

CANDIDATE BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

We appreciate your interest in receiving the recommended status of the Wright County BPOU. Please fill out the information below.



Personal information

Name: Mike Amery

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Office Seeking: Hanover City Council

Question 1. Why are you running for this office?

I am seeking another term on the Hanover City Council to continue providing conservative, steady, practical leadership. Over the past several years, Hanover has maintained a strong fiscal position, delivered reliable services, and preserved one of the lowest tax rates in the region. I have supported budgets that have reduced tax rates all five years I have been on the council. My goal is to continue supporting responsible budgeting and transparent decision-making so residents can count on stable, predictable city operations.

In my roles on the Planning Commission, Public Safety Committee, and the Joint Powers Water Board, I have worked on long-term infrastructure planning, public safety coordination, and regional water management. These responsibilities have underscored the importance of careful planning and collaboration as Hanover prepares for future development and changing service needs.

I am running for another term to help ensure Hanover remains a safe, well-managed, and fiscally disciplined community. I want to continue representing residents' priorities, supporting local businesses, and maintaining the small-town character that makes Hanover unique. My focus is on practical governance, long-term planning, and maintaining the high quality of life our residents expect.

Question 2. What are your top 3 priorities and what specific actions will you take to fix them?

1. Fiscal Responsibility Hanover residents value efficient use of tax dollars. I will continue reviewing department budgets line by line, prioritizing essential services such as roads, parks, and public safety. I will oppose tax increases.

2. Infrastructure and Growth Management As Hanover grows, maintaining roads, utilities, and stormwater systems is critical. I support multi-year maintenance planning, require developers to contribute fairly to infrastructure costs, and coordinate with Wright & Hennepin counties and neighboring cities to manage growth responsibly.

3. Public Safety and Community Quality of Life Reliable law enforcement and fire protection are central to Hanover's identity. I monitor service contracts for cost and performance, promote traffic and pedestrian safety improvements, and maintain open communication between residents and public safety partners.

Question 3. What do you hope to accomplish?

One of my priorities is to support local business development in a way that strengthens Hanover's long-term economic and community identity. I hope to help guide the creation of a walkable downtown district that connects our commercial area to the Historic Bridge, making it easier for residents and visitors to move between shops, restaurants, public spaces, and the riverfront.

To work toward this, I plan to support land-use planning that encourages small-scale commercial growth and collaborate with property owners and prospective businesses to make investment feasible.

The goal is to create a cohesive, accessible district that reflects Hanover's character, supports local entrepreneurs, and provides a central gathering space connected to the city's most recognizable landmark.

Question 4. Why do you believe Wright County Republicans recommendation will be helpful?

Some say that Hanover is the most conservative city in the most conservative county in the state. If that isn't actually true, it is close. Having my neighbors know that I share the values of the Republican party will be greatly beneficial because they do too.

Question 5. How will you use the Wright County Republicans recommendation?

It will help me connect my campaign and my volunteers with our Republican team working to elect our statewide ticket as well as re-elect Sen. Lucero and Rep. Hudson. I will help coordinate multi-candidate lit drops and other campaign activities.

Question 6. What are 3 positions that align you with on the Minnesota Republican party platform?

- Lower Taxes – less spending
- Government accountability
- Personal responsibility

Question 7. Have you participated in any Republican activities? (attend meetings, volunteer ie. walk in parades, delegate) *Please give years of volunteering and being a delegate*

I represent the Wright County GOP in several capacities:

- State Central Delegate
- State and 6th CD Convention Delegate
- Chaired WCGOP convention 2024, 2025, 2026
- BPOU Full Committee rep for District #4 - Hanover/Rockford twsp.
- Frequent parade & event volunteer

Question 8. Do you have any of our BPOU members who are supporting your campaign?

I have not sought endorsements yet but believe I can count on numerous WCGOP activists to support my campaign.

Question 9. Are you the incumbent for the office in which you are seeking election?

Yes

Question 10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony level offense?

No

Thank you for completing the Wright County Republican Parties candidate questionnaire.