



# Voter Information Guide

**Primary Election**

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# PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Term Commences 1/20/21

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**Term:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

**Base Salary:** \$400,000 per year.

**Note:** All candidates who will appear on your state’s ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League’s questions in this guide.

- 1) The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party’s nomination for President; and,
- 2) The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act’s minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website.

During the Presidential primary season, voters cast a ballot for candidates in one party. LWVEF is required to have at least two candidates from the same party meet the above criteria before launching a voters’ guide covering that party. *At this time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party’s nomination has met the LWVEF criteria and therefore no Republican candidates have been invited to participate.* As soon as two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party’s national nominating convention occurs, LWVEF will begin outreach to the qualified candidates immediately.

The following candidates have qualified for the Ohio state ballot according to the Secretary of State of Ohio but did not meet the LWVEF criteria.

**Michael Bennet**

**Party: D**

**Michael Bloomberg**

**Party: D**

**Deval Patrick**

**Party: D**

**Tom Steyer**

**Party: D**

**Cory Booker ( Has Withdrawn Prior to Ohio’s Primary Election)**

**Party: D**

Candidates who are on the Ohio Ballot appear below.



**Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**  
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**Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?**

I’ve fought for voting rights since I first got involved in politics, helping to secure several extensions of the Voting Rights Act. But in 2013, the Supreme Court ripped the heart out of those voter protections. As president, I’ll enact legislation to restore the full force of the Voting Rights Act, and my Justice Department will challenge every one of the new Jim Crow laws that are now curtailing people’s right to vote. I’ll also boost state funding for secure voting with a paper record, and for better information-sharing. I’ll fight for automatic and same-day voter registration. And I’ll make sure that any country or group that seeks to interfere in our elections faces real and serious consequences.

**Q: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.**

The next president will inherit a divided nation and a world in disarray. They’ll need to hit the ground running to fix Trump’s mess, restore our global standing, and bring people together to get things done. Our next president will need to be a president for ALL Americans. I refuse to accept that we can’t work together to solve tough problems. It’s what democracy is all about. We can rebuild the middle class with historic investments in infrastructure, tackle prescription drug companies’ profiteering, build on Obamacare with a public option – and so much more. I know how to find common ground without compromising my values.

**Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?**

We’re a nation that values immigrants – it’s how we’ve constantly been able to renew our democracy. As president, I’ll reverse Trump’s assault on our values on day one, ending his cruel asylum policies, especially his Migrant Protection Protocols, family separation, and public charge rule. I’ll address the root causes pushing people to flee Central America. I’ll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families. Then, I’ll invest real political capital to finally deliver legislative immigration reform to modernize our system, giving nearly 11 million undocumented people a path to citizenship, updating our visa system to sharpen our economic competitive edge, and preserving family unification and diversity as cornerstones of our system

**Q: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.**

Gun violence is a public health epidemic. We need courage to stand up to the NRA and fix our broken gun laws. I’ve beaten it before – twice. As president, I’ll do it again. I’ll ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and require background checks for all gun sales. I’ll fight for red-flag laws and close the Charleston and boyfriend loopholes, to get guns out of dangerous hands. I’ll invest in smart gun technology and new strategies to reduce daily gun violence in cities. I’ll work to heal trauma that outlasts shootings, starting by doubling the number of school mental health professionals. And I’ll address the deadly nexus of gun violence and domestic violence, starting by signing into law the Violence Against Women Act of 2019.

**Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing**

**the US due to climate change?**

Climate change is our most urgent threat. Beating Trump won’t end it, but it’s key to all progress. In 1986, I introduced one of the first climate bills; PolitiFact says I’m a “climate change pioneer.” Now, I’ve outlined a bold plan to match today’s crisis – putting us on a path to a 100% clean-energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. On day one, I’ll rejoin the Paris Accord, restore American leadership, and push the world to do more. I’ll invest \$1.7 trillion in clean energy research and development, and in transforming our infrastructure – from electric vehicle charging stations to high-speed rail – reducing emissions and withstanding the impacts of a changing climate, and creating 10 million good-paying jobs, that can be union jobs



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**Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?**

My Douglass Plan proposes a 21st Century Voting Rights Act to end voter suppression, expand access to the ballot box, and create a democracy where the rights of each citizen no longer depend on the color of their skin, where they live, or their political party.

My administration will make registration easier by automatically registering eligible voters and allowing online and same-day registration. I will allow early voting and vote-by-mail and make Election Day a national holiday.

I will ensure that we have a nonpartisan and fully resourced election administration to prevent unfair partisan skewing of our elections. I support a paper trail for every vote, so Americans can ensure their votes are counted.

**Q: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.**

I believe in the American values of freedom, security and democracy, which can bring Democrats and Republicans together. We can work together to bring affordable health care to all Americans while preserving choice and lowering costs through my Medicare for All Who Want It plan. We can find common ground in managing the federal budget responsibly, so that we are not leaving future generations to pay our bills.

The climate crisis requires everyone—Democrats, Republicans, rural Americans, the private sector, and nonprofits—work in an inclusive effort that transcends political parties. By focusing on the values and priorities that unite us, we can find solutions to our toughest challenges and build coalitions big enough to get things done.

**Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?**

I will work with Congress to create a path to citizenship for the approximately 11 million undocumented people, including Dreamers, TPS and DED holders. The vast majority of Americans agree on this, but Washington has not delivered. I will take executive action to protect immigrants in America and reinstate a humane border policy. I will end family separation, unify separated families, and end for-profit detention. In addition, I will send asylum seekers and other migrants at the border to facilities run by HHS, not CBP, so we can prioritize migrants’ safety. We must end metering, MPP, and the so-called Safe Third Country agreements that are all meant to discourage asylum seekers. We should protect people seeking refuge, not turn them away.

**Q: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.**

To prevent dangerous individuals from getting guns, as described in my gun control policy, I will make background checks universal and close the “boyfriend”, “Charleston”, and “hate” loopholes. I will ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines, support red flag laws, and create a national gun licensing system.

We must also combat the domestic extremism and white nationalism that has motivated shooters to target communities of color. I will dedicate \$1 billion to prevent and combat violent extremism, empower law enforcement with greater resources for preventing domestic terrorist attacks, and work with social media platforms to identify and limit the spread of hateful ideology.

**Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?**

We need immediate and bold action on the climate crisis and my climate change plan will ensure we reach zero emissions by 2035 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050. On Day 1, I will rejoin the Paris Agreement. Within my first 100 days, I will work with Congress to pass a carbon tax rebated back to Americans. I will call for the federal government to quadruple investment in clean energy research, invest \$550 billion in deploying clean energy technologies and \$200 billion to help displaced fossil fuel workers retrain. I will also set higher standards for clean fuel emissions and electricity and mandate that new materials the federal government uses or pays for to construct infrastructure must be under a specified level of carbon emissions.



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**Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?**

I support campaign finance reform to reject the influence of corporate donations and PAC money on our elections and I support ending the practice of gerrymandering, which threatens our democracy and fuels corruption and a widening partisan divide.

(Tulsi Gabbard’s response continued on page 3)

(Tulsi Gabbard's response continued from page 2)

We need to ensure the integrity and security of our nation's election systems and protect our democracy from hacking by adversaries. I introduced the Securing America's Elections Act to require paper ballots or voter-verified paper backups in order to protect our elections from malicious hackers and to make sure that every vote will be accurately counted.

**Q: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.**

In every issue that faces our nation, there are opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground. What is lacking is the political will to reach across the aisle, build relationships and find compromise.

Throughout my time in office, I have prioritized bipartisan outreach. If our leaders are unable to reach stable agreements based on finding common ground, then they will not be able to deliver. Their promises will ring hollow and they will create a state of permanent disruption.

As president, I will listen to the voices of all Americans, lead in the spirit of putting service above self, and upholding our country's original ideals of being of the people, by the people, and for the people.

**Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?**

We need comprehensive immigration reform to address our broken immigration laws and have a serious conversation about the most effective and humane ways to compassionately secure our borders while building bridges and cooperative foreign policy with other countries. We need to ensure we have a clear, enforceable, accessible, and humane pathway to citizenship, fund and equip agencies in charge of processing asylum claim and protect migrants, and pass DACA. We must also end our longstanding policy of military and economic intervention in Central and South America which has contributed to decades of civil war and economic instability which is the root cause of mass immigration.

**Q: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.**

I have long called for reinstating a federal ban on military-style assault weapons and high capacity magazines, requiring comprehensive pre-purchase background checks for every gun sale, preventing domestic abusers from acquiring a gun, closing the gun-show loophole, and making sure that terrorists are not allowed to buy guns. I am focused on building bipartisan solutions that can actually be passed into law.

As President, I would work with Congress to pass common sense gun safety legislation. The stakes are too high to allow politics to get in the way of taking bipartisan action on this. While I strongly support the second amendment, we can all agree that we need sensible gun laws to keep our us and our children safe.

**Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?**

As president, I will tackle climate change by ushering in a Green Century - a century that harnesses technology and innovation to create jobs in renewable energy, revitalize our communities, and protect our environment. We must end taxpayer subsidies for big oil, fossil fuels and nuclear power, and instead invest in 100% renewable and safe energy sources like wind, solar, and geothermal. We must address the national security threat of climate change, end wasteful wars for oil, and address vulnerabilities to attacks/hacks into our electrical grids that can be eliminated by decentralizing power sources and investing in renewable energy storage.



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**Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?**

Senator Klobuchar believes we must make sure people's voices are heard. She has been a leader on this issue in the Senate and as President she will cattaacks on our elections and protecting against future foreign interference and will push for security protocols such as backup paper ballots and audits. Read more about Senator Klobuchar's plan to safeguard our elections, strengthen our democracy and restore trust in government here.

**Q: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.**

A key focus of Senator Klobuchar's campaign is bringing people with her and not shutting them out. That's what she's done her entire career, including in the Senate where she has been the lead Democrat on more than 100 bipartisan bills signed into law. As President, she will continue to work with Republicans on issues like reducing prescription drug prices, passing comprehensive immigration reform, rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, and pushing for action to secure our elections from foreign interference.

**Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?**

Senator Klobuchar believes that comprehensive immigration reform is crucial to moving our economy and our country forward. She supports a comprehensive immigration reform bill that includes the DREAM Act, border security and an accountable pathway to earned citizenship. She is committed to stopping the cruel and inhumane policy where the government is taking kids away from their parents.

**Q: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.**

Senator Klobuchar believes that gun violence prevention policies are long overdue. She supports a package of gun violence policies including instituting universal background checks by closing the gun show loophole and banning bump stocks, high capacity ammunition feeding devices and assault weapons. She is also the author of a proposal that would close what is commonly referred to as the 'boyfriend loophole' by preventing people who have abused dating partners from buying or owning firearms. Read more about Senator Klobuchar's gun violence policies here.

**Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?**

Senator Klobuchar is deeply committed to tackling the climate crisis. She is a co-sponsor of a Green New Deal and has signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge. On day one of her presidency she will get us back into the International Climate Change Agreement. On day two and day three, she will bring back and strengthen clean power rules and gas mileage standards that the Obama Administration put into place. And during her first 100 days in office, she will put forward sweeping legislation that provides a landmark investment in clean-energy jobs and infrastructure and puts our country on a path to achieving 100% net-zero emissions no later than 2050. Read more about Senator Klobuchar's climate policies here.



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**Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?**

Bernie believes that voting is a fundamental American right. As president, he will:

- Restore & expand the Voting Rights Act.
- Re-enfranchise millions of Americans who have had their right to vote taken away by a felony conviction, including those currently incarcerated.
- Secure automatic voter registration for every American 18+.
- Overturn Citizens United.
- End racist voter suppression & partisan gerrymandering.
- Abolish racist voter ID laws, super PACs, & the Electoral College.
- Make Election Day a national holiday.
- Ensure voting is fully accessible to people with disabilities
- Replace corporate funding & donations from millionaires & billionaires w/ mandatory public funding of elections.
- Expand early voting & make absentee voting easier

**Q: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.**

Right now we have a president who wants to divide us up by the color of our skin, our country of origin, our gender, our religion and our sexual orientation. Bernie is going to do exactly the opposite. We are going to bring our people together - black, white, Latino, Native American, Asian American, gay and straight, young and old, men and women, native born and immigrant.

Not only is Bernie going to be Commander in Chief, he will be Organizer in Chief. He will rally the American people and stand up to the greed of the corporate elite.

We'll build the grassroots movement necessary to enact the transformative change we need on climate change, health care, education, a higher minimum wage, workers' rights, criminal justice, and more.

**Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?**

Bernie will act immediately to overhaul our broken immigration system and enact a humane policy at the border and in the interior that respects human and civil rights. As President, Bernie will:

- Use executive authority to reverse Trump's harmful actions on immigration.
- Place a moratorium on deportations and end ICE raids.
- Restore and expand DACA.
- Push Congress to enact a fair, swift, and inclusive path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.
- Break up ICE and CBP and return their core functions to their previous departments.
- Decriminalize and demilitarize the border, and ensure due process.
- Strengthen and protect immigrant labor rights.
- Lift Trump's draconian refugee caps and taking in those forced from their homes due to climate

**Q: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.**

Bernie will take on the NRA & pass common sense gun safety legislation.

- Expand background checks & end the gun show loophole
- End the "boyfriend" loophole to get guns out of the hands of domestic abusers & stalkers
- Ban the sale & distribution of assault weapons
- Ban high-capacity ammunition magazines
- Enact a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons
- Regulate assault weapons in the same way as fully automatic weapons, essentially making them unlawful to own
- Crack down on "straw purchases," where people buy guns for criminals
- Support "red flag" laws & legislation to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and stalkers
- Ban the 3-D printing of firearms & bump stocks
- Pass Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

**Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?**

Together, we'll launch the decade of the Green New Deal, a ten-year, nationwide mobilization centered around justice and equity during which climate change will be factored into virtually every area of policy. As president, Bernie will declare a national emergency on climate change and take immediate, large-scale action to reverse its effects. Bernie will use executive authority to aggressively regulate greenhouse gas emissions, ban fracking, ban offshore drilling, rejoin and strengthen the Paris Climate Agreement, and more. Bernie will work with Congress to pass a comprehensive Green New Deal to create 20 million good-paying union jobs while meeting the IPCC emissions reductions targets and transforming our energy system and our economy.



**Elizabeth Warren**  
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**Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?**

My plan to strengthen our democracy will establish uniform federal rules to make voting easy, including by expanding same-day and automatic registration and early voting, making election day a holiday, ending voter purges, and requiring independent redistricting commissions to end partisan gerrymandering. We will also replace every voting machine in the country with state-of-the-art equipment and lock all federal voting technology systems behind a security firewall like it's Fort Knox. States will have a strong financial incentive to follow these rules in their state and local elections, and we will pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Native American Voting Rights Act to shut down a host of festering discriminatory practices.

(Elizabeth Warren's response continued on page 4)

**Q: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.**

In 2019, 5 out of every 6 Americans do not trust their government to do the right thing. That's because our government works great for the wealthy and well-connected, but not for everyone else. Universal child care. Criminal justice reform. Gun reform. On issue after issue, widely popular policies are stymied because giant corporations and billionaires use their money and influence to stand in the way of big, structural change. That's corruption, plain and simple, and it's why I've proposed the biggest set of anti-corruption reforms since Watergate. My plan slams shut the revolving door between government and industry, ends lobbying as we know it, and more – so we can root out corruption and make government work for everyone.

**Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?**

I have a plan to create a fair immigration system that preserves our security, grows our economy, and reflects our values. I will reduce the family reunification backlog and remove the bars that make it harder to apply for legal status. I will also reinstate and expand DACA and protections for our Dreamers and their families. And I'll extend the individual exercise of discretion to offer deferred action protections to immigrants who have contributed to our country for years and have built careers and families here, while pushing for a far-reaching legislative fix that provides a fair but achievable path to citizenship for them. I'll also raise the refugee cap, reaffirm asylum protections, and rescind Trump's bigoted Muslim Ban.

**Q: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.**

My administration will set a goal to reduce gun deaths by 80% and take executive and legislative action to meet it. As president, I will restrict gun movement across borders and extend reporting requirements, background checks, and minimum age restrictions to cover the vast majority of gun sales. Those who break the law, like gun traffickers and gun dealers who repeatedly violate the rules, will face prosecution and license revocation. Criminals convicted of hate crimes and domestic abuse will also be restricted from owning a gun. And in my first 100 days, I'll send Congress legislation to establish a federal licensing system, universal background checks, and other common sense reforms to reduce gun deaths in America.

**Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?**

From day one, I will fight for a Green New Deal, using all the tools of the federal government. I'll immediately issue a sweeping climate executive order to show Americans and the rest of the world that defeating the climate crisis is a top priority. I will ban all new fossil fuel leases offshore and on public lands, rejoin the Paris Agreement, reinstate Obama era environmental protections, and beef up enforcement of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. I plan to bring the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to the White House for a summit. And I will send Congress my plan for 100% clean energy, which is fully paid for and leverages additional trillions in private investment to create 10.6 million good union jobs.

**Andrew Yang (Write-In Candidate)**  
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**4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
Term Commences 1/03/21

**Responsibilities:** To represent the people of Ohio, their district and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

**Term:** 2 years  
**Salary:** \$174,000

**Shannon M. Freshour**  
Party: Democrat

**Jim Jordan**  
Party: Republican

**Mike Larsen**  
Party: Democrat

**Steve Perkins**  
Party: Liberal

**Jeffrey A. Sites**  
Party: Democrat

**OHIO STATE SENATOR**  
**DISTRICT 12**  
Term Commences 1/01/21

**Responsibilities:** To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$60,584 (base salary)

**Matt Huffman-NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED**  
Party: Republican

**Ken Poling – NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED**  
Party: Democrat

**OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
Term Commences 1/01/21

**Responsibilities:** To represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

**Term:** 2 years  
**Salary:** \$60,584



**Bob Cupp**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Attorney at law  
**Current Job Position:** State Representative for Allen County (District 4)  
**Education:** Ohio Northern University - B.A. in political science; J.D. (law degree); Columbus Grove local schools.  
**Training & Experience:** Current state representative; Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio 2007-2012; Judge, 3rd District Court of Appeals, 2003-2006; State Senator, 1985-2000; Senate President Pro Tempore, 1997-2000; Allen County Commissioner, 1981-84; Lima City Prosecutor and Asst. Law Director, 1976-1980; engaged in private practice of law for 25 years.

**1. What will you do to combat gerrymandering and ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?**

Ohio has new constitutional procedures and standards in place for redrawing district boundary lines for the Ohio legislature and for Ohio's congressional representatives. The state's voters approved these new requirements in 2015 (state legislature) and 2018 (Congress). They will first be utilized for drawing new districts in 2021, following this year's federal census, for elections to be held in 2022 and thereafter. These new requirements include enhanced bi-partisan check and balances, prohibition on favoring or disfavoring any political party, open and transparent deliberations, and limitations on splitting counties, cities and townships. Many of these are self-enforcing, such as bipartisan approval or strict anti-gerrymandering criteria, or enforceable through the Ohio supreme court.

**2. The Ohio Constitution mandates that schools be funded equitably. How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system?**

The current system for funding our schools has failed. It is widely understood to be inadequate, irrational, and unexplainable. To fix this lingering problem in a bipartisan effort, I have introduced H.B. 305 with Rep. John Patterson.

Using the expertise of a conscientious workgroup of school superintendents and treasurers drawn from Ohio's diverse school districts (rural, suburban, urban, etc.), the bill would enact a rational, fair, and constitutional school funding system as follows: 1) determine the actual, reasonable cost of what every Ohio school district needs to operate effectively from official data; 2) add the costs of other needs such as pupil transportation, special and gifted education, extra assistance for children in poverty, etc.; and 3) determine an appropriate state and local share of these costs based on each district's capacity to raise local funds.

This method will assure adequate funding for a quality education so every student has the opportunity for a successful future.

**Christina Marie Holloway (Write-In Candidate)**  
Party: Liberal

**OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE**  
Term Commences 1/01/21

**Responsibilities:** Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions.

**Term:** 6 years  
**Salary:** \$148,700

**Sharon L. Kennedy**  
Party: Republican

**John P. O'Donnell**  
Party: Democrat

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**Jennifer Brunner**  
Party: Democrat

**Judi French**  
Party: Republican

# ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## Term Commences 1/02/21

**Responsibilities:** To exercise financial control of County expenditures; to authorize public works; to purchase land and buildings; to let contracts; to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments.

**Term:** 4 yrs  
**Salary:** \$72,346.

**Cory Noonan-NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED**  
**Party: Republican**

# ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## Term Commences 1/03/21

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**Term:** 4 yrs  
**Salary:** \$72,346.

**Judy M. Augsburger**  
**Party: Republican**

**Occupation:** CPA  
**Current Job Position:** J. M. Augsburger, CPA, LLC (Owner)  
**Education:** Bachelor's Degree - Bluffton University  
**Training & Experience:** Multiple corporate and finance positions with increasing responsibility, and local government experience.

**1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?**

The need for infrastructure repair and/or replacement are continual issues for any governmental agency, and I totally understand that replacement, in some cases, may outweigh the resources available. I fully believe that we must always maintain what we already own, or make a decision to scrap it. The resources that are available should be allocated to maintenance as needed and necessary, but at the same time, we need to plan ahead and reserve some of the resources for future projects. If it comes down to an essential full replacement project that leaves other properties in shambles, then I would rather allocate resources to maintenance projects overall and start a plan to save for the replacement. If we do find a need to build new, then we are also making a decision to scrap the old and deal with it at the time. Whenever possible, work kept "in-house" will help the county succeed at a greater pace. At the end of the day, I would definitely prioritize the maintenance of property vs. rushing in to replace.

**2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?**

If we needed to increase general fund revenue, our current sales tax would be the last place to look for additional funds. If you look at the big picture, Allen County's sales tax is currently lower than some of the surrounding counties, and that helps bring commerce to us rather than away from us, especially with the retail venues and car dealerships that presently call Allen County home. The first place to look for additional funds would be within the budget. We would have to sharpen our pencils and make sure that we are currently spending our tax dollars wisely. Next, it would be nice to know where the community priorities are and possibly generate some community "buy-in" for parks from local groups. We could also consider charitable contributions for, say, naming rights of a park, bike path, or community building. Our current budget numbers appear to be stable and well within the current rate of inflation. We all want to love where we live... let's make it happen!

**3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county? Explain your position.**

I'd be rather cautious with this one. I'm not in favor of endless regulations, stiff fines and bureaucratic red tape, although I would consider a carefully crafted, well-written residential building code. A residential building code is a set of standards for the construction, maintenance, and occupancy of homes, to protect public health, safety and general welfare. This all sounds great but the State of Ohio already has over 1,000 pages of rules in the Residential Code of Ohio that you can find in Chapter 4101:8 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). As I perused the code to see what it entails, I found this: Decorative Appliance, Vented: A vented appliance wherein the primary function lies in the aesthetic effect of the flames. I love it! Who doesn't love a vented gas fireplace? ...and it's all covered in the OAC. What could we possibly add? Before we go down this rosy path, I would want to hear from the residents of Allen County, the business owners, and building contractors. Communication is key.

**4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?**

I've been an Allen County resident for over 25 years and graduated from Bluffton University. I am a CPA with my own tax practice that I've managed for over 33 years. I've worked in a variety of corporate positions where I've accounted for marketing projects involving cash flows in excess of \$200M per month, supervised employees and prepared financial statements for both for-profit and not-for-profit companies. I have lots of experience with volunteer organizations like the United Way. I strongly believe in giving back to our communities. I am currently on two state accounting boards and have served on local boards such as Lion's, Blanchard River Watershed, Bluffton Chamber and Bluffton Airport. I was a member of Bluffton Village Council and served as Mayor where I learned a lot about infrastructure, contracts, and insurance. I have a strong background in budgeting and finance. I am super proud to be a resident of Allen County and I believe my background leads naturally to a position like Commissioner.



**Norman B. Capps**  
**Party: Democrat**

**Occupation:** Construction/family farmer  
**Current Job Position:** Perry Township Trustee 14 years; Operate family farm  
**Education:** Graduated Lima Senior High 1966; Attended OSU Lima  
**Training & Experience:** US Army-Vietnam Nam - (Security & Operations); Laborer at Tuttle Construction; Journeyman pipe fitter/welder LU776; Twenty years supervisory Experience; Major projects exceeding 150 million dollars; Family farm since 1976; Married 45 years, 3 children, 7 grandchildren; Coached baseball for ten years; President of Perry Athletic Boosters; Served on Allen County Regional Planning Commission; Allen County Development Corporation Board- Appointed by Allen County Commissioners; Volunteer at Allen County Fair; Allen County Veterans Memorial Foundation Board member

**1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?**

Roads and bridges are the most pressing issues facing Allen County. Recent increases in gas and license plate fees will help, but may not be enough to meet needs. Building maintenance issues are becoming a major concern. The next area for concern is expanding utilities to urbanized areas of the County to accommodate expansion of commercial, industrial, and residential areas.

**2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?**

The first step to increase County revenues would be pursuit of restoring Local Government Funds that were cut by the State several years ago. Next we simply have to become more efficient in our day to day operations.

**3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county? Explain your position.**

I would support a County building code if it were adequately funded. This has been discussed at the township level and at Allen County Regional Planning Commission. The main obstacle has always been lack of funding. Generally speaking, the need is there, but having more codes that are not enforceable have little or no value.

**4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?**

Probably the best qualification I possess is the ability to work with people. As Security and Operations NCO in the US army I worked with Colonels, Majors, Warrant Officers, Sergeant Majors, NCO's and civilian employees of the Army. In the construction industry I worked as a journeyman, foreman, general foreman, superintendent, and project co-coordinator. Some of these projects include: refinery/chemical plants, power plants, auto plants, hospitals, schools, and food processing plants. Some of these projects exceeded \$150 million. Also operating our family farm and volunteering at Perry School and the Allen County Fair add to my qualifications to be your commissioner. Finally, and most important is my family: wife of 45 years Charlotte, Dr. Carrie Dehoff daughter, Eddie and Mike sons, and seven grandchildren.



**Beth A. Seibert**  
**Party: Republican**

**Occupation:** Candidate for Allen County Commissioner  
**Current Job Position:** Stormwater and Watershed Programs Coordinator with the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District  
**Education:** Spencerville High School graduate. The Ohio State University undergraduate courses in the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. Columbus State Community College undergraduate courses in Business Management.

**Training & Experience:** I have over 36 years of outstanding leadership and budget administration experience associated with county government, community and religious organizations, and nonprofits. Through the 3,000 Conservation Districts across the U.S., I have served in top leadership roles for Ohio, the north central regional states, and at the national level. I hold a professional certification in Municipal Stormwater Management and serve as Allen County's representative to Ohio EPA, defending our community in environmental matters. My business management skills and exceptional work ethic were born on our family farm operation and I've spent a lifetime involved in Allen County's largest industry - agriculture. I am in my eighth year as a highly engaged board member on the Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce - which serves nearly 900 local businesses. I was appointed by the Allen County Commissioners in 2011 to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee and am still serving in that role.

**1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?**

The most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County are roads, bridges, and county owned buildings/facilities. The County Engineer is responsible for the county roads and bridges. The County Engineer's budget comes from gas taxes, license plate taxes, and court fines/fees that statutorily go directly to his budget. In the last 2 years the County Engineer's budget has increased by approximately \$2.25 million per year due to the State gas tax increase and the County permissive license plate fee increase. As a result of these budgetary increases, I would work to maintain the current level of County support for the County Engineer and monitor his progress using these new revenues to improve Allen County roads and bridges. Regarding buildings/facilities, the County recently had a property condition assessment study done on the County owned buildings and facilities. I would utilize this information to prioritize the use of County funds to improve County owned buildings/facilities.

**2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?**

I want to see how the e-commerce Wayfair/Amazon sales tax revenue that went into effect this past September will benefit our general fund in 2020. I applaud the Allen County Commissioners and County Commissioners Association of Ohio for pursuing the capture of these previously lost sales tax revenues. Regardless, general fund revenue should be increased by cultivating an atmosphere of economic growth and prosperity in our community, not by raising taxes. As an Allen County Commissioner, I will strive to remove road blocks that stand in the way of businesses and industries that choose to locate and/or expand in Allen County. These actions will increase tax revenue without taking a higher percentage of you, the taxpayer's hard-earned money. The County general fund and the agencies it supports, must all live within our means, just like you and I have to do. Government can be a "necessary evil" and should not be expanded beyond what is absolutely essential.

**3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county? Explain your position.**

I would oppose establishing a residential building code in Allen County, that is created and administered by the County. From my perspective, a building code has been viewed by developers and property owners as an unnecessary intrusion on individual rights and freedoms. There is a public perception that the lack of a residential building code does not equate to Allen County being unsafe. I believe it is the role of the grass-roots levels of government in our County such as Townships, Villages and Cities to determine if building codes are needed within their own jurisdictions. If that time comes, I would like to see the Allen County Commissioners involved in that conversation.

*(Beth A. Seibert's response continued on page 6)*



**4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?**

I am qualified to be an Allen County Commissioner due to my diverse experiences, established partnerships, enthusiastic work ethic, and the fact that I understand that I work for you and answer to you – the voter and taxpayer. There is not another candidate in this race that will be more dedicated or work longer or harder for you as an Allen County Commissioner than I will. My work ethic is a product of my upbringing on a family farm in western Allen County. I was entrusted with large amounts of responsibility at a very young age and I embraced the opportunity. I spent countless hours working and learning valuable skills while some of my friends were out having lots of fun being normal teenagers. I believe that I am a more focused and responsible person as a result and therefore better prepared to serve you as an Allen County Commissioner. I have a true passion for Allen County and am dedicated to serving all of our 102,000 citizens. I would appreciate your vote on March 17th!



**Tim Sielschott**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor  
**Current Job Position:** Owner/ Financial Advisor, Sielschott Financial Services  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Colby College  
**Training & Experience:** Licensed Financial Advisor and small business owner; Ohio Means Jobs Board Member; Member, NFIB; Lima Chamber Legislative Committee board member; Board Member, Bluffton Center for Entrepreneurs

**1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?**

Allen County is facing the same issue as most counties across Ohio- aging infrastructure needs that far exceed assets allocated for repair. First, we need to put all government buildings that need to be divested up for sale. Getting buildings off of the public books should be an immediate priority. The state constitutionally mandated services must be prioritized. We must also then continue to provide the basic services necessary to have a healthy and safe county- the proper infrastructure required for water, sanitation, roads, and bridges and the proper equipment needed to provide policing at a level that makes our citizens feel safe living and transacting business in Allen County. The mandated services and then the basic services must take precedence over other needs of the county. Above and beyond these services the capital expenditures that help make Allen County the best place to live work and play would be prioritized over other projects.

**2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?**

We must continue to work on the availability of properly trained and educated workers for the many career job positions available. This should include continued efforts on expanding the availability of job readiness programs for adults and within our schools. The Amazon effect on sales tax collection is a major problem and has a sever effect on our sales tax base. We must all be cheerleaders for shopping local and keeping those profits and taxes within Allen County. Ensuring that Allen County becomes the premiere mid-size county to live work and play will help retain and attract younger workers to fill the many positions open in the area. The more households shopping and owning homes in Allen County the more it helps offset drops in county revenue due to the online shopping. As we begin to tax internet transactions oversight to ensure our county receives its fair share of revenue of sales taxes will be imperative.

**3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county? Explain your position.**

I believe that we do need a residential building code for Allen County. Building a home is often the largest investment an Allen County resident will ever make. Building codes, and proper enforcement of them, are intended to protect homeowners. The devil, however, is in the details. Government involvement in residential building cannot make the process of building significantly slower or more expensive. We currently utilize the City of Lima to do commercial property inspections but I would be cautious, given recent history, of adding more responsibility to their workload until the issues we already know they have are confidently addressed. I am glad to hear about positive progress, it must continue. As County Commissioner, I will be a watchdog over the Building Department and ensure that residential and commercial property inspections in Allen County are conducted with public safety, timeliness, and costs in mind.

**4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?**

I was born and raised in Lima, a graduate of Bath High School and Colby College in Waterville, Maine. My wife is not from this area, but we chose to invest and put our roots down here because we love this area. I am confident that by focusing on business development in the area we can attract even more young professional families. As a small business owner, I am focused on efficient and pragmatic solutions. I have had boots on the ground working to tackle Allen County's biggest economic issue – lack of workforce. As a volunteer football coach, I understand the power of a team- the county commission is a team of three. No one commissioner can have an agenda. We do not have to agree on everything, but we must by in sync. I believe my age, high energy, and experience in the private sector are an asset for this position. Additionally, as commissioner, I will have the willingness to take unpopular stances when needed and have difficult conversations when necessary if the outcomes will benefit our citizens.



**Greg Stolly**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Business Owner / Realtor  
**Current Job Position:** Owner/President Marketing Strategies; Realtor CCR Realtors  
**Education:** University of Northwestern Ohio; Marketing/Business Administration Hondros College  
**Training & Experience:** Former Owner Repps Sports Equipment; Vice President Marketing Development University of Northwestern Ohio 15 years.

**1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?**

The most pressing need for infrastructure in Allen County is Roads & Bridges. We must dedicate as much money as we can to the repair or replace degrading roads and bridges. When I am elected, I will make it a priority to search for additional State and Federal forms of revenue to facilitate the rehabilitation and reconstruction making travel around Allen County safe. I will watch over your hard earned tax dollars and spend them like they are my own.

**2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?**

We must make Allen County the most Business Friendly county in the State of Ohio. As Commissioner, I will support and assist in recruiting retail businesses which will increase significantly tax revenue. 55% of revenue comes from sales tax. A key element of a healthy thriving community is housing which meets the needs of current residents,

attracts new residents, and facilitates homeownership. As a local realtor I am acutely aware of the housing shortage we are currently experiencing in Allen County. I see the biggest need is for newer upscale smaller homes as our aging population and empty nesters look to downsize and sell their large homes to younger families. I will work to encourage this development which will increase property tax income. A thriving retail climate and strong homeownership can and will meet future General Fund needs.

**3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county? Explain your position.**

I am not a supporter of bigger government and more rules and regulations. Residential building codes address safety and quality of construction issues ensuring structure will hold up overtime. I think, for now, we have sound regulations in place which adequately address residential construction rules and regulations. Currently, I am inclined to support the status quo.

**4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?**

**EXPERIENCE!** Having lived and worked in Allen County for the past 60 years, I understand the pulse of the community and its needs. As Vice President of Marketing Development at the University of Northwestern Ohio, I worked with a large budget and helped market and grow UNOH to great success as enrollment doubled in my 15 years with the University. As owner of the Ohio State Beauty Academy, I took a small school of 27 students and grew the enrollment to over 200 students in just 8 years. OSBA became the largest single site cosmetology school in the state of Ohio. Currently, I am the owner of my own marketing company and a realtor for CCR Realtors. I know how to grow business! I have the talent and ability to see a future Allen County with a robust and thriving economy. I know I can help grow Allen County and assist with the business development we need. I will support Allen County to be a great place to do business and help, not work against, businesses who want to locate here.



**Alan D. Tyrell, Jr**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** NCAA Umpire, Real Estate Investor, Real Estate Agent, Business Manager  
**Current Job Position:** Master Multitasker  
**Education:** Elida High School, Apollo Career Center, Hondros Business College, Harry Wendelstedt Pro Umpire School  
**Training & Experience:** Managed my families business for the last four years and have had record setting consecutive years.

**1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?**

Bridges are probably the top priority of the county and the state of Ohio. Through matching grants and proper budgeting I believe we can replace many failing structures! In addition I would work with Brion Rhodes the County Engineer to evaluate any improvements that need to be made to our roads. Some of the roads paved this year is already a direct result of the increased gas tax.

**2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?**

Our license plate fee is some of the lowest in the country. Worst case scenario I would be in favor of a modest increase. This is a fair tax for all drivers, We all use these roads we should all help maintain them.

**3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county? Explain your position.**

I am not in favor of our government coming in to our homes. I do believe that our newly built homes should have some type of safety codes in place. I am in favor of commercial buildings being up to code for the simple reason of safety.

**4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?**

First of all I am a lifetime resident of Allen County. I am not a career politician. I feel a younger view point at the County Commissioners level would help all generations of the county.

**ALLEN COUNTY**  
**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**  
Term Commences 1/04/21



**Juergen A. Waldick**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** County Prosecutor  
**Current Job Position:** County Prosecutor  
**Education:** Associate of Arts – Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement – Montgomery College, Md- 1980 --Bachelor of Arts – Judicial Administration – American University, D.C. - 1982 --Juris Doctor – Ohio Northern University College of Law – 1985 –  
**Training & Experience:** Allen County Prosecutor 2005- Present --Allen County Prosecutors Office 1998-Present --Putnam County Prosecutors Office 1992-1998 --Delphos City Law Director 1991-1996 --Lima City Prosecutors Office 1986-1992 --Private Practice of Law 1985-2005 –

**Legal Experiences & Affiliations:** Admitted to Ohio Bar in 1985 – Admitted to Federal Court Bar, Northern District Ohio in 1988 --Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar in 2001 --Allen County Bar Association - Member

**Additional Experience:** Ohio Northern University, College of Law, Law Review – Editor --University of Northwestern Ohio, Adjunct Professor, 1987 --Ohio Northern University, College of Law - Adjunct Professor - Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Real Estate Transaction & Finance and Introduction to Criminal Practice, 1988- Present --Court Appointed Special Prosecutor – Auglaize County, Delaware County, Putnam County, Logan County, Auglaize County, Hardin County, Union County, Van Wert County, City of Bellefontaine, City of Sylvania and City of St. Mary's. (response exceeded word limit)

**What is the greatest challenge to the office of the Allen County Prosecutor?**

The major challenge facing county prosecutors is managing the increased technology workload without an increase in funding. Law enforcement has struggled to keep up with the forensic aspects of technology. Jurors know that we are able to extract very detailed information from electronic devices (GPS, smart phones, cruiser cameras, body worn cameras or surveillance cameras) giving rise to a “CSI effect”. The storage, retrieval and interpretation of that information comes at a significant cost in both training, materials and man-hours. Today’s jurors expect to be able to have access to this “CSI” type of evidence. As prosecutors we have to be able to produce that evidence in court in order to get convictions. The cost of the production and presentation of voluminous digital evidence is overwhelming the budgets of local jurisdictions. The costs of digital forensics will continue to increase and funds will need to be allocated to the task if we are to keep up with these advancements.

# ALLEN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS - COMMON PLEAS

Term Commences 1/04/21

**Responsibilities:** To enter judgments and collect court costs for appellate and common pleas courts, and also to issue and transfer automobile and water craft certificates of title.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$67,525.



**Margie Murphy Miller**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Allen County Clerk of Common Pleas Court  
**Current Job Position:** Allen County Clerk of Common Pleas Court  
**Education:** Paralegal, Ohio Clerk of Courts Assn. Education Certification 2011-19  
**Training & Experience:** Clerk of Courts 2010-present, Court Bailiff 1991-2010

## How can the services provided by the Allen County Clerk of Court's Office be maintained or improved?

The technological advancements we have made over the past decade have allowed us to become more efficient and effective in the services we provide to the citizens of Allen County. As the custodian of records for all three divisions of the Common Pleas Court (Civil, Criminal and Domestic Relations), as well as Court of Appeals, it is imperative that the filing, indexing and preservation of all court pleadings and orders of the court continue to be our highest priority. We are constantly improving upon efficiencies by digitizing court record archives and moving to electronic filing.

In addition to the technological advancements, we have made continuing education a priority for our staff. The laws governing our Legal and Title Departments are ever changing and we work diligently to stay abreast of new legislation that affects our office.

All of this is done in effort to remain efficient, effective and courteous public servants.

# ALLEN COUNTY SHERIFF

Term Commences 1/04/21

**Responsibilities:** To provide services to the courts, to oversee the county jail, and to act as chief law enforcement officer of the county.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$102,737



**Matthew B. Treglia**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Allen County Sheriff  
**Current Job Position:** Allen County Sheriff  
**Education:** Allen East High School graduate; Apollo Law Enforcement, O.P.O.T.A. certification  
**Training & Experience:** 22+ as an Allen County Sheriff Deputy which include: West Central Ohio Crime Task Force officer and Sergeant, SWAT Team member and Lieutenant & Commander, Uniformed Division Lieutenant and Staff Lieutenant, appointed Interim Sheriff in 2017, elected sheriff 2018

## What is the greatest challenge to the office of the Allen County Sheriff?

It's difficult to label one item as the greatest challenge for The Allen County Sheriff's Office as many things factor into our day-to-day operations. Typically though budgetary monies and jail population remain a constant challenge. Inmate population isn't within my control and that fluctuates daily, therefore budgeting fluctuates daily with unknown variables. Housing, meals, medical, and transportation are just some of the daily needs met for inmates in the jail. Those costs depend 100% on the number of inmates housed. While the actual number of inmates is unpredictable we plan for approximately 240-270 inmates per day annually. More personally, there are nearly 170 employees within the Sheriff's Office. I take the safety of each of them very seriously. Training and education for staff is a regular conversation in my office. Their dedication and hard work are unmeasurable. I strive to foster a positive work environment for them, as well as opportunities for advancement and success.

# ALLEN COUNTY RECORDER

Term Commences 1/04/21

**Responsibilities:** To record deeds, mortgages, plats, liens, and other written instruments.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$63,098.



**Mona Losh**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Allen County Recorder  
**Education:** Graduate of Bluffton High School and Rhodes State College. Associate's Degree -Applied Business Legal Assisting  
**Training & Experience:** 15 years experience serving the residents of Allen County as their County Recorder  
Web Site <http://www.allencountyohio.com/recorder/>

## How can the services provided by the Allen County Recorder's office be maintained or improved?

Today, the Recorder's Office is extremely user-friendly. You may visit the actual office or visit the website. Our office is located in downtown Lima. We offer a public website where you can search a name or a specific legal description to locate your real estate documents. Documents may be displayed, printed or e-mailed free of charge. We record in real-time. Our daily work is current and up-to-date. However, if I could improve the services to make the Recorder's Office more customer-friendly, I would expand the office hours. I would modify the office hours to be more favorable to the customers' schedules.

# ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER

Term Commences 1/04/21

**Responsibilities:** To oversee the construction, maintenance, and repair of all bridges in the county, and of county roads and other public improvements except buildings in the county.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$78,594.



**Brion E. Rhodes**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Professional Engineer & Surveyor  
**Current Job Position:** Allen County Engineer  
**Education:** Ohio Northern University, B.S. Civil Engineering 1995  
**Training & Experience:** Chief Deputy/Bridge Engineer '09-'15; Bridge Engineer '00-'09, Asst. Bridge Engineer '97-'00; T.E. Intern - ODOT District One '96-'97; Asst. Warren County Engineer '95-'96

## What do you see as the most pressing needs for infrastructure in Allen County and how will you prioritize resources to repair or replace them?

As your County Engineer, my job is to administer all aspects of design, construction, repair and maintenance of our local roads and bridges here in Allen County, which includes 352 miles of roads and 377 bridges. With help from my staff, our goal is to provide the safest and most efficient roadway system possible. Unfortunately, maintaining this system has become increasingly difficult due to inadequate funding that did not kept up with inflation over the years. This resulted in our infrastructure deteriorating significantly over the last fifteen (15) years.

While our bridges are in good to fair condition overall, our roadways currently need the most attention. Therefore, I plan to dedicate more revenue to upgrading our roadways. To help prioritize our needs, I implemented a pavement management system two (2) years ago. This database tracks the age and condition of each section of roadway and enables us to manage the maintenance of our county roads on both a micro and macro level, therefore saving money.

# ALLEN COUNTY CORONER

Term Commences 1/04/21

**Responsibilities:** To determine the cause of death of persons dying in a violent or suspicious manner and to issue death certificates.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$56,458.

**John T. Meyer-NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED**  
Party: Republican

# ALLEN COUNTY TREASURER

Term Commences 9/06/21

**Responsibilities:** To collect taxes in the county and its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, and invest county funds.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$67,525.



**Evalyn M. Shaffner**  
Party: Republican

**Occupation:** Allen County Treasurer  
**Current Job Position:** Allen County Treasurer  
**Education:** Associates Degree in Accounting  
**Training & Experience:** 24 years with Allen County (Civic Center, Auditors' Office & Treasurers' Office)

## How can the services provided by the Allen County Treasurer's Office be maintained or improved?

The Treasurer's Office has continued to improve efficiency & taxpayer service. We have a well-trained team with many years of experience. Understanding the process of real estate taxes is a must for the Treasurer, starting from how the values & tax rates come about to the final balancing & distribution to the entities that are funded from those taxes. I feel working first in the Auditors' Office, where the valuations are derived has given me an advantage to knowing the process. Also working in the Treasurer's Office as Chief Deputy of Finance, I obtained the knowledge of balancing the daily receipts of real estate taxes as well as mobile home and our in house escrow program. Someone coming in fresh, would not have the background knowledge of daily balancing and processes; along with monthly, biannually and annual processes.



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There was no information available at press time.

## COMMON PLEAS JUDGE PROBATE DIVISION Term Commences 2/09/21

**Responsibilities:** To rule on cases involving disposition of wills, the administration of estates and guardianships, adoptions, questions of mental or physical disability. They are also responsible for issuing marriage licenses.

**Term:** 6 years

**Salary:** \$140,550.

**Todd Kohlrieser**  
Party: Republican

## THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS Term Commences 2/09/21

**Responsibilities:** The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts.

**Term:** 6 years

**Salary:** \$152,850.

**Mark C. Miller**  
Party: Republican

## Proposed Municipal Income Tax City of Delphos

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the Ordinance providing for the continuation of an existing 0.25% levy on income to provide funds for parks and recreation, for 5 years, effective July 1, 2020, be passed?

## Proposed Income Tax Delphos City School District

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary.**

Shall an annual income tax of 0.5% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by the Delphos City School District, for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing for current expenses of the school district?

## Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Elida Local School District

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Elida Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District in the sum of \$2,704,741 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 6.61 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.661 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021?

## Special Election by Petition

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**  
Local Option Election for Particular Business Location

### Bluffton B

Shall the sale of beer, wine, and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted by Greenhorn, LLC, an applicant for a D-5 and D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of restaurant at 112 Vine St., Bluffton, Ohio 45817 in this precinct?

### Bluffton B

Shall the sale of beer, wine, and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. And midnight by Greenhorn, LLC, an applicant for a D-5 and D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of restaurant at 112 Vine St., Bluffton, Ohio 45817 in this precinct?

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