

MEET THE CANDIDATES

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER




Jack Barton
Commissioner 3rd District

Address - 284 Hickory Lane, Smithville, TN
Party Affiliation - Democrat
Employment - Truckload Regional Manager at Averitt Express and owner of Snow Hill Studios Print & Design on 107 West Market St
Marital Status - Single
Children - Tess, Ben & Camille
Affiliations - Attend Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Smithville, Board member of Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree, and former Director of The Jamboree for 9 years.
Experience - Have served two terms as Commissioner for the 2nd District and now completing one term for the 3rd District. 12 years on the county budget committee.

I have lived in DeKalb County for 17 years. I am very proud to call this area my home. My three children Tess, Ben, and Camille attend the West School. I am a big believer in everyone should get involved in their communities and government to effect the change we want to see. We are a very financially sound county and I feel I have contributed to that. I'm very proud of what I have helped accomplish during my time as a Commissioner among that being the Purchase and development of the DeKalb County Complex, placement of SRO officers at every school and much more. I hope you see fit to re-elect me as one of the 3rd District Commissioners. It would be an honor to continue to serve the people of the 3rd District and this county.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY JACK BARTON, AND APPROVED BY JACK BARTON.




Jenny Trapp
Commissioner 3rd District

Address - 125 Cordell Love Road
Party Affiliation - Democrat
Employment - Jeremy D. Trapp Attorney At Law/Board of Education Substitute Teacher
Marital Status - Married to Jeremy D. Trapp
Spouse's Employment - Jeremy D. Trapp Attorney at Law
Children - Hannah and Leah Trapp
Affiliations - Buckners Chapel and First Baptist Church
Experience - Accounting/Bookkeeping

By announcing my candidacy to run to represent the 3rd District on the county commission. I am asking for the opportunity to give back to my community by being a voice for the people on the commission. My husband, Jeremy Trapp, and I met while he was a student at Cumberland University. Our family, which includes our two daughters Hannah and Leah, have been blessed by having such great family and friends in the community. I want to help shape decisions that will expand the economic foundation of the county and opportunities for its residents. I humbly ask for your vote in order that I will be able to work for you.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY JENNY TRAPP AND APPROVED BY JENNY TRAPP.




Bobby G. Johnson
Commissioner 3rd District

Address - 121 Yulanda Hills Road, Smithville, TN 37166
Party Affiliation - Democrat
Employment - Self-employed
Marital Status - Married to Angela Johnson
Spouse's Employment - 6th Grade Teacher DeKalb Middle School
Children - Ian, Isabella, Garrett
Affiliations - Active Member of Calvary Baptist Church
Experience - Over 25 years as a local business owner.

I have live in DeKalb County my entire life. I have been a local business owner for over 25 years. I know what it is to work with budget and to work and serve the public. I am invested in this community and its success. In a county where local democracy is treasured, it's essential that citizens play an active role in their community. Citizens depend on county government, which make it important that qualified, dedicated people are willing to serve. I, Bobby Johnson, am qualified, and willing to serve my community and constituents. I am asking for your vote on May 1st.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY BOBBY JOHNSON, AND APPROVED BY BOBBY JOHNSON.

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER




Renee Steff
Commissioner 3rd District

Address - 3rd District, Smithville, TN
Party Affiliation - Republican
Employment - Pharmacist at Walmart
Marital Status - Married to Mark Steff
Children - Mark & Ava Steff (Winston, expected)
Affiliations - Outreach Baptist
Experience - Life long resident of DeKalb County and help people for a living.

I love DeKalb County. My goal, if elected, is to foster positive change for the entire community. Every resident is important and has value, even when opinions differ. I will be an advocate for making smart financial decisions, thinking about the bigger picture impact on the community, and remaining open minded to differing opinions. Growing up in Smithville helped shape the person I am today. I learned to be honest, kind, hard working, and fair. I want to continue that tradition for my children, my family, and the entire community. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY RENEE STEFF, AND APPROVED BY RENEE STEFF.

DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER




Wayne Cantrell
Commissioner 4th District

Address - 575 Pine Grove Rd., Smithville
Party Affiliation - Democratic
Employment - Real Estate Agent
Marital Status - Married to Harriet Cantrell
Spouse's Employment - Retired Teacher
Experience - 24 years on Commission

I am running for re-election so that I can continue to give back to my community in the form of public service. It has been a privilege to represent the 4th district on commission for the past 24 years. I will continue to use my experience to make our county a better place to live and work. I have been a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility in all departments of county government. I am committed to being a good steward of your tax dollars by making sure every tax dollar is accounted for and spent wisely in order to provide good county services while keeping our property tax low. If you want a commissioner who brings a conservative, common sense approach to county government, I humbly ask for your vote and support.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY WAYNE CANTRELL, AND APPROVED BY WAYNE CANTRELL.




Jonathan Norris
Commissioner 4th District

Address - 445 Puckett Point Rd., Smithville, TN
Party Affiliation - Democrat
Employment - Business Owner
Marital Status - Married to Jenny Norris
Spouse's Employment - DeKalb County School System
Children - Colter Norris & Peyton Norris
Affiliations - Mt. Hope The Baptist Church
Experience - Current four-year term as county commissioner

First, I would thank the voters of the 4th district for allowing me the opportunity to serve you the past four years. My family and I have resided in DeKalb County for the past 17 years and care deeply about the future of this county. I feel that I have worked hard this term to do what is right for all the constituents of my district. I desire to continue make a positive difference in our county and serve this community that I care so much about. I'd like to continue to move our county forward in a common sense approach. We must continue to be progressive while maintaining our conservative values. Your vote and support are appreciated.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY JONATHAN NORRIS, AND APPROVED BY JONATHAN NORRIS.

DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER



Dr. Scott Little
Commissioner 4th District

Party Affiliation - Democrat
Employment - Veterinarian
Marital Status - Married to Leslie Little
Spouse's Employment - Interior Design
Children - Nichole, Katherine, Allison, Anna, Emma, Julia, Maria
Affiliations - Christian Lay Speaker, Member of DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Committee, Board of Directors WCTE Public Television, Upper Cumberland Academy of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, Past Chair United Way, Past Chair Genesis House Women's Shelter
Experience - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In practice in DeKalb County for 31 years.

Over the past couple of years, I repeatedly found myself saying, "I wish someone would do something about that!". I realized that if I want change, that someone should be me. The County Commission plans, approves, or rescinds actions concerning our Schools, Health, Safety, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Environment, and Quality of Life Issues for the citizens of our county. The County Commission should be your door to involvement in your County's Government! As your commissioner, I promise an open door policy to hear your concerns and find solutions to issues that matter. I am easy to find 6 days a week. Together we can improve the quality of life for all the citizens of DeKalb County. I am asking for your support and your vote as County Commissioner from the Fourth District.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY SCOTT LITTLE, AND APPROVED BY SCOTT LITTLE.




Janice Marlin Fish Stewart
Commissioner 4th District

Address - 364 Holiday Haven Drive
Party Affiliation - Democrat
Employment - Director of Human Resources/Corporate Secretary, YAPP USA Automotive Systems, Inc.
Marital Status - Married to David Stewart
Spouse's Employment - Retired
Children - DJ (Megan West) Stewart, Paula (Robert) Farris
Affiliations - Southern Automotive Womens Forum, Board Member, Chairman of Scholarship Committee, Tennessee College of Applied Technology Industrial Maintenance Advisory Board, Hartsville Campus, Tennessee Board of Regents, Panel for Advanced Manufacturing Member 2014-2016, Middle Tennessee Society of Human Resource Management, University Student Mentor 2011-present.
Experience - 20+ years of hands on experience as a proven leader in Human Resource Management in the Automotive and Boating Industry.

I believe based on my experience in business both in the US and Internationally I bring new concepts to the County Commission. It is time for our county to go beyond our borders and explore other county systems in our state for cutting edge technologies and innovative ideas for our people. In the past we have made improvements but there is much more work to be done to afford opportunities to all residents of DeKalb County; beginning with the Seniors, who have given their all to get us to where we are today, the Hardworking Men and Women of today's workforce and Our Youth the future leaders of tomorrow. I appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming primary election.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY JANICE STEWART, AND APPROVED BY JANICE STEWART.

DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER



William (Bill) Rutherford
Commissioner 5th District

Address - 560 Riverwatch Trace, Sparta, TN 38583
Party Affiliation - Independent
Employment - Retired
Marital Status - Married to Nancy
Spouse's Employment - St. Thomas DeKalb Hospital
Children - Christy, Hannah, Jason, James, John & Philip
Affiliations - Marine Corps League (Bobby Ray Detachment).
Experience - Past Board President Prevent Child Abuse TN, President Mountain Harbour POA.

Having retired two years ago, I am asking the 5th District to allow me the honor of representing them. I will bring to the commission a new perspective along with my business acumen. I am a Christian, originally from East Tennessee, Nancy and I have 15 grandkids. I have over 40 years' service with UPS and retired as the Director of Corporate Transportation Training; 20 years retired military (6 years in the Marine Corps and 14 Tennessee National Guard). I have achieved a bachelor's degree along with attending many leadership courses in business. As commissioner, I will focus on county infrastructure, veterans, first responders and family/children issues. I support small business and community events that will continue to make DeKalb County a "go to" destination.

POLITICAL AD ORDERED BY WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, AND APPROVED BY WILLIAM RUTHERFORD.