

Candidate Profile - 2025 Franklin County Elections

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Candidate: Dade Royer

Office Running for: Waynesboro Mayor

Candidate Bio

Dade Royer announces bid for Waynesboro mayor

Dade Royer, Waynesboro Borough councilman, has announced his bid for mayor. As councilman, he represents Republicans, Democrats, and Independents in the Borough of Waynesboro, and will be running as a Republican in the May, 2025 Primary.

Royer was appointed to Borough Council in April, 2018 to fill a vacated seat, and was re-elected to the position in 2019 and 2021. He currently serves as vice-president of Borough Council, chair of the Personnel Committee, and liaison to the Recreation Board. He is also a member of the Property and Public Safety Committee and Police and Fire Department Negotiations Committee. Previously, he served as president of the boards of Renfrew Museum and Park and the American Cancer Society of Franklin County. He also served on the boards of the Waynesboro YMCA, Rotary Club of Waynesboro, and the Management Oversight Team at Otterbein Church in Waynesboro.

"I am committed to making the borough a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. If elected, I will strive to keep Waynesboro safe by having a strong and dedicated police department. We have made great strides during my time on Borough Council. We upgraded the lights on Main Street to increase pedestrian and traffic safety. We made upgrades to Memorial Park and Mount Airy Park, and built the Ed Miller Trail, which runs from Memorial Park to Renfrew Park and then connects to Otterbein Park. We currently are working on the Heritage Trail Project, which will emphasize and interpret many historic buildings and sites in downtown Waynesboro. This project has the potential to increase tourism, and play a positive role in the economic development of Waynesboro."

Royer is a native of Waynesboro with deep family roots dating back to the 1700's. He spent seven years as the Executive Director of Renfrew Museum and Park before retiring in 2019. Prior to this, he owned a healthcare recruitment business and worked as an Area Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He volunteered for several years as a youth coach in multiple sports and was a high school wrestling coach. He lives in Waynesboro with his wife of over 40 years, Wendy, and his grandson Noah. He has a son Jared who lives in Camp Hill with his wife Lauren, and their two children Dash and Isla.

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