



VOTER'S GUIDE

**GENERAL
ELECTION**
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MISSOURI**

MISSOURI U. S. SENATOR

REPUBLICAN – JOSH HAWLEY

Age: 38

Campaign website<http://joshhawley.com>

Public elected offices held Attorney general, 2017—present

Highest post-secondary education J.D., Yale University

Incumbent? No

What specific steps will you take to address the issue you feel most passionately about?

The battle over the Supreme Court is a defining issue. From immigration to the right to bear arms to religious liberty, our way of life is at stake. As your senator, I will only support judges who believe in the Constitution — judges who will defend the Constitution the people wrote, not the whims and prejudices of the political elite.

What will you do to help restore faith in the U.S. Congress?

Missouri deserves a senator who actually respects our way of life. To defend the heartland, I will back legislation that empowers our middle class and takes power away from Hollywood, Wall Street and the Washington cartel.

DEMOCRAT – CLAIRE McCASKILL

Age: 65

Campaign website<http://www.clairemccaskill.com>

Public elected offices held State representative, 1983-1988; prosecutor, Jackson County, 1993-1998; state auditor, 1998-2006; U.S. senator, 2006-present

Highest post-secondary education J.D., University of Missouri-Columbia

Incumbent? Yes

What specific steps will you take to address the issue you feel most passionately about?

I have held over 50 town halls in all corners of Missouri - including places where I'm not that popular - to learn more about the concerns of Missourians so I can take their priorities to the Senate and get things done. Whether it's fighting to protect coverage for pre-existing conditions or standing up against harmful tariffs, I will always put Missourians first.

What will you do to help restore faith in the U.S. Congress?

I will work with anyone to make progress for the people of Missouri and the U.S. For example, the president recently signed my Arla Harrell Act that will deliver decades-overdue relief to veterans intentionally exposed to mustard gas during World War II. I am proud of my bipartisan record and am not afraid to work across the aisle to get things done.

LIBERTARIAN – JAPHETH CAMPBELL

Age 42

Campaign website<http://Campbell4Liberty.com>

Public elected offices held None

Highest post-secondary education M.A., Full Sail University, entertainment business

Incumbent? No

What specific steps will you take to address the issue you feel most passionately about?

I will focus on issues which I believe help empower the people over government. I will immediately begin work to write and sponsor a bill to balance the budget. The economy will be the greatest challenge for the United States as the national debt spirals out of control and inflation will lead to the collapse of the dollar over the next decade.

What will you do to help restore faith in the U.S. Congress?

I chose to run for office because I believe the Senate has overstepped the responsibilities granted it by the Constitution by forcefully taking and mishandling power belonging to the people. As senator, I will focus on acting within my constitutional responsibilities under the framework of limiting government and maximizing liberty to return the power to the people.

MISSOURI U. S. SENATOR CONTINUED

GREEN – JO GRAIN

Age: 77

Campaign websitehttp://www.missourigreenparty.org/jo_crain_for_us_senate

Highest post-secondary education B.A., Ottawa University, business and psychology

Incumbent? No

What specific steps will you take to address the issue you feel most passionately about?

I will vote no on more war, drone actions, fossil fuel subsidies and helping Saudis wage genocide in Yemen or Israelis pursue apartheid in their country. I will not confirm for the Cabinet any nominee who will substantially benefit financially from that position. I will vote for Medicare for all, legalizing marijuana, reducing student loans and mitigating climate change.

What will you do to help restore faith in the U.S. Congress?

I am 100 percent for Missourians. I seek to pass bills increasing transparency. Who is paying for ads? Who funds the lobbyists? We see that Donald Trump has or had a substantial loan approved by Justice Anthony Kennedy's son. We needed to know that. I seek to pass a bill making it illegal for anyone in Congress to profit from insider knowledge.

INDEPENDENT – CRAIG O'DEAR

Age: 61

Campaign website<http://www.craigodear.com>

Highest post-secondary education J.D., Vanderbilt University

Incumbent? No

What specific steps will you take to address the issue you feel most passionately about?

We need bipartisan discussions regarding fixing our broken healthcare system. We must work toward a more effective and efficient business model in healthcare, and toward a lower uninsured rate. We need a greater focus on mental health issues, which has impacted so many families, including our own, as well as assistance for those struggling with opioid and other addictions.

What will you do to help restore faith in the U.S. Congress?

Washington desperately needs innovation. This is the core of who we are as Americans—when things aren't working, we innovate, we find solutions. We have two political parties that control a system that no longer functions. Sitting Senators have spoken openly of the need for less partisanship. We need independent leaders in the U.S. Senate to get back to doing business.

MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR

REPUBLICAN – SAUNDRA McDOWELL

Age: 38

Campaign website: www.saundramcdowellformissouri.com

Public elected offices held:

Highest post-secondary education: Law degree

Incumbent? No

What makes you qualified to serve in this office?

Candidate did not respond prior to print deadline (go to Vote411.org).

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

Candidate did not respond prior to print deadline (go to Vote411.org).

DEMOCRAT – NICOLE GALLOWAY

Age 36

Campaign website<http://nicolegalloway.com>

Public elected offices held Treasurer, Boone County, 2011-2015; state auditor, 2015-present (appointed to fill a vacancy)

Highest post-secondary education MBA, University of Missouri-Columbia

Incumbent? Y

What makes you qualified to serve in this office?

I'm a CPA and a certified fraud examiner with a wide array of experience in the private sector. Since becoming state auditor in 2015, I have uncovered more than \$300 million in government waste, fraud and mismanagement performing hundreds of audits. These audits have also resulted in dozens of criminal counts against corrupt public officials who abused their power.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

As state auditor I've run my office under budget every year, returning a million dollars to taxpayers in the process. It's the same way I approach my audits, because taxpayers want maximum value for every dollar they put in. I've also brought much needed attention to government compliance with the state's open records law, also known as the Sunshine Law.

MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR

LIBERTARIAN – SEAN O'TOOLE

Age 57

Campaign website<http://www.facebook.com/Sean-OToole-for-State-Auditor-141555762525898/>

Highest post-secondary education B.A., Hamline University, economics and business administration

Incumbent? No

What makes you qualified to serve in this office?

I have been an executive-level manager in both the financial sector and the IT sector. While an executive of a public company, I worked directly with internal and external auditors. As an executive of a regulated exchange, I was directly involved in administrative audits performed by our federal regulator.

What makes you qualified to serve in this office?

I will investigate ways to make the petition audit procedure less onerous for Missouri taxpayers and work with the state Legislature to enact whatever changes in the law are required to do so.

GREEN – DON FITZ

Age: 70

Campaign websitehttp://www.missourigreenparty.org/don_fitz_for_state_auditor

Highest post-secondary education Ph.D., University of Texas, social psychology

Incumbent? No

What makes you qualified to serve in this office?

I understand the need to examine financial relations between agribusinesses (e.g., Monsanto) and energy companies (e.g., Peabody coal and the Callaway nuclear plant) and agencies and schools to discover state promotion of corporate interests and health costs to taxpayers from chemicals such as Roundup and Dicamba and the potential costs of a catastrophic nuclear accident.

What makes you qualified to serve in this office?

I will examine whether standardized testing in public education shows a strong enough improvement in student learning to justify continued usage, as well as wasted tax dollars from privatized Medicaid going to insurance companies rather than health care, use of the death penalty and misappropriation of prisoner funds for purposes that do not benefit them.

CONSTITUTION – JACOB LUETKEMEYER

Age 39

Campaign website<http://luetkemeyerforauditor.com>

Highest post-secondary education B.S., Comlumbia College, business administration, emphasis in Accounting

What makes you qualified to serve in this office?

I have a diverse background in business, accounting, IT and analytics. While operating a family retail business, I used my accounting education and experience to develop my own Point-of-Sale and Accounting software to greatly increase efficiency and profitability. My current role at IBM includes performing data analytics, automation development, and IT Audit support.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

I believe we cannot improve the quality of state audits or gain a greater level of transparency without taking a hard look at how the office currently operates. My website details four main areas I will focus on in achieving better audits. The first is to update Missouri's Accounting Information System by implementing a blockchain solution. Visit my website for the rest.

MISSOURI'S U. S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 4

REPUBLICAN – VICKI HARTZLER

Age: 58

Campaign website: vickyhartzler.com

Public Elected Offices Held: MO State Representative, U. S. Representative

1. What bi-partisan legislation would you pursue in the next Congress? Declined to participate.
2. How do you plan to deal with the exploding federal debt? Declined to participate.
3. What are your priorities for Boone County? Declined to participate.

DEMOCRAT – RENEE HOAGENSON

Age: 52

Highest post-secondary education: BA

Public Elected Offices Held: None

Website: reenehoagenson.com

1. What bi-partisan legislation would you pursue in the next Congress?

An anti-corruption bill, either the one recently submitted by Senator Warren in the Senate or a similar bill that includes campaign finance reform, lobbying reform, redistricting reform.

2. How do you plan to deal with the exploding federal debt?

Repeal and Replace the new tax law.

Ensure that the wealthiest are paying their share of income taxes including the largest corporations.

Tax Wall Street transactions.

We could consider cutting a very small percentage (1%) out of most or all govt. spending budgets. We can review government contracts to stop waste and excessive spending.

Eliminate offshore tax shelters that avoid taxes.

Allow Medicare to negotiate pharmaceutical prices.

3. What are your priorities for Boone County?

Fully funded public education. Increase funding for Infrastructure. Living wages, affordable housing, affordable healthcare, enhancing and empowering community partnerships to better meet the needs of the vulnerable.

LIBERTARIAN – MARK BLISS

1. What bi-partisan legislation would you pursue in the next Congress? No response.
2. How do you plan to deal with the exploding federal debt? No response.
3. What are your priorities for Boone County? No response.

Local Candidates – Boone County Contested Races

MO State Representative 44th District

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Cheri Toalson Reisch</p> <p>Age: 56</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Certified Municipal Clerk – MU, Certified Court Administrator-MO State University</p> <p>Website: Cheri44.com</p> <p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri? Education, Infrastructure, Public Safety</p> <p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County? Education, Infrastructure, Public Safety</p> <p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation? Constituents can call my office at 1-573-751-1169 or email me at cheri.toalson-reisch@house.mo.gov, I attend public forums, and I am in the District at most events.</p>	<p>Name: Maren Bell Jones</p> <p>Age: 35</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Doctorate</p> <p>Website: www.docjones44.com</p> <p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri? -truly fully funded education at all levels (K-12 and post-secondary) -single payer healthcare for all, starting with expanding Medicaid -small business development and entrepreneurship support to grow good paying Missouri jobs from within</p> <p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County? -keeping the University of Missouri strong and keeping all public schools, especially rural schools, fully funded -supporting local small businesses with roots in the area to help them succeed and create good paying jobs -encouraging the growth of local sustainable and humane agriculture</p> <p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation? State representatives represent their district, but the bills they propose and vote on affect all Missourians. While direct constituents in district come first, all inquiries should be handled respectfully regardless of party affiliation. I don't believe in blocking people on social media as it shows fear of ideas different from your own.</p>

Local Candidates – Boone County Contested Races

MO State Representative 46th District

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Cathy D. Richards</p> <p>Age:</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Master's Degree/Counseling</p> <p>Website: www.cathyrichards.org</p> <p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri? Infrastructure Workforce Development Transparency with the public as well as the media</p> <p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County? Health (physical and mental) Education (Higher Education and K-12) Safety</p> <p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation? I was an elected official for eight years. During my time in office, I was diligent on returning phone calls, answering by mail, face-to-face appointments and e-mail. That will not change.</p>	<p>Name: Martha Stevens</p> <p>Age: 35</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Master's Degree in Social Work from University of Missouri</p> <p>Website: FriendsofMarthaStevens.org</p> <p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri? 1. Medicaid Expansion to ensure we provide healthcare for low income Missourians. 2. Increased Funding for our K-12 Public Schools 3. Increased funding for public colleges and universities I think to achieve the second and third priorities we need to discuss ways we can increase our revenue, take a significant look at the tax credits we allocate each year and stop cutting taxes for special interests, big businesses and corporations.</p> <p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County? Increased access to health care for low-income Missourians (Medicaid Expansion) Increased funding for Columbia Public Schools Increased funding for the University of Missouri-Columbia</p> <p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation? For the past two years as a State Representative I have attended many public forums where constituents can ask me direct questions, I respond to emails and calls in a timely manner and I have made myself very available to meet in the district or at the capitol to hear from constituents one on one. During this campaign cycle I am out door knocking nearly every day and listening to constituents, answering questions, and talking about my stances on policy issues. I aim to serve every constituent regardless of party affiliation.</p>

**Local Candidates – Boone County Contested Races
MO State Representative 46th District Continued**

INDEPENDENT

Name: William Hastings

Age: 78

Highest post-secondary education: Ph.D., social psychology

Website: hastingsforthe46th.com

1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

Establish an inheritance tax

Establish more wilderness areas

Establish work programs to reduce poverty

2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County?

Reduce waste at the University of Missouri by allowing testing out of majors

Protect women's right to contraception and abortion

Increase efficiency and competition in healthcare

3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation?

Being from the Green Party, I am used to being in the minority. I will set up rotating venues for meet and greet. I will listen and learn.

Local Candidates – Boone County Contested Races
MO State Representative 47th District

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Charles (Chuck) Basye</p> <p>Age: 60</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Bachelor of Science, Agriculture (University of Missouri, 1991)</p> <p>Website: www.chuckbasye47.com</p> <p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri? No response.</p> <p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County? No response.</p> <p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation? No response.</p>	<p>Name: Adrian Plank</p> <p>Age: 45</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Central Missouri State (one year)</p> <p>Website: www.adrianplank47.com</p> <p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri? Campaign finance reform Public school funding - the new formula is starving our rural schools. Healthcare (Medicaid expansion) everyone should have access to healthcare regardless of income.</p> <p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County? Higher education funding Rural infrastructure with the expansion of broadband to rural communities Green sector Job growth with investments in renewable energy.</p> <p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation? I am a firm believer that party politics get in the way of listening to people. Both sides have policies that can be agreed upon and those policies should bring us together to work toward a common good.</p>

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MO State Representative 50th District

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Sara Walsh Age: 39</p>	<p>Name: Michela Skelton Age: 32</p>
<p>Highest post-secondary education: University of Mo Truman School of Public Affairs</p>	<p>Highest post-secondary education: Masters of Public Administration and Policy Analysis and Juris Doctor</p>
<p>Website: saraformissouri.com</p>	<p>Website: MichelaSkelton.com</p>
<p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri?</p>	<p>1. What are your top three priorities for Missouri?</p>
<p>Workforce development Education Public Safety</p>	<p>First, increase wages to a living wage and ensure new jobs provide a decent standard of living.</p>
<p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County?</p>	<p>Second, expand healthcare access with universal healthcare as the goal. Third, increase school funding from birth through higher ed by rolling back fiscally irresponsible corporate tax cuts that have left us unable to invest in people and our futures.</p>
<p>Workforce development Education Public Safety</p>	<p>2. What are your top three priorities for Boone County?</p>
<p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation?</p>	<p>Increase higher education funding to move toward debt free college for Missouri residents. Increase K-12 funding for higher teacher salaries, classroom supplies, fully funded transportation costs and building improvements. Create state and community partnerships for infrastructure improvements including water, sewer, roads, and internet access.</p>
<p>Constituents can contact my office via phone, email, letter or in person. As a full-time representative, I am active and engaged in the district, sent out a survey to constituents and a weekly District Report. I have received an incredible amount of positive feedback from constituents who appreciate the level of service my office is providing to the citizens of District 50.</p>	<p>3. How will you hear and respond to all of your constituents regardless of their party affiliation?</p>
	<p>I will continue to hold community office hours around my district biweekly when not in session and weekly when in session to keep my constituents updated on the happenings in the Capitol and to take questions and concerns. I have an open communication policy because every person in my district deserves to be treated with mutual respect and dignity.</p>

Local Candidates – Boone County Contested Races

CIRCUIT JUDGE, CIRCUIT 13, DIVISION 1

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Brouck Jacobs</p> <p>Age: 35</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: J.D.</p> <p>Website: keepjudgejacobs.com</p>	<p>Name: Finley Gibbs</p> <p>Age: 54</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Juris Doctorate (Law Degree) December, 1996 UMC School of Law.</p> <p>Website: www.gibbsforjudge.com</p>
<p>1. Why do you want to be a judge?</p> <p>I have served for the past year as the judge in Division 1. In my experience, whether or not a litigant leaves the courtroom with their respect for our system of justice intact is due in large part to whether they think they received a fair hearing. I have great respect for our system of justice, and I want to remain a part of that as a judge.</p> <p>2. What are your life experiences that will prepare you to understand the people who come before your court?</p> <p>As a judge, I know the heavy burden it is to sit in judgement of my fellow citizens. As an attorney, I handled thousands of cases and dealt with people from all backgrounds, most of whom approached the legal process with apprehension. A judge I respect told me to remember that everybody is someone's baby; I'm cognizant of that every day in court.</p> <p>3. What experience have you had as an attorney in civil and criminal cases before the court?</p> <p>Prior to being appointed to the bench, my career as an attorney was concentrated on prosecuting criminal conduct. I handled nearly every type of criminal case, and tried over 50 jury trials. For a brief period, I practiced general civil law in North Carolina. I worked hard to earn the respect of my colleagues and opposing counsel.</p>	<p>1. Why do you want to be a judge?</p> <p>I have had a successful career, including helping to recover more than \$150 million for the United States and the State of Missouri in whistleblower cases. At age 54, it is now time to focus on providing more local service to Boone and Callaway Counties by being our Circuit Court Judge. My well-rounded legal and life experience will help move our Court forward, while providing justice to all members of our community.</p> <p>2. What are your life experiences that will prepare you to understand the people who come before your court?</p> <p>I've been married for 30 years to Becky, we raised two sons. I spent @7 years working full-time jobs before Law School. I represented close to 1,000 Mid-Missourians and talked about the Judiciary with nearly 2,000 more while campaigning. I represented local people from all walks of life, including small businesspeople. I'm a Kewpie and a Tiger. I have lived and worked with people in our Circuit for over 30 years.</p> <p>3. What experience have you had as an attorney in civil and criminal cases before the court?</p> <p>I have over 21 years of legal experience, litigating hundreds of Criminal and hundreds of Civil cases (@45% of Circuit caseload is Civil). In private practice, I litigated nearly all types of cases a Circuit Court Judge handles. I have practiced law in 20 of the 46 Circuits in the State of Missouri. I have had many trials, by Jury, by Judge, appeals (both State and Federal) and have handled many mediations.</p>

Local Candidates – Boone County Contested Races

ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE, CIRCUIT 13, DIVISION 11

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Josh Devine Age: 37</p>	<p>Name: Stephanie Morrell Age: 43</p>
<p>Highest post-secondary education: Juris Doctor, University of Missouri School of Law</p>	<p>Highest post-secondary education: Juris Doctorate 2000; University of Kansas</p>
<p>Website: www.KeepJudgeDevine.com</p>	<p>Website: morrellforjudge.com</p>
<p>1. Why do you want to be a judge? I currently serve as Associate Circuit Judge for Division 11 in Boone County. I am seeking to keep my position as judge so that I can continue my mission of ensuring that every person who appears in Division 11 has a full and fair opportunity to be heard, and that justice is delivered equally regardless of a person's background or circumstance.</p> <p>2. What are your life experiences that will prepare you to understand the people who come before your court? Prior to becoming a judge, I represented clients from every walk of life. Last year, I was honored to join the Board of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mid-Missouri. In these roles, I learned that everyone has a unique life experience that must be addressed without presumption or bias. I am mindful of this every day in court.</p> <p>3. What experience have you had as an attorney in civil and criminal cases before the court? I have presided over hundreds of civil and criminal cases as a judge, and handle many of the civil cases filed in the Associate Division. As an attorney, I handled civil cases at every stage of the litigation process, and was selected to the Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers Magazine Rising Stars list four years in a row – from 2014 to 2017.</p>	<p>1. Why do you want to be a judge? I have the legal and life experience to truly represent our community on the bench. My legal career has always been about serving the public as an Assistant Attorney General and as a Boone County Prosecutor. Serving as our next Associate Judge Division 11 is the next step in my service to seek justice for the people of Boone County.</p> <p>2. What are your life experiences that will prepare you to understand the people who come before your court? When I was a teenager, my dad was laid off. I felt the stress as we struggled to make ends meet--even with state assistance. Now as a single mom, I work 3 jobs to support my boys. Each person in court is an individual. I know how to consider the facts, the law, and each individual person to make decisions that are fair, just, and equitable.</p> <p>3. What experience have you had as an attorney in civil and criminal cases before the court? As a courtroom attorney for 18½ years, I have handled over 300 appellate cases; argued more than 12 times in the Missouri Supreme Court; tried over 100 bench trials and motion hearings; handled much of the civil litigation within the prosecutor's office (e.g., expungements); and tried approximately 20 jury trials including 8 homicide trials.</p>

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BOONE COUNTY PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Matt Cavanaugh Age: 52</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: 4 years at FSU and MU majoring in Economics and finance, and Japanese at the Japanese Language Institute of Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>Website: mattcavanaugh.org</p> <p>1. What leadership skills and experiences do you offer for this role? I have 30 years of experience in large scale project work. From concept, budgets, financing, logistics, construction, management, and government regulatory compliance. As a Commissioner, making sure public resources are used efficiently, responsibly and with transparency for the benefit of all Boone County Residents.</p> <p>2. What is the greatest challenge facing the Boone County Commission, and what action do you propose for meeting that challenge? Financial management, and resource utilization of county assets and resources. Boone County has no long-term plan. Our “fairgrounds” are an unmitigated disaster. Our county’s largest asset, Boone Hospital, is the Titanic. We need honest, open engaged leadership that will deal with issues, not hide them.</p> <p>3. How would you rate the fiscal situation in Boone County and how would you improve the situation? There is no financial leadership, or any intent to maximize the assets and resources of Boone County. We need a Presiding Commissioner who will actually put in the work to build a better future for Boone County in a fiscally prudent manner.</p>	<p>Name: Daniel K. Atwill Age: 71 Highest post-secondary education: J.D. University of Missouri Website: danatwill.com</p> <p>1. What leadership skills and experiences do you offer for this role? With six years’ experience as Presiding Commissioner, my relationship with those who serve Boone County government is a major asset as we support the operations of each elected office within a strict budget. As an attorney in the US Air Force and in private practice in Boone County, I am well prepared as we manage growth, bring jobs, build infrastructure, and expand the economy for the benefit of our citizens.</p> <p>2. What is the greatest challenge facing the Boone County Commission, and what action do you propose for meeting that challenge? Boone County is dependent on sales tax for 70% of its revenue. With an annual county population increase more than 2,000, the greatest challenge for the Commission is to meet the growing demand for services and infrastructure given a stagnant revenue stream. With inflation, increasing demand, and increasing population, revenue cannot keep pace. It will be up to all of us to decide how we meet this challenge.</p> <p>3. How would you rate the fiscal situation in Boone County and how would you improve the situation? The current fiscal situation in Boone County is good and the budget is balanced, but as we prepare the 2019 Budget, the need for additional personnel in several offices and departments can be seen. With continued revenue stagnation, however, such expansion may not be possible and the services we have come to expect may be restricted until sales tax revenue rebounds or Internet sales are included.</p>

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BOONE COUNTY CLERK

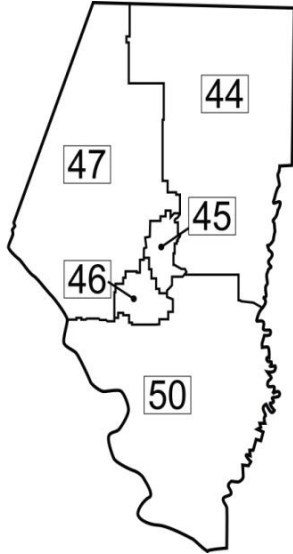
REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Taylor Burks Age: 32</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Master of Accounting, Washington University in St. Louis; Master of Arts in Administrative Leadership, University of Oklahoma</p> <p>Website: www.burksforboone.com</p> <p>1. What criteria will you use in selecting poll locations? Since I've been County Clerk, I've continued to use the process established by Wendy Noren to determine polling places, and number of voters per poll, for each of my four elections. In making those polling place decisions, our priority remains the same—as convenient and accessible as possible for all voters across Boone County.</p> <p>2. What steps will you take to ensure Boone County elections are safe from hacking? As a Navy veteran and current election authority, protecting our elections from illegal influence is my highest priority. Since taking office, I've implemented stronger internal policies for system users, including conducting a vulnerability assessment of the Clerk's office, and requiring employee training on Cybersecurity for all deputy clerks.</p> <p>3. What training do you propose to ensure all poll workers understand the current voter ID law? I continued to use the training put in place by Wendy Noren, improving with input from the team. After every election, our team meets to brainstorm on what we can improve for the next election. As the law changes, including voter ID, we update our training and provide handouts for poll workers. We also post info at each poll for voters and judges.</p>	<p>Name: Brianna Lennon Age: 32</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Law Degree and Master's in Public Policy</p> <p>Website: https://lennonforboone.com/</p> <p>1. What criteria will you use in selecting poll locations? In addition to administrative criteria, like whether it makes sense to group several precincts in one location, polling place selection must take the voter's experience into consideration, including ADA compliance, geographic accessibility (voters' ability to get to the polling place), and usability (whether the polling place is easy to navigate).</p> <p>2. What steps will you take to ensure Boone County elections are safe from hacking? Every staff member that interacts with our voter registration database and elections system should complete ongoing cybersecurity training. To ensure integrity in election results, I strongly favor paper ballots and the adoption of risk-limiting audits, which ensure voter confidence that our elections system produced the right election outcome.</p> <p>3. What training do you propose to ensure all poll workers understand the current voter ID law? In-person training, supplemented with reference guides at polling places, must stress the distinction between legally-allowed forms of ID (driver's licenses, voter ID cards, and university IDs, for example) and the forms of ID that are most convenient for the county's iPad poll books (driver's licenses).</p>

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BOONE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
<p>Name: Lisa Ballenger</p> <p>Age: 55</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: Graduate with post continued education.</p> <p>Website: www.BallengerforRecorder.com</p> <p>1. What is your experience for this job? I have 27 years of on-the-job experience. I have attended conferences for IACREAT-IGO of government officials, Recorders Association of Missouri and Missouri Association of Counties for additional education.</p> <p>2. What would you like to see improved in this office to better serve the public? Under the current leadership our office is at an all-time low and the morale really needs to be improved. I as the Recorder, I will encourage the employees to have a positive attitude. It really hits home when our longtime customers notice, and even comment on our office presence and morale being less than adequate.</p> <p>3. How are records in this office protected? The records are protected with multiple server backups, the microfilm is stored in two separate locations within the country. The hard copy records are stored in climate-controlled storage.</p>	<p>Name: Nora Dietzel</p> <p>Age: 53</p> <p>Highest post-secondary education: 1.5 years college</p> <p>Website: www.nora4recorder.com</p> <p>1. What is your experience for this job? I served for 18 years as a deputy prior to taking office 4 years ago as the Recorder of Deeds. I have reduced the budget, and increased records access. I am a leader in educating recorders on legislation and upcoming technology, locally and nationally. I am engaged in public forums and service groups that improve the well-being of Boone County.</p> <p>2. What would you like to see improved in this office to better serve the public? The old records are deteriorating, so getting them scanned is a priority. I am currently reviewing bids to have the index books scanned. This will be a multi-year project, as funds are available. Access to these records on-line will be a great benefit to our citizens. I am also currently reviewing our disaster plan for areas of vulnerability.</p> <p>2. How are records in this office protected? We have paper copies, as well as microfilm rolls of all documents, stored in two locations in the Country. We have scanned images back to the early 1970's for land records, and back to the 1910's for marriage records. Our servers are updated offsite multiple times during the day, as well as a weekly in-house backup, stored in two locations.</p>

House District Map For Boone County



MO POLLING HOURS 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Contacts for Questions
or
Problems with Voting**

**Secretary of State:
800-669-8683**

**Boone County Clerk:
573-886-4375**

(Absentee ballot request at
www.showmeboone.com/clerk/)

Acceptable Forms of Voter ID for November 6 General Election

OPTION 1. Show one of these current government-issues photo IDs: a current Missouri Driver's license **OR** a current Missouri non-driver's license **OR** a current passport **OR** a current Military ID. **VOTE USING A REGULAR BALLOT.**

OPTION 2. If you don't have one of the above IDs, you can sign a statement under oath **AND** use one of the following: your voter registration card **OR** ID from any Missouri university, college, or technical school **OR** utility bill **OR** bank statement **OR** other government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address. **VOTE USING A REGULAR BALLOT.**

OPTION 3. If you choose not to follow Option 1 or 2 you may vote using a **provisional ballot**. Your **vote will count** if you return to your polling location the same day with a required ID or if your signature matches the one in the voter registration records.

STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUES

PETITION INITIATIVES

AMENDMENT 1: Clean up Missouri Politics

CLEAN Missouri's initiative increases fairness, accountability, integrity and transparency in Missouri politics. Amendment 1 would do the following:

- Lower campaign contribution limits to \$2,500 for state Senate candidates and \$2,000 for state House candidates
- Eliminate almost all lobbyist gifts to members of the General Assembly
- Require that all legislative records be open to the public, including committee reports, correspondence and electronic communication, and allow taping of all meetings open to the public
- Require politicians to wait two years after leaving office before becoming lobbyists
- Ensure that neither political party is given an unfair advantage when new legislative district maps are drawn after each census. An independent demographer would draw maps that would then be reviewed by a citizen commission that must hold public hearings. Currently, politicians draw the maps to protect incumbents and their parties. Districts must be drawn using the following criteria, in order of priority:
 - ★ make districts as equal in population as practicable;
 - ★ comply with U.S. Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, other federal laws;
 - ★ promote partisan fairness and competitiveness
 - ★ be composed of contiguous territory, coincide with the boundaries of political subdivisions and be compact in form.

AMENDMENT 2: MEDICAL MARIJUANA – Care of Veterans

Amends the Missouri Constitution to allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes with a 4% tax on its retail sale at dispensaries. Funds estimated at \$18 million would go toward veterans' health programs, including Veterans' Homes, state operating costs and \$6 million to local governments for their costs if they have a retail marijuana facility or a marijuana growing facility. The Missouri Department of Revenue would oversee the taxation and revenue regulations. Local governments may not refuse to allow a facility within their jurisdiction. The Department of Health and Senior Services would license and regulate marijuana and marijuana facilities. It creates the Missouri Veterans Health Commission for Health and Care of Veterans to oversee use of the license fee and tax. Approximately \$7 million will be spent on state operating costs. The 30-day allowed prescription amount is 4 oz.

AMENDMENT 3: MEDICAL MARIJUANA – Biomedical Research Institute

Similar to Amendment 2, but it imposes a 15% tax on the retail sale of marijuana that would be used for a "Biomedical Research and Drug Development Institute." The purpose of the Institute is to conduct research and develop cures for cancer and other incurable diseases or medical conditions. Submitted and financed by Brad Bradshaw, who will be the Chairman of the Board of the Institute and select all of the Board members. Implementation cost would be \$186,000 with an increased annual operating cost of \$500,000. They anticipate an annual income of approximately \$66 million. The 30-day allowed prescription amount is 3 oz.

PROPOSITION B: MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

This initiative by Raise Up Missouri increases the state minimum wage by 85 cents an hour each year until it reaches \$12 per hour in 2023. It would account for changes in the Consumer Price Index after 2023 and penalize employers who do not pay their workers minimum wage. Government employers and businesses with annual gross income less than \$500,000 are not required to pay the state minimum wage.

PROPOSITION C: MEDICAL MARIJUANA – Health and Senior Services

Removes state prohibitions on personal use and possession of medical marijuana by anyone diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition and allow growth, possession, production, and sale of medical marijuana by licensed and regulated facilities. One-half of 1% of a 2% tax on the retail sale of medical marijuana would be used for veterans' services, drug treatment, early childhood education overseen by the Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Treasurer. Funds also go to public safety in cities with a medical marijuana facility. Annual revenues are estimated to cover annual costs of \$10 million. The Division of Liquor Control would administer the program to license and regulate marijuana and marijuana facilities. The 14-day allowed prescription amount is 3 oz. Financed by Missourians for Patient Care, donors' names not available.

BALLOT ISSUES FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE

AMENDMENT 4: BINGO

The Missouri Management and Advertisement of Bingo Games amendment was submitted by the General Assembly to lower the time required for someone to belong to a group before he/she can manage a bingo game for the organization from two years to six months, and to remove the constitutional ban on advertising for bingo games. A constitutional amendment is necessary because the original authorization approving Bingo in the state was passed as a constitutional amendment.

PROPOSITION D: FUEL TAX INCREASE

This initiative was submitted by the legislature to increase the state motor fuel tax by 10 cents a gallon by 2.5 cents per year until it reaches the full amount in 2022. The current tax is 17 cents per gallon for both gasoline and diesel fuel, compared to Iowa's 31 cents for gasoline and 32.5 cents for diesel fuel. The higher tax is estimated to generate at least \$288 million annually for the Highway Patrol and \$123 million annually to local governments for road construction. Subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, the state portion of the revenue generated by the increase shall be used for the actual cost of the Missouri Highway Patrol in administering and enforcing state motor vehicle laws and traffic regulations. Money originally budgeted for the Highway Patrol could then go for road and bridge projects. Prop D establishes an "Emergency State Freight Bottleneck Fund" that will select and oversee appropriate projects to be funded by the State Treasurer at the will of the Legislature. Those projects must meet freight route and cost requirements. The measure also exempts Special Olympic, Paralympic and Olympic prizes from state taxes.

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