



Commissioner John Raichl

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John Raichl was appointed to the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners in May 2008 to fill an unexpired term that runs through December 2010.

Raichl represents District 3, which covers central Astoria east of Fifth Street, southeast of Denver, south of platted West Niagara Avenue and east to 28th Street. It also includes Miles Crossing, Jeffers Gardens, Fort Clatsop, Lewis and Clark, Youngs River, Olney, Green Mountain and part of Walluski.

Raichl was born in Nachbollenbach, Germany and moved to Clatsop County as a young boy with his family in 1958. After graduation from Seaside High School he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served in various capacities, including military policeman.

After his discharge from the service Raichl returned to Clatsop County and in 1976 joined the Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy. Ten years later he defeated four other candidates and was elected Clatsop County Sheriff, becoming the youngest sheriff in the United States at that time. Raichl was reelected several times and held the job for 18 years before his retirement in 2004.

A licensed pilot, Raichl has remained active since his retirement ferrying and test-flying small aircraft for various clients, including piloting floatplanes in Alaska. He also serves on the Road District #1 Advisory Board and the Port of Astoria's Airport Advisory Committee, and is a local representative of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance

Oregon Consortium

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Soil and Water Conservation District