his fourth term over a 30-year span, having served as a Moffat County Commissioner from 1988-1991 and again from 2008-2015.

"In my last term as commissioner, I was fighting to keep what we had, playing defense against federal rules and regulations that were crammed down our throats and stifled our growth and economy. I would like a chance to work with the Trump administration to bring prosperity and confidence back to Moffat County."

That starts with common sense budgeting, so we can spend our tax dollars on projects and people instead of paying outside entities to tell us where we should spend it.

The commissioners are facing some of the toughest decisions in the budgeting process that anyone should have to face. If elected, I think I could bring a fresh perspective based on the years of experience I have in budgeting and decision making.

People who have worked with Mathers say he's level-headed, a great communicator and a great listener. He's not afraid to make hard decisions, but listens to all sides before forming an opinion.

"The most important thing that I learned as a commissioner was that you need to drive the county roads and spend time with the people in every county department. If you're going to be making decisions that affect people's lives, you should understand who they are, what they do and what their concerns are," he said.

Moffat County's boom and bust cycle is nothing new to Mathers.

"I've seen bad times and good times, and I've seen people go from rags to riches and back again in Moffat County," Mathers said. "We have challenges, but there are a lot of positive things happening too. We need to hear about the good, not just the bad."

"I believe the best way for Moffat County to grow is to make it easier for people to start businesses by cutting rules and regulations and get government out of the way."

Mathers' has deep roots in Moffat County. When not running his business with his brother Michael, he spends his time on the ranch where his grandparents homesteaded, fulfilling his granddad's dreams of growing trees in an arid climate. His wife, Stacey, is a gospel singer and co-owner of Cornerstone Realty, LTD in Craig.

"Moffat County is made up of good, caring, friendly people," he said. "I'm proud to call them my friends and to call Moffat County my home. There's no place we'd rather be."

Thank you and I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election.