

Dean Williamson, **Santa Fe County Surveyor**

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Age 60: born February 28, 1944 in Farmington NM

Married 36 years: wife Natasha; daughter Robin; grandsons Leland and Guthrie

Education: Ardmore Oklahoma High School; University of Oklahoma; Santa Fe Community College (SFCC); numerous professional workshops, seminars and conferences.

Occupation: Land Surveyor; College Instructor in the Land Surveying Program at SFCC teaching courses in Surveying I and II, Construction Surveying, Control Surveying, the Public Land Surveying System, and Surveying Law.

Qualifications for County Surveyor: I have surveyed in Santa Fe County for the past 36 years and have been a licensed New Mexico Professional Surveyor (N.M.P.L.S. #6671) for 25 years. During this time I have acquired a broad knowledge of the history of surveying and surveyors in the area and also an understanding of some of the areas of possible problems or special concern in surveying or land titles. I have always had a good working relationship with all of the professionals that I have dealt with over the years whether surveyors, title personnel, lawyers, realtors or government personnel. I am very interested in the legal aspects of surveying and property law and have taken many related workshops, seminars and courses over the years. I have taught both the Surveying Law and the Public Land Surveying System courses several times and they remain my favorites. Member New Mexico Professional Surveyors (various offices); past member American Congress of Surveyors and Mappers.

What I would like to do as County Surveyor: As County Surveyor I wish to serve both the public and county personnel. I will be available to help with surveying or deed description questions or possible problems. This would save considerable time for the county clerk and tax assessor personnel. I will be available to the County Commission and the County Attorney's Office and could serve as an expert witness. The county Geographic Information System (GIS) is based on aerial photography of the whole county. The GIS maps are a beautiful product; color photos showing all man-made improvements, vegetation, elevation contour lines and property lines. The property lines have to be added into the GIS by tax assessor personnel plotting them from various deed descriptions and survey plats. This is a very technical and often complicated process and is part of the knowledge needed by a professional surveyor. Currently many of the property lines and section lines shown are as much as 200 to 300 feet out of position. I have met with the tax assessor's office with the plan of teaching workshops to help improve the accuracy of the mapping which would result in a more useful product for all concerned. I would also work with the local surveyors to facilitate submitting projects on compatible coordinate systems in digital format that would plot into GIS in correct location. I could also help with the scope and preparation of survey projects going out for bid. There are other ways I hope to be able to serve as County Surveyor but these are the most important. While serving as County Surveyor I will not bid on any county survey projects nor will I do any private surveys that require county approval.