



Q & A with area candidates

Primary Elections 2026 - May 19th

BALLARD COUNTY



Jessica Grief

Ballard County Clerk

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for Ballard County Clerk because I care deeply about this community and the people who call it home. I want to bring dependable, efficient service to an office that impacts residents every day, and I believe my experience and dedication will ensure it is run with integrity, transparency, and a commitment to serving everyone well.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

Working in a clerk's office has given me valuable, real-world experience with the responsibilities this role requires. I've worked directly with the public, handled important documents, assisted with voter services, and learned how to manage records with accuracy and care. This experience has prepared me to step into the role with confidence and continue providing dependable service to the people of Ballard County.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would

you implement during your first year in office?

Looking ahead, I believe I can make a positive difference by continuing to improve efficiency, accessibility, and customer service within the clerk's office. My goal is to ensure residents have a smooth, straightforward experience while maintaining accurate records and upholding the highest standards of service. I would also love to get the younger generation interested in voting, I plan to implement voter drives and reach out to the schools to inform our younger adults how important our right to vote truly is!



Travis Holder

Ballard County Clerk

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for Ballard County Clerk because I care deeply about our community and it's services. For the past 14 years, I have served in local government and have stood with our community through both its best and most challenging times. Those experiences have strengthened my commitment to public service. I am running for County Clerk to build on the leadership I have demonstrated and to serve in a greater capacity. I believe the Clerk's Office is vital to local government and should be led with a citizen-first approach that is accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of everyone in Ballard County.

What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I bring 14 years of hands-on experience in local government, along with strong working relationships across Ballard County, the Commonwealth, and at the federal level. I have experience managing budgets and understand both the daily operations and long-term needs of our county government. In the past five years, I have helped secure over \$2 million in state and federal funding, allowing us to complete key projects while preserving local resources. I work daily to advocate for our county and municipalities, focusing on economic development and opportunities that strengthen and unify Ballard County.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

If elected, my first-year priorities will include improving voter education, starting with partnerships in our schools to encourage early civic engagement. Customer service will be a top priority, ensuring every citizen is treated with efficiency, respect, and a problem-solving mindset. I will also work to increase public awareness of the Clerk's Office, expand convenient online services where we can, and improve communication about deadlines and services. Additionally, I will pursue funding to modernize equipment and digitize records, making them secure and easily accessible, while building a Clerk's Office that is actively engaged in and giving back to our community.

Don't forget to vote!

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Election season can often bring strong opinions and, at times, division within our communities. Kentucky Publishing remains committed to being fair and impartial, and does not endorse any candidate as a whole.

We extend our best wishes to every candidate and offer a sincere thank you to those who

took the time to submit their information. Their participation helps give voters a clearer understanding of the individuals seeking to serve.

As this election season continues, we encourage everyone to show respect, kindness and consideration toward one another.

BALLARD COUNTY continued



James Campbell

Ballard County Jailer

a full-time road unit with Ballard County Sheriff Department where I completed a basic training academy of 800 hours at the DOCJT in Richmond Ky. I currently work as a Sgt on the road and also have an issued K-9.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I feel in my time as a full-time and part-time Deputy Jailer the duties I had prepared me to be a leader of the shift I worked. I received numerous certifications at the jail in my time as an instructor to be able to provide the training needed for the other Deputy Jailers. I was certified as a firearms instructor, a taser instructor through Axon taser academy, also less that lethal weapons for jail extractions. I also in my time at the jail was one of four that completed and certified as a SRT (Special Response Team) for cell extraction, searches, high priority transports and security of the facility. In the other two rolls I worked for

Ballard County Fiscal Court as a department head, I worked with budgets, fiscal court, and employee's of the departments I was the head of. I work with command structure, policies, and even in grants for solid waste. In my current position in Ballard County I am a supervisor with rank of Sgt on the Ballard County Sheriff Department.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

The first thing be security of the facility. I implement the professional standards that each employee should have when representing the county jail. I would work hard to build bridges with not only the other departments of Ballard County to include Ballard County Fiscal Court , but for the other counties we house inmates for such as Carlisle, and Hickman Counties. Building the integrity, and transparency as well.

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for Ballard County Jailer as this is where I started my Career in Ballard County. I was hired full time in September 2006 under Jailer Stanley Hunt. I was also being full time Deputy Jailer on the floor. I worked my way up to Sergeant and shift supervisor of night shift, and then to a day shift. I Worked full time till 2012 inside the jail. I then went to part-time as the investigator of the jail as I took on a roll as the Solid Waste Coordinator becoming a department head. While working part-time inside the jail as the investigator, I was able to obtain a narcotics K-9 for the Ballard County Jail, where I complete a handler course to be certified K-9 Handler. In 2018 I then took over as the 911 coordinator of 911 dispatch. In 2019 I was offered the opportunity to Become



Eric Coppess

Ballard County Jailer

We also created new work opportunities for our inmates within our community and neighboring counties.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

As the current Jailer I have learned this position through both study and experience. I have spent many hours studying KRS and KAR to better understand how a Jail operates and gained knowledge through day to day operation. I have attended leadership classes and recently became a MRT instructor to both teach programs and to better understand the process and benefit of the programs. These reasons make me uniquely qualified to be the Jailer and continue serving Ballard County.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

If re-elected as Ballard County Jailer, one of my biggest goals is to expand the Jail. This addition would allow us to have an onsite SAP (Substance Abuse Program), as well as allow us to attain a larger reimbursement from the state, and be less of a burden on the county. Another goal would be to acquire new transport vehicles, transportation can be made less dangerous and more reliable with proper transportation. This will also help us maintain our population by being able to travel further to pick up inmates from other facilities.

• Why are you running for this office?

I decided to run for a second term because I have a passion for corrections. I want to continue making the Ballard County Detention Center a better place. We have been able to make good changes to the facility for the inmates; such as our in-house commissary that reduces the cost of goods to the inmate which creates less strain on the friends and family that support them. We've implemented MRT programs to help our inmates better themselves and return to their families earlier.



Ryan Hedrick

Ballard County Magistrate District 1

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

As the current magistrate for district 1, I have had the opportunity to spend several hours in classes to be able to better understand and work with, not only the state government but with local government as well. As an assistant fire chief for LaCenter I have been able to work with multiple departments, not only within this county but outside as well, in growing relationships to help gain opportunities as well as important lifesaving education for our citizens. It is important that we grow relationships with other counties inside the commonwealth to help

strengthen the way of life here.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

During my next term I would like to be able to help grow and strengthen quality of life of for all citizen within this county and not just district 1. I would like to continue to work on improving the infrastructure in all ways possible that will place as little burden as possible on the citizens of this county. I would also like to continue to be open and available to all concerns of this county and not just the ones from district 1 as I have been for the last four years.

• Why are you running for this office?

I am seeking reelection for this office to continue the efforts that we as the current fiscal court have started such as working on the betterment of this county with a hope to focus on improving the infrastructure of the county. I also want to be able to have another chance to get to know the citizens of this county specifically within district 1 and be able to help Ballard County as a whole grow and improve for the current and future citizens as well as the current and future businesses.



Barry Babb

Ballard County Magistrate District 2

us, our children and grandchildren.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I am a 1982 graduate of Ballard Memorial High School and a 1986 graduate of Murray State University with a B.S. in Business Administration. My work career shows 40 years mainly in management, I have run or help run several multi-million-dollar companies. I also have served four terms on the La Denter City council.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

The number one pledge I will make is no new taxes without a vote of the citizens of the county. Also, I believe we need to look the budget over very close. Is there something we can do to revise the cost to the county in several areas? We need to look at different ways to grow the county (jobs, population growth, etc.). If we can do this, then there won't be a need for more taxes. Once again, I would appreciate your consideration.

• Why are you running for this office?

As a lifelong resident of Ballard County, I have felt a need to give back to the county that has been good to myself and my family. People who know me also know I have strong beliefs, mainly as a conservative. I would like to help make decisions on issues facing this county. I would appreciate your consideration to help make Ballard County better for



Matt Thresher

Ballard County Magistrate District 2

what's best for the community.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I'm currently a supervisor at PGDP and I oversee daily operations of my department. I manage responsibilities where budgeting, problem solving , and accountability are essential.

I'm committed to being accessible and making informed decisions.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

We all live here and deal with the same roads, bridges, and issues. We need to follow a budget to fix these issues and prioritize them according to the county's needs and not the individual's. Raising taxes is not on my agenda. Finding federal programs and state level grants should always be the first step to help support our bridge and road problems.



BALLARD COUNTY continued

Sidney Lovelace

Ballard County Magistrate District 3



a cattle farm and work part time for a local farmer.

from happening. We need to figure out other ways to bring money to the county. With new businesses coming we can continue to bring light to the county and let it grow. If we can keep the taxes down our county will have growth.

• Why are you running for this office?

For those of you who are not familiar with me. I've lived in Ballard County my whole life. I went to work at a dairy farm at the age of 15. Graduated high school and continued to work there for 19 years. I decided I needed to better myself. I left there and started working at TVA in operations and management until I retired in 2014. After retirement I worked for several years at the Ballard County Road Department. I Still own

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

If I am elected, my main priority will be to listen to the people's opinions and what they want to better the county. We have a beautiful county and need to continue with its growth.

Some of the roads throughout the county are getting in bad shape. We need to focus on getting them up to shape and trying to get the roads opened that are closed. Without any additional taxes. I will do everything in my power to keep this

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I will always be open for suggestions and opinions. The county is the voice! Without you all we have nothing. Thanks for your support. Go to the poles and vote! Together we can make things happen.



Stonnie Dennis

Ballard County Magistrate District 5

I bring 12 years of experience as your magistrate, along with a strong work ethic built from a lifetime of farming and construction work. I am retired from Ironworkers Local 782, which allows me the time to focus on my responsibilities. I have worked hard to help rebuild our road department, ensuring better equipment and safer, well-maintained roads. I also attend training opportunities when possible and focus on representing the wishes of the hardworking families in my district—not personal opinions.

I have lived between Wickliffe and Blandville my entire life, giving me a deep understanding of the needs of our community. My wife, Mary, and I have two sons, Clinton and Sam,

and I continue to farm and raise cattle. I am not only working for you and your families, but for my family as well, which keeps me focused on making decisions that benefit our community for generations to come.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

My top priorities are roads and taxes. I want to continue improving road conditions and maintaining the progress we've made, while also being mindful of how tax dollars are spent. If re-elected, I will continue to put the people of District 5 first, working to be a productive and responsible member of the Fiscal Court.

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for re-election to continue serving the residents of District 5. For the past twelve years, I have worked diligently and given my best effort to serve both my district and Ballard County. I believe we've made a lot of positive progress, especially in improving our roads, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue that work. I also want to meet with residents personally before the election to hear their thoughts and earn their vote.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?



Nathan Whipple

Ballard County Magistrate District 4

Whipple is a 1993 graduate of Ballard Memorial High School. He earned a Bachelor of Integrated Studies with a focus in Commerce and Leadership from Murray State University in 2017, along with associate degrees from WKCTC (2015) and PCC.

He has owned and operated Whipple's Lawn Care and Whipple's Fall Décor for 20 years. His work experience also includes time at Ingevity Carbon Plant and 12 years with Westvaco, MeadWestvaco and NewPage.

He completed WAVE Ag Leadership in 2024 and Leadership West Kentucky Class 3 in 2025. Whipple has also completed magistrate training in Louisville, Lexington and online, while connecting with officials across the state to learn best practices.

your first year in office?

Goals and Improvements for the First Year

Whipple said many of his 2022 goals have been completed or are underway. Ballard EDC has begun housing development on a 30-acre site in Barlow, with homes expected by summer 2026. Plans are also in place for a future gas station at the site.

Infrastructure remains a priority. Improvements have been made to North Wayside Inn Road, while South Wayside Inn Road has new sewer lines and will be paved after settling. Additional focus will remain on roads and bridges.

Other completed projects include extending the Mound City Landing Boat Ramp, new fencing at Ballard Bullet Rec Field, and ongoing improvements at Barlow Bottoms.

• Why are you running for this office?

Nathan Whipple is seeking re-election to continue building on the progress Ballard County has seen over the past four years. He believes the groundwork already laid positions the county for continued growth, especially with the potential development of industrial plants at the former USEC property. These projects could bring new jobs, attract families, and support local businesses. Whipple's focus remains on creating opportunities for residents while ensuring future generations can live and work in Ballard County.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?



Angel Horn

Ballard County PVA

tomato and tobacco farm in rural Kevil in Ballard County. That is where my parents, Jack and Carolyn Woods, taught me love, hard work, and respect for others. They instilled in me the value of saving money and preparing for the future. After graduating BMHS in 1995, I started dating Jimmy Horn of Barlow. We married in May of 1996. We have been blessed with 4 kids and 5 grandbabies and are proud to have all of them living in Ballard County. After all our babies started school, I began working for former sheriff Todd Cooper in 2009 as a Court Security Officer. I became the Office Manager in 2015 for the Ballard County Sheriff's office where I currently serve under Sheriff Ronnie Giles. One of my

many responsibilities is collecting and distributing property taxes, so I am very knowledgeable about the entire process.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

If elected, my goal is to assess all properties fairly and accurately and ensure the bills are sent to the proper taxpayers. I will maintain precise records of all property and exemptions. I love working with the people of the community and will sit down and talk over any tax concerns that may arise and work diligently and respectfully to solve any problems. I would like to humbly ask for your vote on May 19, 2026. Isaiah 40:31

• Why are you running for this office?

After quite a bit of consideration, encouragement, and passing the PVA test in Louisville, I am running for the office of PVA in Ballard County. My heart always has been and always will be here in Ballard County. It is one of the best places in the world to live. I would be honored to serve the residents of Ballard County as the Property Valuation Administrator.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I grew up on a small



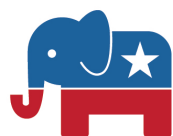
Someone struggled for your right to vote... Use it.

— Susan B. Anthony



Remember to Vote!

Your voice, your choice, your vote.



BALLARD COUNTY continued



Susan Sullivan

Ballard County PVA

2011 then became PVA in 2018.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

My experience is what makes me qualified for the job. In addition to 26 years in the PVA office, I have completed education, from the state of Kentucky, to serve as PVA. There are so many things in the office that you need to know. You don't learn it even in a year. You deal with farms, homes, businesses, tangible taxes,

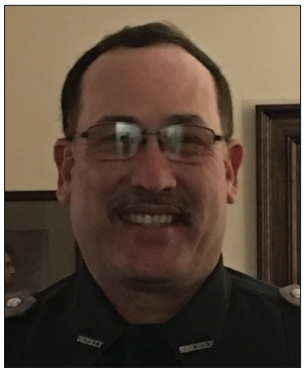
automobiles & boats for the primary taxable items. You also deal with Homestead Exemptions for those who qualify.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

My goals, if reelected, are to continue to run this office in an organized manner. There are so many new programs the government has initiated and I will work to implement those for the betterment of the county.

• Why are you running for this office?

I have worked in the PVA office for 26 years. I bring those 26 years of experience to the people of Ballard County. I am running for office because I love my job and the people of Ballard County. I started part time, went full time in



Ronnie Giles

Ballard County Sheriff

position?

I bring more than 30 years of law enforcement experience, including service with the Ballard County Sheriff's Office, McCracken County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky State Police DESI unit. I watched, learned and listened to the Sheriffs I worked for, gaining tremendous investigative skills from KSP. Those experiences have shaped me into the Sheriff I am today. I take this office seriously and have devoted my life to the people of Ballard County.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during another year in office?

I plan to continue strengthening our efforts

in drug enforcement and crime prevention. The FLOCK camera system has been a huge help in solving thefts, burglaries and locating wanted individuals, and I will work to expand its use. I will also continue building strong partnerships with surrounding counties and Ballard County Schools, where we have had an officer assigned for more than 27 years. In addition, I will continue upgrading equipment and technology using available funding sources to minimize cost to taxpayers. My focus remains on protecting our residents, supporting our officers and strengthening trust within our community.

• Why are you running for this office?

I am seeking another term because of my lifelong commitment to serving the people of Ballard County. If voters choose me, they will be getting a Sheriff who is compassionate, caring and loves people. My life experiences have helped me relate to individuals during difficult moments and approach this role with empathy and understanding.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this



Ronnie Harvell

Ballard County Sheriff

do you have that would work well for this position?

I have 10 years of military experience and 29 years of law enforcement with seven and a half of those years as Chief of Police. I have completed many courses through the KY department of criminal justice training dealing with criminal investigations including robbery investigation, child abuse investigation, and homicide investigation. I also have been trained in officer safety issues as well as patrol tactics that not only can help keep our officers safe, but also in a healthy mental state.

• Looking ahead, what goals or

improvements would you implement during another year in office?

I would like to improve community trust through communication and transparency. I would ensure that policies are followed and that accountability measures are in place and held to a high standard. I would work to combat substance abuse issues. I would implement the use of in-car video systems as well as the currently used body cameras. I would continue to build strong interagency partnerships. The key in year one isn't trying to fix everything at once, it is setting a tone by being professional, transparent, and accountable. From there, we build momentum.

• Why are you running for this office?

Since I first started my career in law enforcement, my goal was to one day be the sheriff. I have learned from many supervisors throughout my life be it in the military or in law enforcement. I worked my way from the bottom to leadership roles in both the military and law enforcement. I have a heart to serve not only our country but our community with pride and honor.

• What qualifications

Caldwell County



Angela Cotton

Caldwell County Jailer

Jailer. For an elected official to show trust in me to not only finish his term but carry on his vision was not only the ultimate complement to the work I have shown but an honor I intend on carrying out.

• What qualifications do you have that are best suited for this position?

With being put in a "trial by fire" sort of speak Jailer role I have had to learn the duties and role of the Jailer gaining experiences along the way. I have developed a network of interdepartmental contacts, from fiscal court, law enforcement agencies, offices of the courts, fellow Jailers

and Department of Corrections that have allowed the jail to continue operate smoothly through this transitional time.

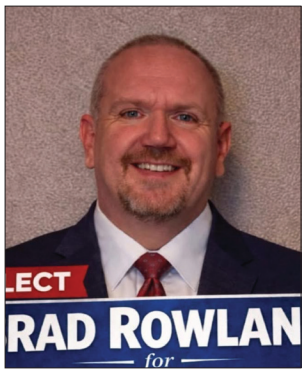
• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during another year in office?

My biggest goal in the first year of my term is to learn and successfully apply for grants in order to continue to bring new programming in our facility for its residents and upgrades to our equipment and infrastructure to help alleviate the financial burden on the county taxpayer.

• Why are you running for this office?

It was never my intent on ever running for office but that all changed during a conversation in the fall of 2025 with then current Jailer Willie Harper. His prognosis in his illness had changed. He had asked if I was willing to finish out his term should he succumb to the illness. Of course, I agreed and that is when he asked for me to consider running for

Calloway County



Brad Rowland

Calloway County Jailer

2007 as a floor deputy, I have risen through the ranks to Workhouse Lieutenant and Class D Coordinator. Over my 19-year tenure, I've served as a Training Officer and was named the 2018 Deputy Jailer of the Year. This experience provides me with a deep understanding of how the jail operates. My background also includes successful private business management, where I oversee significant payrolls and over \$250,000 in annual revenue

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would

you implement during your first year in office?

My primary goals are to continue saving taxpayer money by identifying further operational efficiencies and reducing the jail's dependence on county funds. I am committed to improving transparency within our facility's operations and budget to build greater public trust. Additionally, I will focus on implementing skill-based programs for inmates, providing them with the tools and training necessary to become productive, employed members of our community upon release

• Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for the office of Calloway County Jailer because after serving this community for two decades, I believe I still have more to give and I have the knowledge and ability serve my community in this role.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?
Starting in January



Kenny Imes

Calloway County Judge Executive

of county roads, have at least 15 more to do this summer, rebuilt or did major repairs to 8 county bridges, have 7 more new under construction and 4 more awaiting state design and engineering.

This is the most infrastructure improvements that have occurred in the county's entire history. We now have one of the very best 911 centers and EM in the state and have no current county debt except for bi-weekly payroll and

utilities.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I truly believe that my best abilities to qualify me for the position of Judge/Executive are my experience (past and present) in working with others and a dedication to being fair, honest and forthright. A true heart to serve the public

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Calloway County continued

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and a reliance on God to direct my path. The friendships and contacts I have made over the years with local, state legislators and administration officials and even congressional leaders have made the job much easier, fruitful and beneficial for our citizen's. Also the ability to listen to others, rather than dazzle them, with what I think I know make things go smoother, quicker and

gets issues resolved more satisfactory to everyone. While I rely heavily on statistical information, common sense rules the day.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during another year in office?

While I will continue to make in-fracture improvements for our citizenry, one of the foremost needs right now is for a new animal shelter facility. To that end we are ramping up design, funding and location to get this

project underway as soon as possible. We have just finished the new MAG building, co-sponsoring with the city significant upgrades to the Senior Citizen facility and have just approved a grant application for a new main central Fire-Rescue building structure. While we continue to do these and other projects I/we will remain ever vigilant over our citizens' tax dollars to continue seeing positive progress making life better for Calloway Countians.



Jessica Galloway

Carlisle County Judge Executive

a family. I'm ready to build on what's working and tackle what's not.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I bring nearly seven years of experience in county government, with a strong understanding of its evolving nature and the ability to adapt quickly to change. I have built effective working relationships with state and federal officials, which are essential to success in this role. I also have comprehensive knowledge of the county budget and daily operations across departments. I understand the importance of partnerships and will work to strengthen existing relationships while building new ones. I am committed to transparent leadership, responsible fiscal management, and

delivering practical solutions that improve services, support growth, and benefit our community every day.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

In my first year, I will focus on seeing through and completing projects that have already been started while setting a clear path for growth. I will prioritize infrastructure improvements, including roads and essential services, while pursuing state and federal funding to ease the burden on taxpayers. I will work to build new partnerships that support economic development and job growth. I will also prioritize communication and accessibility so citizens feel informed, heard, and confident in their local government.

• Why are you running for this office?

I believe strong local leadership makes a real difference in people's everyday lives and I'm committed to serving our community with integrity and transparency. I've seen firsthand the strengths and challenges our county faces. I'm running to be a leader that listens, brings people together, and works proactively to find solutions—not just talk about them. This role isn't just about managing government—it's about setting a vision for growth, supporting economic development, improving infrastructure, and making sure our county remains a great place to live, work, and raise



Paul Rister

Calloway County Judge Executive

and leadership. That realization is why I am running for Judge Executive.

with people, manage resources, and lead by serving.

What goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I would focus on working with the Fiscal Court, department heads, county employees, and our city and community partners to develop a clear four-year plan for the county. We must focus on strong financial stewardship and long-term budgeting so we can maintain services while preparing for future needs. I would also work to pursue grant funding and partnerships to help address infrastructure, county facilities such as the courthouse, and economic development opportunities, including tourism and recreation around Kentucky Lake. Good planning and responsible finances will allow us to move forward in a steady and sustainable way.

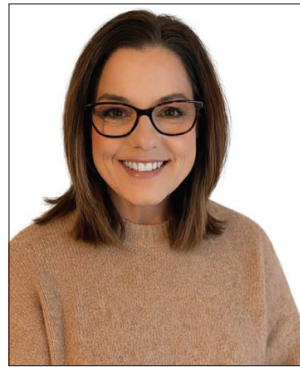
What qualifications do you have that are well-suited for this position?

I bring over 30 years of public service experience, including my career with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife where I managed projects, budgets, grants, and personnel. During the past seven years as Magistrate, I have worked on roads, bridges, budgeting, and county operations. In addition to my professional experience, I have been involved in community leadership through coaching youth sports, church leadership, teaching Sunday school, serving as a Scout leader, Chair of the Friends of Doran Arboretum Board, and leading Financial Peace classes. These experiences have helped me learn how to work

• Why are you running for this office?

Paul Rister, and I am running for Calloway County Judge Executive.

I ran for Magistrate in 2018 because I was frustrated with local government but realized I did not fully understand how it worked. Instead of complaining from the sidelines, I chose to get involved, learn, and serve. Over the past seven years, I have gained experience in budgeting, infrastructure, and county operations, and I have tried led by example through hard work and communication. Along the way, I realized the experience I was gaining was not just for learning anymore, but preparation for the next step of service



Lisa Mantle Adams

Carlisle County Magistrate District 1

continued progress.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I bring eight years of experience serving on the Fiscal Court, where I have gained a strong understanding of county government, budgeting, and policy decisions. I have collaborated with the Judge Executive and fellow magistrates to make responsible decisions that benefit our community. My experience has allowed me to build relationships, listen to constituents, and address concerns effectively. I am committed to being accessible, informed, and focused on making decisions that support the long-term success of Carlisle County and representing the interests of my district with integrity.

you implement during your first year in office?

In my next term, I will continue prioritizing infrastructure improvements across Carlisle County. With multiple road and bridge projects already underway, my focus will be on ensuring efficient completion while planning for future needs. I will work closely with Fiscal Court to prioritize projects that improve road safety, maintenance, and long-term reliability, while responsibly managing available resources. I will also continue listening to citizens and identifying areas of concern and ensure their needs are reflected in planning. My goal is to make thoughtful, forward-looking decisions that strengthen our community and improve quality of life for all Carlisle County citizens

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for re-election as your District 1 Magistrate to continue serving North/West Bardwell with experienced, steady leadership. A Magistrate is part of the county's governing body, collaborating with the Judge Executive to approve budgets, pass ordinances, represent constituents, and support infrastructure and community needs. After two terms on the Fiscal Court, I have the knowledge and experience, and I have established relationships to make informed decisions and move our county forward. I am seeking a third term because I care deeply about this community and believe my experience and proven leadership are essential to its

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would

Carlisle County



Kelly Laird

Carlisle County Jailer

• What qualifications do you have that are best suited for this position?

Held an elected position as Costabile for eight years in Carlisle County. At present time I work for the Carlisle County Road Dept and work with inmates help doing small jobs in the county and a Mowing crew. Have been a volunteer firefighter for over 40 years certified

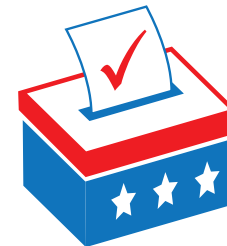
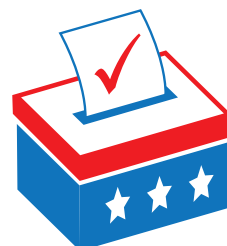
in the state of Kentucky also a certified state Fire instructor. I've been an EMT for the state of Kentucky over 35 years.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during another year in office?

Tried to stay on budget to keep from taxing the county so bad on inmates care.

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for Carlisle County jailer cause I believe in safety and accountability and doing what's right for our community.



Carlisle County continued



Eric Perry

Carlisle County Sheriff

support my deputies and office staff, and make sure our community stays safe.”

• **What qualities do you have that will work well for this position?**

“I believe my experience and dedication to this community are what help me most. I’ve spent 16 years right here in Carlisle County, so I know the people and what matters to them. I try to lead by being honest, fair, and someone folks can count on. I listen, treat people with respect, and make sure things are handled the right way. This is my home, and I care about doing

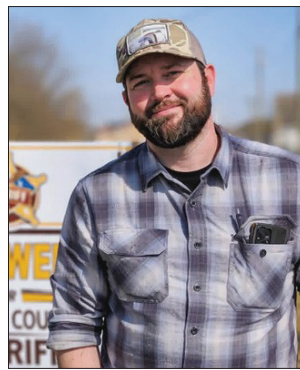
right by it.”

• **Looking ahead, what goals and improvements do you want to make?**

“Looking ahead, I want to keep building trust between the Sheriff’s Office and the people we serve. That means being open, improving transparency, and keeping a clear line of communication so folks feel comfortable coming to us. I also want to keep supporting our deputies and making sure they’ve got what they need to do their jobs well. At the end of the day, I just want people to know they can count on us.”

• **Why are you running for this office?**

“I’m running for reelection as Sheriff because Carlisle County is home. I was born and raised here, and for 16 years I’ve served this community in law enforcement. This isn’t just a job to me—it’s a responsibility. I care about the people here and take pride in doing the job the right way. I’m running again to keep building trust,



Kyle Webb

Carlisle County Sheriff

a safer community for everyone.

• **What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?**

I believe I am well qualified to serve as sheriff because of my lifelong connection to Carlisle County, proven leadership, and 19 years of law enforcement experience with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. I completed the Department of Criminal Justice Training Academy and enforced all Kentucky laws, gaining broad experience in patrol and investigations. I also received Crisis Intervention and advanced firearms training. For almost five years, I served as a sergeant, supervising operations across multiple counties. This experience strengthened my leadership, teamwork, and commitment to community-based policing, ensuring I will

serve with integrity, accountability, and respect.

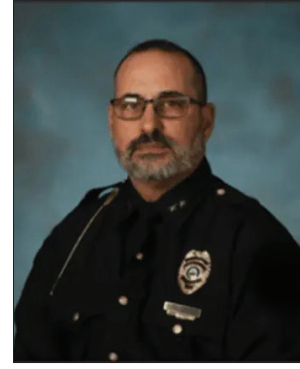
• **Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?**

In my first year, I will prioritize strengthening school safety, reducing drug-related crime, and restoring a strong community policing approach. I will work closely with school officials and School Resource Officers to review and improve safety plans, ensuring our schools are secure and prepared. I will also strengthen partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies to more effectively combat drug activity impacting our county. Just as important, I will make the sheriff’s office more visible and accessible through community engagement and an open-door policy. My goal is to build trust, improve communication, and create a safer Carlisle County for all residents.

• **Why are you running for this office?**

If elected, my vision for a safer, stronger Carlisle County focuses on secure schools, reducing drug-related crime, and strengthening community partnerships. Protecting our children comes first, and I will work closely with school leaders and School Resource Officers to ensure effective safety plans are in place. I am committed to collaborating with local, state, and federal agencies to combat drug activity impacting our families. Just as important, I will maintain an open-door policy, encouraging citizens to share concerns and work alongside law enforcement. Together, through cooperation and trust, we can build

Christian County



Erik Pacheco

Christian County Sheriff

Kentucky.

With over 20 years of experience, he has held key roles including Police Captain, SWAT Commander, Narcotics Detective, and ATF Task Force Officer.

He oversees operations, budgeting, and strategic planning while bringing frontline and leadership expertise. A graduate of the FBI

National Academy, he holds multiple instructor and investigative certifications. Pacheco also served in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army, earning numerous honors.

He is committed to transparency, proactive policing, and strong community partnerships in Christian County.

Erik Pacheco is a veteran law enforcement leader and military veteran currently serving as Deputy Chief of Police in Hopkinsville,



Amber Ezell

Christian County PVA

public service to the citizens of Christian County, whether it’s helping citizens with property inquiries, tax matters, or eligibility for discounts.

Throughout the years I have taken many classes through the state of Kentucky and International Association of Assessing Officers. I have over 150 educational hours in Kentucky Property Tax courses and 99 educational hours in IAAO courses. I obtained my Certified Kentucky Assessor designation in 2012 and my Senior Kentucky Assessor designation in 2018. I not only have the experience and qualifications, I also have the drive and motivation to be the

next PVA.

Over the next year I would love to make some changes to our website, to make it more accessible for the taxpayers, appraisers, and realtors here in Christian County. I also want to continue to inform the citizens of Christian County on Homestead discounts and helpful information like checking vehicle assessments for high mileage. I am committed to serving the citizens of Christian County and proven reliable with 21 years of experience in the PVA Office.

I feel I have the experience and dedication to be the next Property Valuation Administrator. I would appreciate your support and vote on May 19.

I am Amber Ezell and I am running for Christian County PVA. I was born and raised here in Christian County. I have worked in the PVA office for 21 years, started at the age of 20, and have held several different positions in the office from Deputy, Mapping Supervisor, and promoted to Chief Deputy in 2019, to which I still hold that position. It has always been my dream and end goal to be the PVA. I truly love my job and love providing

Graves County



Clint Harris

Graves County Commissioner District 1

• **What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?**

My business & Agricultural background gives me the tools needed to analysis budgets, along with protecting one of our major resources, our productive farmland. Also, my ability to work with a team to accomplish a shared vision.

• **Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?**

Increase Public safety -Emergency services -Roads/Bridges 2.Fiscal responsibility -Balance budgets -Eliminate waste of taxpayer dollars. 3. Controlled sustainable growth that benefits ALL the people of Graves County.

• **Why are you running for this office?**

To serve the People of Graves County. - To help make our communities safer. - To bring Truth, Trust & Transparency back to our local Government.

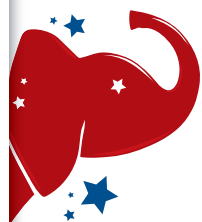
The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in democracy.

— John Lewis

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London mayor indicted for Beshear campaign, KDP contributions

By Tom Latek
kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) - London Mayor Randall Weddle was indicted by a special grand jury in Laurel County on four counts of excessive campaign contributions to Gov Andy Beshear's campaign and the Kentucky Democratic Party, Attorney General Russell Coleman announced Tuesday.

Weddle, 44, was indicted for two counts of Campaign Contribution Restriction/Expenditure Limits (Class D Felony) when he unlawfully contributed more than \$2,000, indexed for inflation, to the Andy Beshear for Governor campaign during one election and for two counts of Campaign Contribution Restriction/Expenditure Limits (Class D Felony) when he unlawfully contributed more than \$5,000 to the Kentucky Democratic Party in one year.

The indictment comes from a 2023 Kentucky Registry of Election Finance board probe into more than \$200,000 in donations the mayor, his family and his former company gave the Beshear campaign and the Kentucky Democratic Party.

Weddle is accused of putting \$223,000 in campaign donations

he made on behalf of family members and associates on his personal credit card, shielding his own donations behind other people's names to avoid state and federal donor limits.

Coleman called a press conference and said he wanted to make sure Laurel County citizens knew they were not forgotten.

"The only reason I'm standing here today is to reassure the people of Laurel County and all the communities outside the golden triangle, that law enforcement, prosecutors and public servants in every corner of this commonwealth are working long hours with a fire in the belly to protect you, to protect your families," he said. "I'm standing here to assure you that the rule of law applies to all 120 counties."

Following an investigation by the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance, the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations completed an investigation that led to Tuesday's indictments.

The Attorney General's Special Prosecution Unit will prosecute the case on behalf of the commonwealth.

McCracken County PVA



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BALLARD COUNTY CLERK

"EXPERIENCE YOU KNOW. SERVICE YOU TRUST."

Graves County continued



Pete Jackson

Graves County Commissioner District 2

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I bring nearly three decades of experience in public service, where I've worked closely with people from all walks of life and understand the importance of responsibility, structure, and accountability. My time in leadership roles has given me the ability to make sound decisions, manage challenges, and stay focused under pressure. I've also stayed engaged in the community and paid attention to how local government operates. I understand the importance of consistency, communication, and follow-through, and I'm committed to bringing those qualities into this role.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

In my first year, I want to focus on listening, understanding current priorities, and making sure we are using resources responsibly. That includes supporting infrastructure needs like roads and drainage, while also ensuring transparency in how decisions are made. I want to work collaboratively with other leaders while maintaining accountability to the people we serve. My goal is to help create steady progress, not quick fixes, and to make decisions that benefit the community both now and in the long term. I'm ready to get to work; let's do this.

• Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for County Commissioner because I've spent nearly 30 years in public service and have seen firsthand how local decisions impact everyday people. I care deeply about this community and want to continue serving in a way that ensures responsible leadership, accountability, and steady progress. This role is about listening to the people, understanding their concerns, and making decisions that reflect their needs. I believe in showing up, doing the work, and helping move our county forward in a thoughtful and practical way.



Dale Usher

Graves County Judge Executive

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I bring a lifetime of hands on experience that fits the needs of this county. I've served over 20 years in public safety as a firefighter and paramedic, where leadership, accountability, and calm decision making were daily requirements. I've also built and operated a successful local business, giving me real world experience with budgets, infrastructure, and customer service. I've worked in construction most of my life, understand how projects actually get built, and know the value of protecting farmland and supporting rural communities. These experiences give me the practical knowledge and steady leadership needed to serve as

Judge Executive.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

In my first year, my priority will be restoring confidence in county government by focusing on the basics, improving our roads and infrastructure, strengthening emergency services, and making sure departments are working efficiently and transparently. I want to streamline how people interact with county government so residents get clear answers and quicker results. I'll also work to rebuild partnerships between the city and county so we're pulling in the same direction instead of working in silos. My goal is to make visible, common-sense improvements that people can see and feel in their everyday lives.

• Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for Judge Executive because I believe Graves County deserves leadership that listens, shows up, and gets things done. I've spent my life serving this community in public safety, in business, and in the construction world, and I know how to take a project from an idea to reality. People want fairness, accountability, and a county government that works for every neighborhood, rural and city alike. I'm running to bring a proactive approach, rebuild our quality of life, and make sure every part of Graves County is seen, heard, and served.



Todd Hayden

Graves County Judge Executive

County Judge Exc because I have been a Commissioner for the past 15+ years. In my time as commissioner I have made many contacts and friends throughout the state and in Frankfort. I have seen what works and what doesn't when it comes to getting money and resources we need to for Graves County to grow. I have shown the ability to able to work with everyone from the city of Mayfield to the surrounding counties to help make this region as whole, better.

our roads and bridges back to a much better place and buying the proper equipment to we need at the road dept to help do that. I plan to make many more improvements to our parks and recreation. But the main thing is to get Graves County ready with infrastructure and housing, for the influx of people that will be looking to move here to cover the jobs that will be moving into our region.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

In my first year in office I plan to finalize the move into the new courthouse. I plan to get

So I hope you see I have the Wisdom, Knowledge, and Commitment to be the next Graves County Judge Exc. And I humbly ask for your vote on May 19th.

Sincerely
Todd Hayden
Candidate for Graves County Judge Exc

• Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for office because I love Graves County. I believe there is so much more we can do to make Graves County a better place to live, work, and raise our families. I believe in the next few years we will have the opportunity to change the whole outlook of Graves County and I want to be a part of making that change!

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I am qualified to be the next Graves



Kelli Elliott

Graves County Jailer

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for re-election as your Graves County Jailer for several important reasons. First, I absolutely love my job. It has been one of the most purposeful, rewarding experiences of my life, and I hope to continue using my skills to better our people and our community. Second, my team at the Graves County Jail and Restricted Custody Center is truly second to none. Not only have we obtained multiple perfect state inspections, we are consistently implementing new, intelligent ways to better educate and prepare both our employees and our inmates. Finally, I believe in Graves County's potential, and I will continue to pour my all into my facility and employees, the civic clubs to which I belong (e.g. Lions Club, Rotary Club, and others), the national clubs to

which I belong (e.g. American Correctional Association, American Jail Association, National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors) so that I may fully contribute to significant community needs.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

With my Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology, Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, and License as a Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor - along with 25 years of experience working with individuals involved in the criminal justice system, I have a unique skills set that allows me to identify immediate needs of my team and inmates. I am also proud of my positive working relationships with our local law enforcement and judiciary leaders.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

My goals include continuing to maintain perfect state inspections scores, continue to expand

work and educational opportunities for our state inmates, and to do all in my power to encourage the fiscal court to follow through with their commitment to construct the new Jail Operations Center (JOC) that would allow us to hold prisoners up to 96 hours. I will also continue with our work relationships with many community groups including the Mayfield-Graves County Airport, the Kentucky State Department of Transportation, the Mayfield Housing Authority, the Graves County Longterm Recovery Group, Camp Graves-Rendezvous, Mayfield Food Pantry, and many, many more.

I will always be thankful that you placed your trust in me to bring my department up to the next professional level, and I very humbly request that you continue to place your trust in my excellent team and myself for another four years. If re-elected, I commit to work for you just as hard as I have been.

Respectfully, Kelli Krill Elliott



Graves County continued



George Workman

Graves County Jailer

• Why are you running for this office?

I feel this office needs someone with experience, leadership and desire to care for the community, the staff in a fair manner, the inmates and all agencies that need the services or interactions of the jail. I have a great desire to serve my community as I have for most of my adult life. I take great pride in being there for the citizens of Graves County. I have built great and lasting relationships with many people, businesses and agencies in Graves County and look forward to being able to work with them again soon.

• What qualities do you have that will work well for this position?

I have many years of experience in dealing with issues related to corrections and dealing with the issues inmates and the community face in dealing with various crimes and their related effects. I have vast knowledge of all aspects of corrections that can only be gained from many years of experience, education and training related to this field. I also have established a good network of contacts and resources in Graves County, across the state and throughout the nation, that assists greatly in moving things forward.

• Looking ahead, what goals and improvements do you

want to make?

I would move towards getting training for deputies back up to the levels they were during my first administration and even exceeding them. I would also begin the great journey of contacting persons and agencies at another level than has previously been tried, to attempt to get a new county jail and will attempt to do this in a manner that is most beneficial for the county and would even be able to help subsidize some other areas of the counties budget. I would also continue the classes and programs that are currently being provided to inmates and develop new opportunities for education in order to get them fit to be returned to their communities in a productive manner.

Henderson County



Dewayne Reneer

Henderson Coroner

Previous Dective
First Responder EMS
Funeral Home
Experience
CDC infectious Disease
Certified

Coroners Office up to the standards to not only meet but to exceed state guidelines.

• Why are you running for this office?

Dewayne Reneer
Republican Candidate for Henderson County Coroner
I am a Registered Nurse Emergency Room Deputy Sheriff

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I am running to implement education to not only the staff but to the community.
To bring the County

• Looking ahead, what goals and improvements do you want to make?

My First year will focus on internal reporting changes to the state along with community education on Prevention and Preparedness.

Livingston County



Emilee Neal

Livingston County County Clerk

and improve day-to-day operations.

during your first year in office?

In my first year, one of my top priorities would be ensuring staff are fully up to date on daily workflows so the office runs efficiently and consistently. I would focus on providing the support, training, and resources they need to better serve taxpayers. By strengthening internal processes and investing in our team, we can improve overall service, reduce delays, and create a more positive experience for everyone who relies on the Clerk's office.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position ?

With experience in the Clerk's Office and my current position in the PVA Office, I have a strong understanding of how these offices work together and the importance of accuracy, efficiency, and strong customer service.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement

• Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for office because I truly enjoyed my time working in the Clerk's Office and gained valuable firsthand experience in how important that role is to our community. I believe new leadership can bring fresh ideas, new energy, and practical solutions to better serve the people

Sonya Williams

Livingston County County Clerk



to this office.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

Experience is one of the most important qualifications for County Clerk, and I bring 16 years of hands-on leadership in this office. I've successfully overseen 24 elections, managed and preserved decades of vital records, and ensured that our office runs efficiently day in and day out.

I've also demonstrated strong financial responsibility—returning over \$1 million dollars in excess fees back to the Fiscal Court as well as collecting thousands in delinquent property taxes. I've secured 100% grant funding to digitize records, modernizing our systems while protecting important historical documents.

Beyond that, I'm a hands-on Clerk. I don't just oversee the office—I work in it. I understand every part of what we do, and I'm committed to providing fast, friendly, and reliable service to our community.

• Looking ahead, what goals or

improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

My goal is to build on the strong foundation we've already created while continuing to improve efficiency, accessibility, and service.

In the next term, I want to:

- Continue expanding digital services to make it easier for citizens to access records and complete transactions

- Maintain and enhance election security and transparency, ensuring every voter has confidence in our process

- Continue protecting and preserving county records while improving organization and accessibility

- Strengthen customer service by keeping wait times low and service friendly and efficient

- Look for additional grant opportunities to improve our office without placing additional burden on taxpayers

At the end of the day, my focus is simple—keep the Clerk's Office running smoothly, responsibly, and in a way that serves every citizen of Livingston County with professionalism and care.

Teris Swanson

Livingston County Judge Executive



have that would work well for this position ?

I was born and raised in Livingston County. I know the roads, families, and struggles personally. That's not a qualification you can learn in a classroom. But I did the classroom work too: a political science degree studying how government functions, followed by a law degree and nearly a decade of legal practice. I understand the Constitution, Kentucky law, and how to fight for people. However, my most important qualifications are the ones that can't be put on a résumé — honesty, justice, compassion, and an unrelenting work ethic. We need a servant leader, and that's what I will be.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during

your first year in office?

I will bring back the Beautification Board to make visible improvements across the county, because pride in where we live matters. At the same time, we'll immediately begin tackling infrastructure issues, especially the water and wastewater challenges facing our communities. That won't happen overnight, but planning starts day one. I also will support our law enforcement in their need for a new radio system, and support and expand tourism in and beyond Grand Rivers. Through it all, the budget will be kept, and grants chased fervently. No favoritism, no backroom deals, no exceptions. I work for every Livingston Countian!!



Livingston County continued



Tina Tinsley

Livingston County Judge Executive

• Why are you running for this office?

In my years with the sheriff's office and experience in this political climate, I feel I would be an asset to this community. Having seen 4 judge executives in my tenure with the sheriff's office. I am ready to utilize my knowledge toward the betterment of Livingston Co.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I have been directly involved in many of the requirement needed to be judge executive. In my 16 years with the county, I have drafted budgets, I have a positive working relationship with the state auditors, I collect property, mineral and franchise taxes and I pay monthly bills. I feel it is very important to have such inside knowledge of how our county operates on a daily basis.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I would love to encourage people to

take pride in our county, by helping clean area of neglect. While we are not a booming metropolis we do have opportunity to grow with the new hospital coming and more people visiting and moving in, keeping the county revitalized would only help initiate other businesses to form.

For instance, Grand Rivers has done a great job of attracting tourists to their little town. The presentation of their community has been a huge draw for people.

I'd love to see improvement and growth throughout the county.



Michael Williams

Livingston County Judge Executive

• Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for Judge/Executive again because Livingston County needs leadership that produces results—not talk. In the last 16 months, we've made real progress by focusing on what matters and making decisions that move this county forward. I'm not interested in politics as usual—I'm focused on getting things done. I care deeply about this community and believe in strong, steady leadership that puts people first. This campaign isn't

about me—it's about continuing the work and delivering for the citizens of Livingston County.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I bring real-world business experience and proven leadership that directly apply to this role. I've managed employees, budgets, and long-term planning, and I understand accountability—because I live it every day. As Judge/Executive, I've made tough decisions, managed projects, and delivered results. I expect performance, demand accountability, and believe in running government efficiently. I'm hands-on, accessible, and focused on solutions—not excuses. I know what it takes to lead, and I've

proven I can do the job.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

My goal is to build on the progress we've made and continue moving Livingston County forward. That means completing key projects, improving infrastructure, and ensuring county government operates efficiently and responsibly. I will continue holding departments to high standards while focusing on the long-term success of our community. We've made strong progress, but there's more to do, and I'm committed to seeing it through—while keeping Livingston County the best place to raise a family.



Shannon Edging

Livingston County Sheriff

• Why are you running for this office?

I am running for office to ensure that the most qualified candidate is elected and to keep the Sheriff's Office moving forward with strong, steady leadership. The Sheriff's Office will continue to have an open door policy and will continue to treat people with respect and professionalism.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

As a former Sergeant and current Chief Deputy, I am

responsible for case filing and ensuring cases are properly delivered to both the County Attorney and Commonwealth Attorney's offices. I oversee that all evidence collected is put in its proper places. I work closely with the Sheriff to coordinate the scheduling of road Deputies and School Resource Officers. In addition, I assist with the collection of property taxes, I play an active role in helping set and manage the Sheriff's Office budget. These responsibilities have given me valuable experience in both law enforcement and administrative sides of running a Sheriff's Office. I have spent years training and preparing

to serve and protect our community. Experience, training, and dedication matter when it comes to keeping our county safe.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

In my first year, I will continue our efforts to upgrade the departments radio system using state funding to improve officer safety and response times. I'll also attempt to secure additional funding to equip our Deputies with body worn cameras, boosting transparency, accountability, and modern policing.

Marshall County



Danny Cope

Marshall County Commissioner District 2

• Why are you running for this office?

I have always been involved in community service and my desire to make life better for people in my community and region. With my experience I feel I can make a positive difference.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

My excavating business has been located in Marshall County since it started. I was part of the group organizing Possum Trot Sharpe Fire Department and served as a director appointed by Judge Mike Miller.

I was elected McCracken County Commissioner in McCracken County and served a five year term before moving back to Marshall County.

I was elected Constable in District 3 and served 4 years. I was also on the board of directors for Jackson Purchase Electric for 12 years. With my experience in business for 40 plus years and the experience in elected positions I have the knowledge and experience needed to fulfill the position District 2 County Commissioner.

I am prepared and ready to be on call to the residents of Marshall County 24-7. I feel my past experiences in business and serving the public are strong qualities necessary in this position.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I am prepared to serve all the residents and businesses located in Marshall County regardless of their political party or affiliation. My phone number and email will be available and eager to hear from the citizen of Marshall County anytime.

I will always be open to ideas and concerns, ready and willing to communicate with any Marshall County residents.

I have a vision of a better place to live, work and enjoy. Their voice will be heard and respected. I plan on being a 100% commissioner of my time and energy.

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Marshall County continued



Monti Collins

Marshall County Commissioner District 3

• Why are you running for this office?

The reason I am running for re-election is the same as when I ran for the office the first time, 8 years ago. I love Marshall County as much as anyone I know, and I knew that my background could help move our county forward. I have said many times since getting into office that I would know when my time was done. When I don't think I am helping anymore, I will step aside. That time has not come yet. I truly believe I have given this position my all in my first 8 years, and I know I have more to give.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

I have a degree

in Business Administration with an Area in Finance from Murray State. Since graduating from college in 1996, I have worked in finance, including banking, insurance, and real estate. I sell Marshall County for a living. I know what is going on in the county, because I have to in my profession to give my all to my clients. I have worked closely on the fiscal court budget every year in office, and I believe anyone who watches our court meetings can see that. Managing the county budget is the main responsibility of a member of the fiscal court. I have worked intimately with the Judge Executive, Treasurer, and all of our department heads on the budget during my time in office. I don't take that responsibility lightly. I'm very proud of the financial position of the county now versus when I first came into

office. We have paid down debt while at the same time investing in our infrastructure, our employees, and our future needs. I truly believe my background has been an asset to our county's financial position.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I am very proud of what we have accomplished in my first two terms in office, but I do want to see some of our current projects through to completion. I hope that we are able to finish the Miracle League project in my next term. Also, we have made great strides to bring water to all of our citizens, but still have a few who are not served by one of our water districts. It is my hope that we are able to bring water to the rest of our citizens in the next term.



Robert Johnson

Marshall County Jailer

jail forward with purpose and direction.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

My experience is built around both leadership and operations. I've spent over 20 years in law enforcement and corrections, including supervising personnel, developing policy, and managing day-to-day operations in demanding environments. As a supervisor, I've handled scheduling, policy, accountability, training, and decision making that directly impacts both staff and the public.

In corrections, I've worked inside state facilities managing large inmate populations under strict policy and compliance standards. I've also led teams and managed safety and regulatory programs outside of government.

That combination gives me a full understanding of how systems function and a basis on which to study the jail operations. I then began planning with actionable intent to bring the jail back to its former operational standards and carry it even beyond that. I

will lead the jail and it's employees effectively from day one.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

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Eddie McGuire

Marshall County Jailer

jail forward with purpose and direction.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

My experience is built around both leadership and operations. I've spent over 20 years in law enforcement and corrections, including supervising personnel, developing policy, and managing day-to-day operations in demanding environments. As a supervisor, I've handled scheduling, policy, accountability, training, and decision making that directly impacts both staff and the public.

In corrections, I've worked inside state facilities managing large inmate populations under strict policy and compliance standards. I've also led teams and managed safety and regulatory programs outside of government.

That combination gives me a full understanding of how systems function and a basis on which to study the jail operations. I then began planning with actionable intent to bring the jail back to its former operational standards and carry it even beyond that. I

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McCracken County



Matt Moore

McCracken County Judge Executive

county government, and to help McCracken County finally reach its full potential.

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

McCracken County is essentially a large business that needs to have someone with an entrepreneurial background lead it. I'm a developer, and I know what it takes to get projects started and see them through efficiently. I also have the connections and common sense to push our county to be successful and bring in business and opportunities for our constituents. I think that protecting people's property values must be high on our list, and given my background, I know how to achieve that.

• Why are you running for this office?

For too long, we've missed out on opportunities that could have driven growth, supported families, and strengthened our local economy.

As someone who has built and operated multiple successful businesses in McCracken County, I've seen firsthand what it takes to create jobs, balance budgets, and to create a successful environment.

I'm a businessman with a business mindset. I'm ready to bring that same energy and experience to

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I am committed to removing the 6.9% insurance tax, which is not only unnecessary but also negatively impacts families on fixed incomes and businesses across our county. I also hear from parents every week who are heartbroken that their young adults feel they have to leave McCracken County to find opportunities. These are kids who grew up here, who want to stay here, but don't see enough good-paying jobs to build a future.

As Judge Executive, I will make job creation a top priority and work daily to bring high-paying careers to our community so families can stay and thrive.

McCracken County continued



Bill Bartleman

McCracken County Commissioner District 1

• **What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?**

I spent 39 years as a newspaper reporter which gave me a deep understanding of the needs, concerns, and aspirations of McCracken County residents. Covering politics and government was my specialty, and I took seriously the responsibility to serve as a watchdog — asking tough questions, demanding accountability, and ensuring honesty, transparency, and fairness in public service. I've continued to approach my work as a commissioner with the same watchdog mindset. My values as a conservative and a Christian also shape how I approach decisions, how I treat people, and how I carry out the responsibilities entrusted to me. My professional background and personal values give me a strong foundation to continue serving the people of McCracken County with integrity and purpose.

• **Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?**

The goal moving forward is to continue providing steady, experienced leadership so our community can fully capitalize on the economic development opportunities. Several multi-billion-dollar projects are in early stages of development, and it is essential that we guide them successfully through to completion so they can create hundreds of high-paying, permanent jobs for our residents. In the first year, a top priority will be working closely with state officials to finalize recruitment efforts for a major industry that is considering the Triple Rail Industrial Site. If negotiations are successful, this project would represent the largest single economic development investment in Kentucky's history — a transformational opportunity for McCracken County and the entire region.

• **Why are you running for this office?**

As a commissioner for nearly 12 years, my priorities have always been to put job creation, financial efficiency, transparency, and strong constituent services first. That forward-thinking approach is driving unprecedented progress — including more than \$2.5 billion in economic development projects that will create hundreds of high-paying jobs, major quality-of-life improvements like the development of the sports park, and significant upgrades to public safety through modernization to our 911 system and increased salaries for sheriff's deputies. The future is bright; the best is yet to come. With my lifetime of experience and deep dedication to this community, I want to continue working to make improvements that benefit not only this generation, but future generations.



Jeff Parker

McCracken County Commissioner

all resident of great county. I think that is several reasons to help drive the success of our county.

• **What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?**

My life long ambitions of being a small business man , and being the owner operator of several businesses in our county gives me a unique insight of our needs.

I also enjoy serving on several boards in our county, and serving with non profits throughout our region.

• **Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?**

If elected I will work hard with an McCounty First approach, and will always put our county on top.I will work hard to drive down our tax costs . I will keep safety on the top of our priority list, and a will always be a big driver for economic development. I think our county is poised for a lot of growth , and I want to play a part in that growth, and the decision making .

• **Why are you running for this office?**

I am running for the office of McCracken County Commissioner because of deep commitment to the betterment of, and controlled growth of our wonderful county. My roots run deep in our county. My wife Lisa and I are life long resident of McCracken County . We enjoy Our four grown sons , four daughter in laws, and twelve grand children



Craig Clymer

McCracken County Judge Executive

• **What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?**

I'm the only candidate to have:

Experience as a Judge Executive;
Doctorate law degree;

Certification as a Professional Mediator;
Built strong relationships with partners across the U.S.;

Managing McCracken County as my ONLY job;

Four year college degree (B.S. Law Enforcement);

Graduated from the Kentucky Police Academy;

Served in law enforcement (9 years);

Studied Economics (Northwestern and George Mason);
Studied Public Administration (16 of 32 hours toward M.P.A.)

This position requires FULLTIME devotion. I will CONTINUE to focus only on McCracken County, not distracted by personal businesses interests.

• **Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?**

I will complete five major goals: 1. Reduce taxes; 2. More long-term high-salary jobs; 3. Continue strengthening our Sheriff Department; 4. Promote further industry; and 5. Cleanup and beautify neighborhoods.

Job growth will be unprecedented. Multiple businesses investing billions of dollars already announced. We are working another, ten billion dollar project; and a twenty billion dollar AI Data Center will be announced this month.

Massive companies provide massive taxes to the County and Schools. That tax growth allows tax reduction for residents while increasing services and creating new attractive jobs for our children, and their children, for decades to come.

• **Why are you running for this office?**

I began public service in 1976 in County and Paducah police departments; McCracken District and Circuit Judge for twenty three years; now Judge Executive for seven years. Serving my County is what I love. I need another term to finish what I've started. Continue reindustrialization of the U.S. D.O.E. site bringing thousands of long-term, high-wage jobs. Finish the Paducah Sports Park, continue improvements in Reidland, Heath, Lone Oak, and throughout McCracken County. We've come a long way. Let's not stop now. I have a strong track record and momentum to achieve incredible growth and prosperity, like we've never imagined.

How voters can prepare for Election Day

The right to vote is one of the foundations of democracy. Exercising that right is vital to creating a nation where everyone feels as though their voice has been heard.

Given the significance of voting and all that the right to vote symbolizes for so many people, Election Day is an incredibly important day on the American calendar. In recognition of that significance, voters can consider these tips to prepare for Election Day so they can exercise their right to vote as efficiently as possible.

• **Make sure you're registered to vote.**

With the exception of North Dakota, each state has its own voter registration deadlines, and voters must register prior to those deadlines in order to vote on Election Day. Voters can visit the US Vote Foundation at usvotefoundation.org to view the election dates and deadlines in their states and U.S.

territories. Voters who know they are not registered can visit Vote.gov to begin the registration process.

• **Find your polling place.**

Voters cannot simply vote at any polling place. Each voter is assigned a polling place, and that place is generally within close proximity to a voter's home. Local schools or churches often serve as polling locations, but the official guide to government information and services USA.gov urges voters to contact their state or territorial election office in advance of Election Day to determine their designated polling place. Voters who received sample ballots in the mail also can check those ballots to see if their polling place is listed.

• **Know the ID requirements.** Voter ID requirements vary from state to state, so voters are urged to determine what is

required to vote at their local polling place. The National Conference of State Legislatures has a detailed, state-by-state list of voter identification requirements that can be accessed for free at ncsl.org. Voters who are uncertain about the ID requirements at their local polling place are urged to visit the site in advance of Election Day so they know what to expect and can meet all ID requirements when they show up to vote.

• **Study your sample ballot.**

Sample ballots can help voters familiarize themselves with candidates in local and national elections. Studying these ballots in advance and learning what each candidate stands for can help voters make the most informed voting decision.

Individuals who still have questions about what to expect on Election Day can visit USA.gov/election-day to speak with a live USA.gov agent.



Trigg County



Stan Humphries

Trigg County Judge Executive

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

In addition to my Judge Executive experience, I have also served in the Kentucky State Senate. In these roles, I have developed a strong understanding of not only county operations and budgeting, but also the intricacies of intergovernmental coordination. My experience allows me to provide consistent leadership and make informed decisions that serve the best interests of

our community.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

My first-year focus would be on maintaining effective operations and continuing projects already in progress. I would work to ensure responsible budgeting, efficient delivery of county services, and strong coordination with local, state, and regional partners.

• Why are you running for this office?

Having served as Judge Executive for almost ten years, I am seeking re-election to continue providing steady leadership and to build on the work already underway for Trigg County.



Sam Carter

Trigg County Judge Executive

• What qualifications do you have that would work well for this position?

Management skills while working with CSX Transportation for 46 years and the public across 21,000 miles of CSX and Congress and the thousands of Employees on projects. President of Trigg/

Lyon Fire Department.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I will not accept any salary and invest it back in the County and give all voters a vote on any taxes.

• Why are you running for this office?

I'm running to give voters a choice on taxes like they did with the petition on school TAXES. (WIN)

Union County



Garrick Thompson

Union County Clerk

well for this position?

I have been the County Clerk since being voted in, in 2018. I have led the office through the COVID pandemic, through a very non-traditional COVID election, through a new state-wide system change on the motor vehicle side, as well as many other challenges. I have experience in managing the staff and have knowledge and expertise in all avenues that involve running the County Clerk office.

• Looking ahead, what goals or improvements would you implement during your first year in office?

I would continue doing the same; providing first rate, impartial service and ensuring our elections are run fairly and with integrity. However, I am never satisfied with complacency and am always thinking of ways we can run a smoother, more efficient office that leads to better public service.

• Why are you running for this office?

I am passionate about service and passionate about Union County. I know, that things will be done right and with integrity, under my leadership.

• What qualifications do you have that would work

LG&E and KU unveil new programs for residential, business customers

(LOUISVILLE, Ky.) – Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company announced today two energy efficiency programs, one brand new and one returning favorite, designed to help customers save energy, money and time.

“We’re proud to empower our customers to take advantage of these new and exciting programs,” said Shannon Montgomery, LG&E and KU vice president of Customer Services. “We’re constantly working to introduce energy efficiency programs that make saving energy and earning incentives easy and straightforward for our customers.”

The programs build on LG&E and KU’s efforts to help customers use energy wisely, as well as helping the utilities reduce overall energy demand, increasing reliability and affordability

across the board.

The programs are:

Appliance Recycling: Residential and small business customers in Kentucky can get a \$50 incentive when they let LG&E and KU pick up functioning inefficient refrigerators and freezers and safely dispose of and recycle them.

Business Midstream Lighting: Eligible business customers can get incentives at the point of purchase when they buy qualified lighting equipment from participating distributors.

LG&E and KU are listening to our customers, who loved past versions of the Appliance Recycling program and recycled around 66,000 appliances, earning over \$3 million in incentives between 2012 and 2018. Appliance Recycling and the new Business Midstream Lighting Program add to LG&E

and KU’s extensive energy-efficiency toolbox and will help create an easy and hassle-free experience for customers making smart energy decisions.

LG&E and KU first launched energy efficiency programs for customers in the early 1990s, and in 2024, started rolling out the largest suite of programs in the company’s history, including incentives for energy-saving improvements and offsetting costs for new, smart technologies.

LG&E and KU customers can sign up for Appliance Recycling at lge-ku.clearesult.com or by logging into their online My Account (my.lge-ku.com). Customers interested in the Business Midstream Lighting Program can learn more at lge-ku-business.clearesult.com/midstream/ or through My Account.

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