

# Bottoms seeks 10th District County Commission seat

My name is Jeff Bottoms and I am seeking to be elected as a new County Commissioner for the 10th District, which is the Centertown area.

I was born and raised in Warren County and have a strong desire to work to improve our county and my community. I am married to my best friend, Dorothy, and have four beautiful daughters with another child on the way. This means unlike our current commissioners in my district, I have a long-term, vested interest in the condition of our educational system here in Warren County. I intend to put a

lot of effort into improving our educational system and making sure it stays at the forefront among other counties here in Tennessee.

For the past eight years I have been working as a probation officer supervising misdemeanor probation cases in General Sessions and Circuit Courts. This has given me unique insight into our justice system and our jail and all the problems that lie therein.

Previously, I worked for the state with the Department of Children's Services for over eight years as a child protective services investigator and

a juvenile justice probation officer. Both jobs have given me over 16 years of experience working in the local court system and with many other elected officials such as our judges, district attorney, public defender, court clerk, sheriff, and many others to get things done.

I believe this experience, my working relationships with these many officials throughout the county, and my willingness to truly work,



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attend each meeting, and actually listen to the voters in my district makes me the best candidate for County Commissioner in the 10th District.

I decided to run for County Commissioner because I have lived in the Centertown community for many years and I am tired of having virtually no representation for that district. A County Commissioner cannot effectively represent their district if they are unwilling to attend two-thirds

of the meetings held throughout every year they are in office. Taxpaying citizens deserve better than to pay someone who does not truly represent them.

When elected, another of my goals is to be as transparent as possible so everyone in Warren County knows what we as commissioners are doing at all times. I believe our current system of behind-closed-doors meetings needs to stop and I intend to be part of changing that when elected.

I intend when elected to implement a schedule of regular community

meetings in my district so the citizens can voice any concerns, bring to my attention anything they may like to see happen, or ask questions about anything they are unsure of. Again, I intend to focus a lot of time and energy into improving our schools, improving the conditions of the jail, and truly working with and listening to the citizens of District 10 because I'm not just an elected official, I work for them and answer to them. I truly appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming election. Thanks again to everyone.

## Kavanaugh selected to replace Kennedy

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Judge Brett Kavanaugh is the embodiment of the Republican legal establishment: an Ivy Leaguer who worked for the justice he has been nominated to replace, investigated a Democratic president, served in a Republican White House and now is an influential member of what is often called the second most powerful court in the country.

The 53-year-old Kavanaugh was even born inside the Beltway and has lived there virtually his entire life.

"He can still recite the section and seat numbers of the upper deck seats his dad had at RFK (Stadium) for the Redskins," said Travis Lenkner, a former Kavanaugh law clerk, of the Washington Redskins' home field until 1997.

President Donald Trump said Monday he is nominating Kavanaugh to replace the retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. If confirmed, Kavanaugh is likely to be a reliable conservative vote who could weaken or imperil abortion rights, beef up support on the court for capital punishment, and clamp down on the power of regulatory agencies.

He is expected to face strong opposition from Democrats, who already have called Kavanaugh and the other court finalists too conservative. They are hoping to persuade Republican

Senate moderates to vote against Kavanaugh. Some Republicans, certain to support Kavanaugh, had hoped Trump would choose someone seen as a stronger social conservative.

The nominee is an only child who credits his mother for his career path. Martha Kavanaugh taught high school history before returning to school for her law degree. She later became a prosecutor and a judge in Maryland.

He is the father of two girls and coaches their basketball teams. Like Kavanaugh, his wife, Ashley, is a veteran of the White House during George W. Bush's presidency. Their first date was the night before the Sept. 11 attacks, he said. She now serves as the town manager of their village in a Maryland suburb just north of the capital.

After earning undergraduate and law degrees at Yale, Kavanaugh was a Kennedy law clerk in the early 1990s before joining independent counsel Kenneth Starr's team, where Kavanaugh co-wrote the report that served as the basis for President Bill Clinton's impeachment. Kavanaugh worked on the effort by Bush's campaign to halt the recount of votes



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in Florida in the disputed presidential election between Bush and Al Gore in 2000. He worked in Bush's White House for five years, including nearly three as Bush's staff secretary.

Kavanaugh has written roughly 300 opinions in his 12 years as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, penned several law review articles and spoken at law school and Federalist Society events across the country.

Kavanaugh already is very familiar to his prospective future colleagues on the Supreme Court, who also all have Ivy League law degrees. Several of his opinions were dissents that eventually were vindicated when Supreme Court majorities saw the issue the same way he did.

He has joined with Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Samuel Alito to serve as judges in mock trials to benefit the Shakespeare Theatre Company. More than three dozen former Kavanaugh law clerks also have gone on to work for every justice, except Ginsburg. Justice Elena Kagan, who was then dean of Harvard Law School, hired Kavanaugh to teach there, he said.

## Election Commission takes cyber threats seriously

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Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett says government agencies are targeted by cyber threats every day.

With early voting beginning this Friday, the Warren County Election Commission is aware of this danger and has enacted precautions to ensure local elections are accurate and secure.

"This is something that's at least in the back of everyone's mind, if not in the front of their mind," said Warren County election administrator Donna Smith. "Our voting machines are not connected in any way, shape or form to the internet, and the machine that tabulates votes is not connected. We have taken a very proactive stance with our security. We want to take action on the front end, not try to fix it on the back end."

Our Election Commission has partnered with a national election security company called Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

This organization monitors potential security breaches and alerts its partners to potential threats.

Smith says there has never been a security breach during her 42-year tenure with the Election Commission and she hopes to keep it that way.

In addition to online security, Smith says she takes



**Election administrator Donna Smith says election integrity is a constant emphasis and her office takes great measures to ensure votes are not compromised.**

physical security of the office and voting machines very seriously.

"Anytime someone leaves employment here we change the locks and issue new keys," said Smith. "Only the people who work here and members of the Election Commission have access. Not even the custodian who cleans this building has a key to this office."

"We also have security cameras," Smith continued. "That includes the room where the voting machines are stored. We don't want a security breach anywhere and that includes physical access."

Smith says it doesn't cost the county a penny to partner with the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center. The move was recommended by the Tennessee Secretary of State's office.

"Government entities are targeted by cyber threats every day," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett.

"Disrupting elections is certainly a goal of people who want to threaten the very foundation of our form of government. This level of information sharing will help ensure threats are not only contained but quickly thwarted."

## GRAND JURY

The Warren County grand jury handed down the following indictments on Friday.

Larry Mitchell Barnes was indicted for assault.

Kyler Blake Boyd was indicted for driving while license suspended, leaving the scene of an accident, and shoplifting.

Heather Brown was indicted for simple possession of schedule VI, and introduction of contraband into a penal institution.

Charles A. Buckner Jr. was indicted for driving under the influence, possession of a handgun while intoxicated and aggravated assault.

Cade Landon Carlson was indicted for two counts of theft of property over \$1,000 and shoplifting.

Cheryl A. Collins was indicted for unlawful drug paraphernalia and possession of meth.

John Seymore Goble was indicted for DUI, possession of schedule IV drug and failure to maintain lane.

Wesley G. Grissom was indicted for possession of meth while driving, possession of meth, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Derek Hampton Hunnicutt was indicted for forgery.

Andrew M. King was indicted for possession of meth for resale, driving on a revoked driver license, evading arrest, and

unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dillion Mullican was indicted for possession of meth with intent to sell/distribute, simple possession of oxycodone, simple possession of hydrocodone, driving while in possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a revoked license second offense, evading arrest and reckless endangerment.

Juan Hernandez Padilla was indicted for identity theft.

Ridge Worth Price was indicted for reckless driving, driving on a revoked license second offense, two counts of reckless endangerment and two counts of evading arrest.

Roger Michael Alen Roach was indicted for vandalism over \$10,000.

Matthew Robertson was indicted for domestic aggravated assault involving strangulation.

Danny Eugene Rubley was indicted for DUI.

Joshua L. Russell was indicted for manufacture/delivery/sale/ or possession of meth.

Kenneth B. Sorren was indicted as a felon in possession of a handgun.

Annette Kathleen West was indicted for joyriding.

Jessica Lynn Wilson was indicted for driving on a revoked license.

Richard C. Adams was indicted for DUI.

Joel Dwayne McClure was indicted for driving on a revoked license.

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