

# Frank Jewell for County Commissioner

First District, St. Louis County

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As I visit with folks throughout the district, I am often asked what a county commissioner does. This question has prompted me to put together a few facts I'd like to share with you about St. Louis County and what a commissioner does for you. If you have any questions you'd like to ask me, please don't hesitate to give me a call some evening.

## What does a County Commissioner do?

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Among other things, the county commissioners...

- ★ Determine maximum number of county employees, negotiate and approve those county employee labor agreements
- ★ Oversee the purchases of equipment and supplies for use by the county
- ★ Continually review and evaluate the administration of county services and programs
- ★ Review and adjust and adopt the annual county budget and programs- these are presented to the board by the county administration or the departments
- ★ Authorize the property tax levy and the collection of county wide property taxes
- ★ Continually monitor the overall fiscal health of the county
- ★ Make decisions regarding our participation in optional federal or state programs
- ★ Communicate county actions and concerns to the public

## Where Does Your Property Tax Dollar Go?

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St. Louis County's budget is nearly <sup>325</sup>282 million dollars this year. This money comes from several different sources. Your property taxes amount to roughly 1/3 of the county's budget. Other sources of revenue include other taxes, fees and services, fines and forfeitures, licenses and permits, intergovernmental aid and other revenues.

These are some of the services St. Louis County provides to its citizens...

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| Road construction / maintenance                                      | 911 emergency communication   | Property assessment   |
| Public health immunizations  | Veterans services   | Planning and zoning   |
| Land use planning  | Solid waste services  | Documents recording   |
| Motor vehicle licensing  | Environmental services  | County extension service  |
| Criminal prosecution- sheriff's office, county jail, county attorney | Aid to children- child support collections, child protective services, services to families with children | Aid to adults and elderly- Duluth senior centers, nursing home, jobs program, |

If you'd like to find out more, visit the county website at [www.co.st-louis.mn.us](http://www.co.st-louis.mn.us)

This information was compiled from *An Overview of the Structure and Operating Budget of St. Louis County Government, 2006*

**Please remember to vote for your 1<sup>st</sup> District County Commissioner!**

**Primary Elections are held on Tuesday, ~~September 12th~~ August 10**

**General Elections are held on Tuesday, ~~November 7th~~ Nov 2nd**

My name is Frank Jewell, and I'm running for County Commissioner.

I ask for your vote this election season.