

January 13, 2020

Mayor Murdock
Pinedale Town Council
69 Pinedale South Rd
Pinedale, WY 82941

Mayor Murdock,

As you may have heard, Sublette County Assessor, Jeness Saxton, has submitted her resignation to the Board of County Commissioners, effective February 29, 2020. I have worked with Ms. Saxton for sixteen years, eight as a coworker and eight as an employee. She has been a shining example of what it means to be an elected official and a true public servant. I owe her a great deal of appreciation and gratitude in not just my professional occupation but in my political career as well. It is through her generosity and flexibility that I have been able to serve on the Pinedale Town Council for the past 18 months.

It is, however, with great sadness that I submit my resignation from Town Council, effective at the end of this meeting. I will be submitting my application to the Republican Committee to be considered as Ms. Saxton's successor. I say successor rather than replacement, because there can never be a true replacement for Jeness. I am currently being trained by Ms. Saxton in the extensive and intricate duties of the Assessor and will be absorbing as much knowledge as I possibly can over the next month and a half.

From the beginning of my time on this council, I have not performed any appraisal work that has affected valuation within the Pinedale town limits. This was in an effort to avoid any perception of impropriety. Given the rigorous timeline that lays ahead of me for the next several months, I must be able to begin the critical task of setting values for Pinedale, and Sublette County as a whole.

I would like to thank Mayor Murdock and my fellow Council members for the privilege of helping govern my hometown these past 18 months. I am proud of the many accomplishments that we have realized and hope that my replacement will help maintain the momentum and positive environment that we have created. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all the Town Staff, it was truly a pleasure working with each of you. My job as a councilman would not have been as successful if it hadn't been for each of your hard work and dedication. I wish you all the best of luck and Godspeed in facing the challenges of governing in the years to come.

Lastly, I would like to thank the residents of Pinedale who trusted me to serve on this Council. It has always been my goal to give my best efforts to improve our town and make it a place that we, and future generations, can be proud of. It is my hope that I will be allowed to do the same in the capacity of County Assessor. Thank you all for all that you do.

Sincerely,

John Paravicini