

My name is Ryan Scott - though most of you may know me as 'Bo.' I am currently running for a City Council position in Poetry's first election and am here to share a bit about myself.

I was born and raised in Poetry and my family has a long history in this area. My grandma, Margaret Royse, wrote the book on the history of Poetry. I myself, am a fourth-generation resident and have lived in this little slice of God's earth for 29 years. My wife, Angela, and I own and operate a pasture to table beef operation in the area with hopes of being able to grow and expand. She is the backbone of our business and certainly my better half. Growing up, my parents both served as police officers and, through their example and parenting, I came to learn and maintain an attitude of service to others. Unlike my parents, though, I choose to pursue a different (arguably better) career as a firefighter. Since 2014, I have worked as a fireman for the City of Arlington and through this career, I have gained experience and skill in the management and operations of local governments.

My great grandfather's, "Mr. Royse" and "Mr. Wilson" were both farmers in the Poetry area, my grandparents, G.V. and Margret Royse homesteaded here as well, and my parents live on a farm on FM1565 where I was raised. Growing up here provided me many opportunities and experiences that helped to shape me into the man I am today. The "rural" way of life not only allowed me to grow up helping on my family's small cow/calf operation, but also afforded me the opportunity to work for the best cattleman in this area: to name a few, Louis Cernoch of L&J Ranch, Dale 'Rooster' Bennett of 4B Ranch and Les MacFarlin of McFarlan Cattle Co. Through my family and these men, I was taught the value of a strong work ethic, integrity, and good character. Daily, I continue to pursue improvement in these areas of my life. It is my belief that individuals in the position of an elected office should be forthcoming, transparent, intentional in listening to the voices of those who elected them, fair in their dealings with others, and rooted in an attitude of humility and service.

As with all things in life, change is inevitable. Throughout my lifetime, I have personally witnessed Poetry go from a primarily farming and ranching community to what some would now call a "rural/urban interface." If you had asked me 10 years ago if I ever thought Poetry would be its own town, I probably would have told you, "Ain't no way!" But here we are. In my opinion, whether you were **FOR** or **AGAINST** incorporation no longer matters. We are here now. We must all come together as a community to make and keep Poetry the best town it can be. If elected, I will serve Poetry with the same attitude of service, justice, integrity and humility I strive to show my family, my community, the citizens of Arlington, and all others I come in contact with. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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