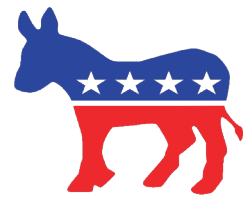


MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

SAMPSON COUNTY CLERK OF COURT



Curtis Brent Baggett

rectional Training Manager with the Office of Staff Development and Training. As a Training Manager, I oversee the Basic Probation and Parole Officer training program for the entire state of North Carolina.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A With nearly 32 years of State government experience working for the NC Department of Public Safety, I have had the opportunity to train thousands of officers on topics including but not limited to courtroom procedures, professionalism, interpersonal communication, and ethics. I am a strong leader with great communication skills. I am a person that leads by example. I understand the importance of leadership, hard work, professionalism, team work and training.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county courthouse and how you will help make that change?

A I feel that one of the most important focuses in our courthouse should be a morale boost for the employees. In many work settings, employees do not receive

the recognition that they deserve. I feel it is important to support and motivate your co-workers. A motivated team leads to a more productive team. A productive team will provide a positive customer experience and will achieve more goals than a team that lacks motivation.

Additionally, it would be great for someone to come into the position of Clerk of Court from the outside with a new vision and fresh ideas. Often times, things are done the same way because that is the way it has always been done, when this may not always be the most effective and efficient way of doing things. Whether it be modifications in technology and/or processes, it is my goal to find ways to make transactions at the courthouse more effective and efficient, while providing professional and friendly service to its patrons.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A The voters of Sampson County should vote for me, because I am a hard worker and a leader.

Overall, it is my goal to serve the people of Sampson County to the best of my ability and for the Sampson County courthouse to provide professional and friendly service.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I am a lifelong resident of the Spivey's Corner community. I have a son, Nick Baggett, and a daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Trey Such.

After graduating from Midway High School, I earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice at Sampson Technical College (now Sampson Community College). I started my career as a Correctional Officer at Sampson Correctional Institution in Clinton where I progressed through the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant before being promoted to a Correctional Training Instructor and now my current position of a Cor-

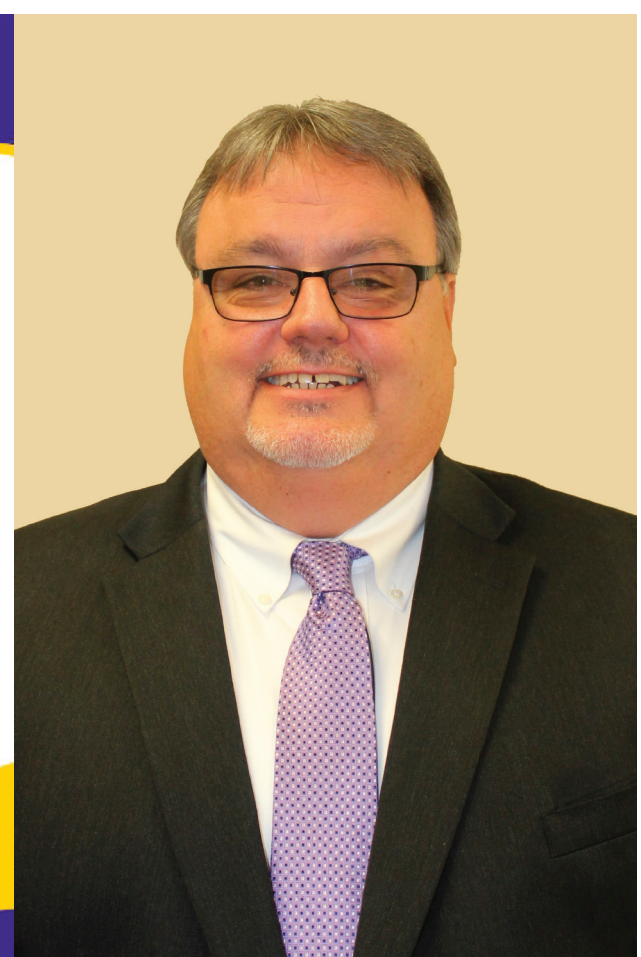
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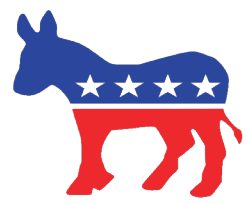
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VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE!

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Tammy Hope Grady

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I have served as a Deputy Clerk in the Sampson County Clerk's office since February 2001. During the past 17 years, I have had the pleasure of working for the Honorable Norman Wayne Naylor and the late Honorable Charlie T. McCullen. I have had the opportunity to work in several departments inside the courthouse. Twelve years of my career has been spent in the financial division as a cashier and assistant bookkeeper. This department processes all payments and must know who, when, where, and the amounts to disperse at appropriate times. Five years of my career have been spent in the Criminal/Traffic Division. This division processes citations, warrants, criminal summons, and orders for arrest. During these 17 years, I have also had the opportunity to work closely with judges, attorneys, district attorneys, probation officers, NCDMV, prison facilities and staff, and various law enforcement agencies. I am fully aware and capable of fulfilling all the duties of the Clerk of Court. These duties include filing and maintaining records; preparing court dockets; and collecting, receipting, and disbursing money collected from fees and fines. The Clerk of Court is also responsible for issuing warrants; handling the probate of wills and the administration of estates; and presiding over legal matters such as adoptions and foreclosures.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county courthouse and how you will help make that change?

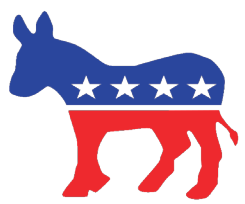
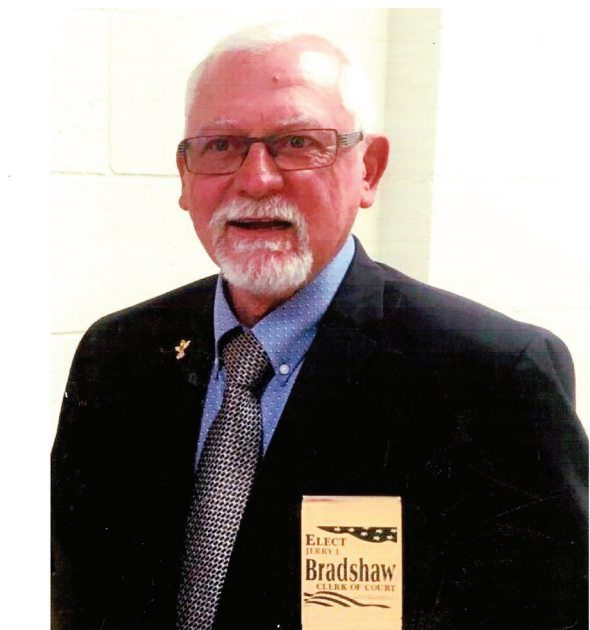
A I will bring many positive changes if elected as your next Clerk of Court. The biggest change will be a more effective and efficient line of communication between the staff and residents of Sampson County. I will remove politics from the clerk's decision-making process and get back to the people of this great county. Both the citizens and staff can and will communicate on a level of basic understanding. I will implement this change by ensuring that each citizen that comes into the clerk's office receives a detailed explanation of the processes and forms needed to complete the case in question. I will communicate the importance of knowing staff cannot offer legal advice, however, can offer knowledge and direction as allowed by the Administrative Office of the Courts

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A A vote for me ensures you are voting for experience, knowledge, and understanding. I will take politics out of the decision-making process and get back to the people of Sampson County. It is important for me to treat each citizen with impartiality, respect, and dignity. I am honest, fair, and dependable and will have an open-door policy for both staff and citizens. I am also the most experienced candidate on your ballot.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I was born in 1975 to parents Howard and Betty Hope. Howard, the son of James and Thelma Hope, served this county and state as an employee of the NC Department of Transportation. Betty, the daughter of W. C. and Nadine Pope, served this county for over 30 years eventually retiring from the Sampson County Department of Aging. I graduated in 1993 from Clinton High School and graduated from Sampson Community College with an Associate Degree in Animal Science. In 1998, I married Darryl Grady, who is the son of Fannie Grady and the late Morris Grady. I was blessed to marry into a large family and went from growing up as an only child to having many sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. Darryl is retired from the Clinton Police Department and currently serves as Director of Security at Sampson Community College. We have one daughter, McKenzie, who is a senior at Midway High School.



Jerry James Bradshaw

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I feel that I have a lot to contribute to the Clerk of Court office with my prior experience not only from being a loyal employee but also as an employer in a variety of occupations held in Sampson County. I have worked on both sides of the fence so I can bring a very broad view of what it will take to make this an even greater county to live in for our residents. The past 17 years I worked full time with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office. I have had the opportunity to work first hand with the court system and the Clerk of Courts Office of which both contain a wonderful group of people. I understand that you have to be able to deal with all types of personalities effectively to resolve whatever situation is placed in your hand, and believe it is important to always show respect to everyone.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county courthouse and how you will help make that change?

A When asked what change I feel this county needs, I find myself reflecting back to our past leaders that served as Clerk of Court. I do not necessarily look at making changes, but to build on the foundation that has been started already. I want to be an open-door individual for every employee and every citizen of the county. I truly want to hear what they feel needs to be done and improved upon. Naturally, as time changes we all have to change with it to obtain growth better to do our jobs. The Clerk of Court Office employees should have the opportunity to further their knowledge with continuing education, increase training, and skills. Cross training within the office could be a positive thing also allowing each individual to actually learn the responsibilities and job duties of their

co-workers. This is a great way to help make a more productive team work together to better serve our citizens. Improving technology, that allows employees to perform their jobs more efficient and easier along with making things more accessible for our community is my goal. Every job in the Clerk's Office is Important!!

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

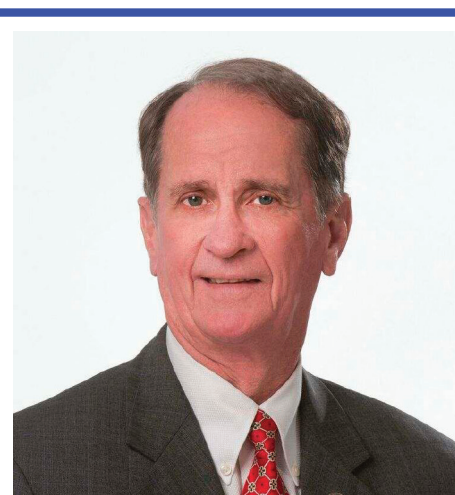
A Would love to see the voters of Sampson County vote for me, because they want someone in office that has spent their entire life in Sampson County, that's dedicated and knows the citizens on a first hand dealings and served in all capacities gaining experience and knowledge. For the ones that do know me, I feel they will tell you that I am an honest, responsible, trustworthy man that will treat everything and everyone as a top priority. I really want to see our community grow and support each other and feel that I can bring a mature, positive attitude to the Clerk of Court Office. My experience in Accounting and Administration will benefit me on the financial aspect. Serving on the Clinton—Sampson County Rotary Club, Clinton-Sampson Rescue & EMS, NC Association of Rescue & EMS and Cancer Treatment Centers of America's Patient Advocate Board will contribute to my daily dealings of the public which I have done my entire life. I would like to thank the voters in advance for their prayers and support.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A Oldest son of the deceased James R. "Jim" & Esther Bradshaw, both life—time residents of Sampson County, I have two sisters and two brother-in-law Cynthia Barber, retired from Sampson Community College and Dwight Barber, retired from Sampson County Sheriff Office and Beverly Mallard, travel nurse with Advantage RN and Steve Mallard, teacher and coach with Hobbton High School. I have one brother and sister-in-law O.J., Medical Technologist at Sampson Regional Medical Center and Connie Bradshaw, teacher at Union Elementary School. I am married to Toni Bradshaw, and we share two wonderful daughters and son-in-law and 5 grandchildren. Kelly and Scott Grantham have one son, Bryce. Jennifer and Cory Coldiron have 3 boys and 1 daughter Daniel, Russell, Mikie and Sarah, who reside in Hickory, NC. Honestly say I love my family and dearly thankful for the closeness we share.

Graduate of Clinton High School in 1969, then attended Mt. Olive College and Atlantic Christian College currently known as Barton College where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting 1973. After graduation, I started my life long career in Sampson County and pursued BLET certification, NC Dept. of Insurance, EMT and Advance Law Enforcement Certification. I am currently certified in these areas.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?



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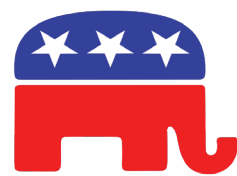
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Christopher Dale Driver

perience, knowledge and existing relationships within our local Clerk's office, as well as my business ownership experience, many voters feel that I'm best qualified to fill the position. I'm also proud and grateful to serve on several local boards and committees and continuing to assist families in need when my wife and I started the Diaper Bank of Sampson County, a first of its kind non-profit that assists families with diapers and other child necessities.

With my current position with a local law firm, I've had the privilege of seeing the Clerk's office through the eyes of our citizens and the community we serve. This is another unique advantage to my candidacy. This has afforded me the opportunity to visualize my strategic plan for the future of the office and has better prepared me to serve as your elected Clerk of Court.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A Allison and I were married March 29, 2013 after having to postpone our initial wedding in 2012, after a car accident where I sustained a brain and head injury. I have two healthy and happy daughters, Taylor is three and Spencer, who recently celebrated her birthday in February, is one.

I grew up in the Midway district and have been a life-long resident Sampson County. other than my time in college. After graduating from Midway High in 2001, I attended Sampson Community, Wake Tech and Mount Olive College.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A As the only Republican candidate with years of ex-

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county courthouse and how you will help make that change?

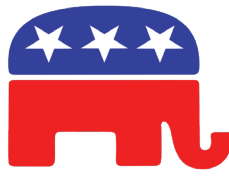
A I personally feel there are a few issues that we should address. First, we should have a comprehensive strategic plan for the future and take proactive approach to serving our citizens. Second, customer service and adequate accessibility for all, should be a top priority. We should focus on cross-training Assistant Clerks and Deputy Clerks, along with implementing professional development training that will make the office more effective and efficient. Ask any law enforcement officer and they will tell you we have a drug problem in this

county. Repeat offenders continue to strain our local legal system. I think we should be evaluating the feasibility of a Drug Court to combat this terrible epidemic, reunite families and lower the rate of recidivism. We also need an advocate for better technology. The voters see that the Clerk's office is using twentieth century technology for twenty-first century issues. With the right leadership, dedication and vision for the future the opportunities to better serve our community are endless. It just takes the right person to facilitate the positive change needed.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A The voters deserve an active, honest, dedicated and proven leader to serve as Clerk. Not an inexperienced candidate who has already retired from one job or an experienced candidate that is looking for what they may think is an easy avenue to retirement. Voters are fed up with political games, deceitful tactics, meaningless endorsements and certain elected officials taking advantage of their office. The Asst. Clerks, Deputy Clerks and the citizens of this county deserve better.

It's time for a new vision, it's time for true commitment and it's time we begin focusing on the future and the citizens we serve. The old ways of doing business are no longer popular and it's time we take control of the Courthouse and Clerk's office. I would be honored to serve as your next Clerk of Court. I'd like to ask for your continued prayers, I'd like to ask for support and I'd like to ask for your vote.



Barbara Delena Moore

the elected Clerks of Court and the 2,500 assistant and deputy clerks statewide.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I have 23 years of relevant, direct experience with the NC Court System as well as a Juris Doctorate from NC Central Law School. In January of 2007 I was selected to be the first executive director of the NC Conference of Clerks of Superior Court. I served all 100 elected Clerks of Superior Court from 2007-2016. My mission was to improve the administrative operations of the offices of the Clerk of Superior Court, increase public accessibility to the courts through the Clerk of Superior Court, and serve as a resource for all 100 Clerks in key areas of court administration. To accomplish this goal I served as the primary point of contact to ensure the effective and efficient exchange of information between Clerks of Superior Court and other stakeholders. I provided impact analysis and reports to the Legislature on behalf of the elected Clerks of Superior Court. I provided technical assistance and consultation on recommended best practices in the administrative operations of Clerks' offices while developing and implementing programs and projects designed to improve the administrative operation of and the accessibility to the courts through the Clerk's office. I evaluated Clerks' offices performance in selected areas and identified important emerging problems and trends in administration. I researched and identified innovative ideas and programs that existed in North Carolina and other states and provided that information to Clerk's offices statewide.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county courthouse and how you will help make that change?

A Innovation and enhanced technology to improve access to justice. That's what Sampson County needs. It also needs a champion in the court system. Someone who is not afraid to step up and think outside the box. Someone that has a proven track record in the court system, someone that knows the system from the inside out. Someone that can hit the ground running and not have to spend years leaning the job and building relationships. Someone who has proven successes and someone that can immediately provide programs and resources that will positively impact the county as a whole.

I will use every ounce of knowledge, expertise and passion I have to ensure our court system works effectively and efficiently for you, the citizens of Sampson County. I will use the relationships I have fostered with the NCAOC and other judicial officials for your benefit. I will glean from the administrative operations, policies and innovations from all 100 counties that I have worked with to immediately enhance access to justice through improved technology and proven programs. I will allow you the citizen a more streamlined approach to the Clerk's office. I will improve the customer experience by creating better access through online interaction. If you live in the far corner of the county you should be able to get some documents from the clerk's office without having to get in your car, drive and park, go through security and then wait in line. I will work to bring you Domestic Violence e-filing. This is where a victim of domestic violence

can apply for a protective order without having to come to the courthouse but apply at the DV shelter or other designated safe place. I will work to promote the expunction process to assist citizens in getting their records cleared to give them the opportunity to get their license, a better job and restore their self-worth and value in the community. With my experience as the NCDRE director and my current work as the project coordinator for JMARC (Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery Courts) I will work with the Judges, District Attorneys and other community leaders to provide this much needed resource in the battle against the opioid epidemic. This issue has touched nearly every family in our county on some level. I have a personal desire to see this addressed and stop the destruction of lives and families.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A The office of the Clerk of Superior Court in NC is highly misunderstood by most people. You hear the term clerk and you think administrative tasks or handling money. Although the Clerk of Superior Court is indeed an administrator and a comptroller, in NC the Clerk is a JUDGE.

The clerk is the judge of probate and has original, exclusive jurisdiction over the probate of wills, the administration of decedents' estates, and certain trust and estate proceedings. The clerk also has original jurisdiction over minor and adult guardianship proceedings. In these matters before the clerk, the clerk has the authority to determine all issues of fact and law.

The clerk has original jurisdiction over a number of special proceedings, meaning they are initiated before the clerk. This includes, among others, name changes, legitimation, adoptions, sale of land to create assets, sale, mortgage, exchange, or lease of a ward's property, and cartway proceedings.

The third category where the clerk has judicial authority are in civil actions. The clerk's authority in civil matters is often concurrent with that of the superior or district court. The bulk of the clerk's authority in this area is related to pre- and post-judgment proceedings related to civil actions, such as attachments, claim and delivery, and proceedings supplemental to executions. The clerk also has the authority to rule on certain motions such as extensions of time and substitution of parties and, under limited circumstances, to enter consent, default, and confessions of judgment.

From creating families through adoption, closing chapters on families through divorce, administering your loved one's last wishes in their will, to the memory shattering event of a foreclosure- a clerk touches every aspect of our lives. A clerk makes hard decisions every day that impacts you.

I am the ONLY candidate that has direct, hands on experience in each of the above matters. I am the ONLY candidate with a legal background. I routinely provide educational opportunities for elected clerks, judges and magistrates in all areas of court administration. I have worked for the past 11 years in each division of the Clerk's office and have assisted in the creation and implementation of multiple programs and systems that enhance services to the citizens of NC. I always strive to put others first and most of all to seek justice, love mercy and walk with humility. I respectfully ask for you to vote for the person who has the right experience. At the right time. For the right reason.

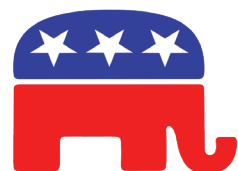
Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A My family is my back bone. My dad, Henry E. Moore, Jr. is a retired crop duster and founder of our local family hog farming business "BOBCAT Farms". He taught my brother, Henry Moore, III and I our work ethic and to never let anyone tell you "you can't." He taught us "you can." My mom, Gracie Barber Moore is retired from Union Middle School with over 35 years as a teacher in Sampson County. My beautiful daughter, Krystin Moore McPhail, continues my mother's tradition and is an art teacher at Union High School. Krystin is married to Jared McPhail and they along with my grandson, Payton Henry McPhail, live in Salem-

burg. My career has been spent serving the citizens of this great state and the judicial officials and staff of our court system. After graduation from NCSU with a degree in Communications I began working at the Sheriff's education, training and standards division and then with the District Attorney's Conference. I commuted from Clinton to Raleigh for nearly 14 years. Finally when my daughter was entering high school I moved us to Wake County so I could actually be "present" in her life. My education and career took great sacrifice from my daughter, my parents, other family members and the community which supported me and helped me so much. That is why last year when my mom got sick and my daughter blessed me with the most precious grandson I didn't even hesitate. Within 30 days of mom's diagnosis and Payton Henry's birth I sold my house in Garner. I was determined to provide the same loving support to my family that they had provided to me. And now I want to do the same thing for Sampson County. I have spent over half of my life preparing for the opportunity to serve the community that raised me.

Since my career had been spent supporting judicial officials, in 2011 I decided to enhance my skill set and level of effectiveness. At age 40, I embarked on the adventure of law school. I graduated from NC Central School of Law in May 2015 with a Juris Doctorate. In early 2016 I was asked to join the NC Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) as the director of Governmental Affairs. I currently work with NCAOC and all elected judicial officials and staff to identify needs, solve problems and am tasked with building the necessary bridges and opening lines of communication with Judges, District Attorneys, Court Managers, Magistrates and Clerks of Superior Court. In addition to that responsibility my team plans and implements the annual educational programs for all 6,000 court employees to include

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Dwight Sexton Williams Jr

have served the Sampson County Republican Party as a Precinct Chairman, Precinct Judge, County Treasurer, County Vice-Chairman, and Chairman. I also served a very short stint on the County Board of Elections. I have served on the Sampson County Waste Management Advisory Committee during the time that that our waste management transitioned from the county's responsibility to private enterprise. I also served on the Sampson County Economic Development Advisory Committee at the time when the county water system was first conceived, developed, and later implemented.

I have been married twice, first to Kay Lindsay of Suttontown. Kay and I were married for 25 years prior to her death in 2000. In 2008 I married Debbie Larrick Hobbs of Lillington. Between us we have two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren, with a fifth one the way. In order: Elizabeth Hobbs Langston, husband Justin, and daughter Ella, of Wendell; Derek Williams, wife Jenny Bradford Williams, and sons Ryan and Benjamin of Columbus, OH; Grant Williams, wife Hannah Holland Williams, daughter Mattie, and another due in mid-August, of Vann's Crossroads; and, Courtney Hobbs of Wake Forest. We are one happy amalgamated family.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I have had a number of roles in management in my life, and have learned a great deal from each experience listed above. I bring all that, plus a love to serve people and get the job done to this office. My appointment to the Clerk's Office by Judge Albert Kirby is to me the ultimate consummation of these assets that I possess, and I am already putting them to use in this office.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county courthouse and how you will help make that change?

A I will address this question from the perspective of the Clerk's Office. If a private enterprise provides inferior service to its customers, they have a choice to approach another vendor for the services that they desire. The Clerk's Office is not a private enterprise where the public has an opportunity to go to another vendor for service. The Clerk's Office is the only provider of these services in Sampson County. As such, there is a high degree of responsibility on the office to provide the best services possible. That is my goal, and I have already begun to implement actions to accomplish that goal. My background is in private enterprise and I am acutely aware of the need to provide superlative service to a client. I will use this prior experience in the Clerk's Office.

An Audit by the Administrative Office of the Courts was requested at the beginning of my appointment; and, I am pleased to state that the findings were very favorable. There are a few procedural changes that are to be made and we are already taking actions to bring the office to the Administrative Office of the Court's recommendations. I am pleased with the auditor's favorable findings of the work of the Assistant and Deputy Clerks and very appreciative of their efforts to the Office of the Clerk.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A I have had a desire most of my adult life to serve the people of Sampson County in any way that I could. I have done so in several ways as opportunity has availed itself. This office which I now hold is to me the ultimate service opportunity. I now seek the help of the people of Sampson County to elect me to the Office of The Clerk of Superior Court of Sampson County. I humbly ask your support and help to elect me to this office. My management style is simple: listen to those you serve first. Listen to those you employ second. Then, strive to fulfill the needs of both without conflict.



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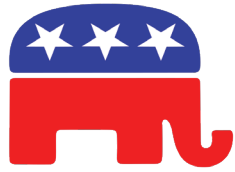
**The clerk's judicial authority makes the office unique.
The clerk in Sampson County is a judge as well as a clerk.**

Who do you want deciding facts of law in your proceedings?

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Johnny Chris Fann

er service. I work to create positive customer service by making the customer's experience the best that it can be by exceeding their expectations when they are purchasing an automobile. Budgeting and forecasting sales within the company has allowed me the chance to analyze, plan, and look ahead when solving problems and making decisions. Understanding, keeping abreast, and complying with federal, state and local regulations affecting business operations has also been a major component of my job. Because of this, I understand the importance of providing accurate, timely, and complete information and records to the general public, courts, legal community, and law enforcement. I have also had the pleasure of managing personnel that requires effective leadership and strong communication skills. The skills that I possess have been beneficial while working with customers, employees and vendors. These leadership and communication skills will allow me to help the citizens of Sampson County navigate court processes with responsive customer service.

County Clerk of Court. With my open-door policy, I will work with staff and all stakeholders to understand and implement best practices for each department.

If elected, my focus will be leading through continuous improvement. I will work to improve any aspect of the judicial system that may allow us to improve efficiency.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A The Sampson County Clerk of Court's Office is the people's office. The citizens of Sampson County deserve a proven leader that will listen to their needs and help to find solutions to their issues. If elected, I will bring a demonstrated ability to identify solutions through my past leadership experiences.

As a lifelong resident of Sampson County, I am committed to the citizens of Sampson County. My desire to serve and lead the citizens of Sampson County has been proven through my work with the Grove Park Baptist Church, Sampson Community College Board of Trustees, Clinton- Sampson Rotary Club, Sampson Agri-Expo Center Board, Sampson Regional Medical Center Foundation, and the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce. If elected, I will continue to apply my customer service approach and business experience in order to maintain a staff that promotes a commitment to serving others.

I am committed to making the Sampson County Clerk of Court's Office a better place for ALL of Sampson County.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A As one of five children, I grew up working on our family farm in Sampson County. During this time, I learned the value of a hard day's work along with what it means to have a strong work ethic. My father, Cranford Fann, served as Sampson County Sheriff for fourteen years and loved serving Sampson County more than anyone I have ever met. My mother, Elizabeth, worked at the Sampson Regional Medical Center for over 13 years. My parents' desire to serve the community in which they lived, helped shape the person I am today. My wife, Kim, retired with 32 years of service with Sampson and the Clinton City Schools. Our two daughters, Casi Freeman and Savannah Anders are currently teaching in the Clinton City Schools. Casi and her husband Craig, have two sons, Ryan and Will. Savannah and her husband Stephen, have a daughter, Layla and a son, Ellis.

After graduating from Lakewood High School, I attended North Carolina State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Life Sciences. My family and I are proud to call Sampson County home.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I have worked with the public for the last 36 years and know the value of being responsive and focused on citizens' needs in Sampson County. Being in the business world, I know the value of positive custom-

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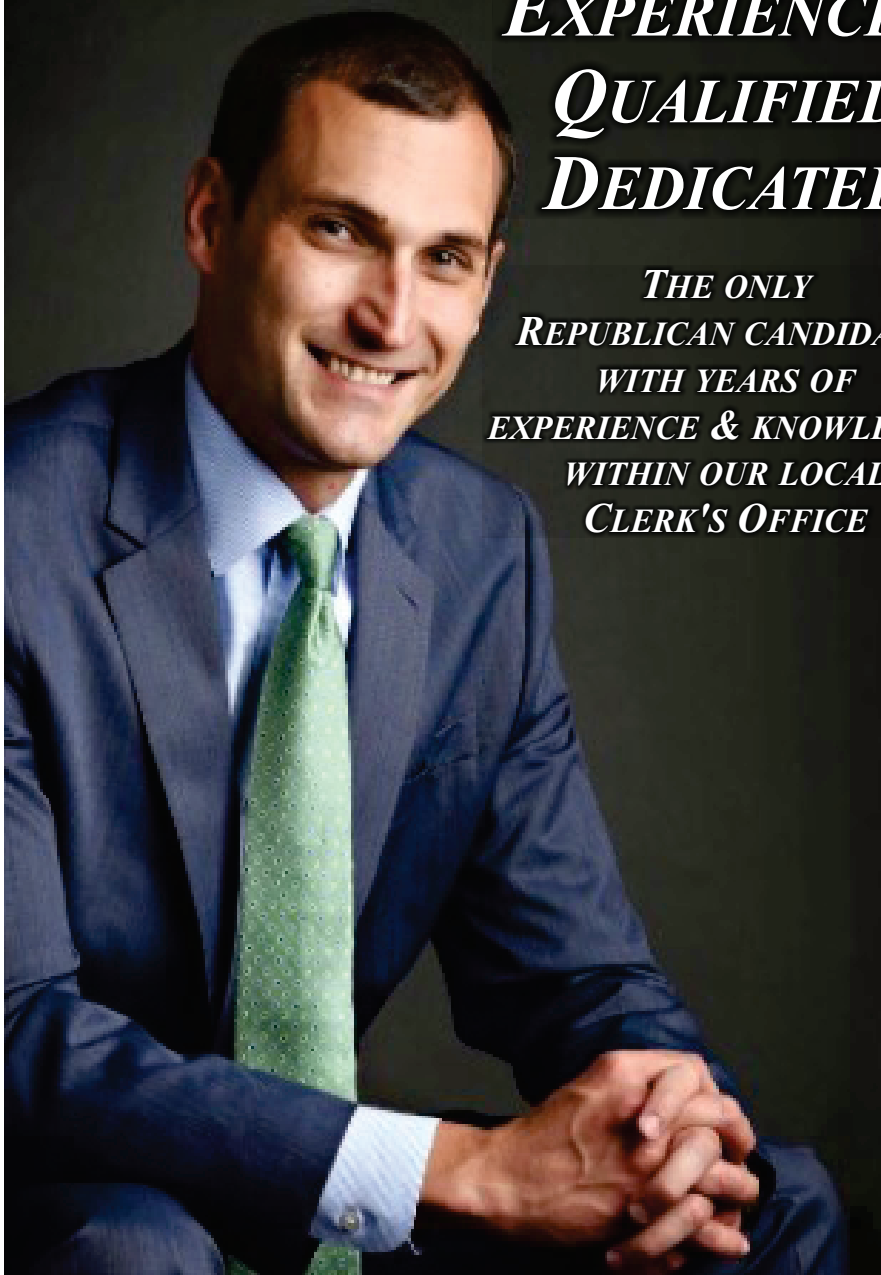
A In my opinion, Sampson County has been blessed over years to have been "RUN" in a fair and impartial matter. If elected, my #1 goal is to build on the past and not implement changes for the sake of change. If changes are needed I pledge to work with staff and other agencies of the court to make the department more efficient and accessible for all Citizens of Sampson County.

I believe the Sampson County Clerk of Court's Office should operate with P.R.I.D.E: Professionalism, Respect, Involvement, Dedication, and Efficiency. I will accomplish these functions by utilizing my "customer first" approach, my desire to listen to the citizen's concerns, and my desire to provide assistance for the citizens to navigate through the court system processes. Whether Civil, Criminal, Guardianship, Estates Issues, or just simple questions, I want issues to be handled efficiently and in a timely manner. This can be accomplished by providing strong leadership as the Sampson



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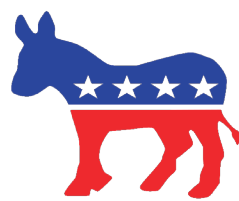
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SAMPSON COUNTY SHERIFF



Graham Frederick Butler

for District II in Cumberland County, where I later served as the District II Captain. This district was made up of 12 counties.

In August 2005, I earned the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

In 2006, I was called to the Raleigh headquarters to serve as the Assistant Supervisor in the Internal Affairs Unit. Later in that same year I was promoted to the Assistant Director of IA. That job eventually led to another promotion, this one as Assistant Director over the Eastern portion of North Carolina, consisting of 51 counties. I was responsible for the supervision of personnel of four districts encompassing those 51 counties. A year later, I was asked to work the Western part of the state, which encompassed the remaining 49 counties.

In the summer of 2008, I was promoted to the Deputy Director of Administration. This position placed me in charge of finances and budgetary issues.

In 2009 I was promoted to the position of Deputy Director over all personnel and field operations. I remained in that position until I retired in January 2012.

In 2012, the Governor awarded me with the exalted and most prestigious award, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, for service with integrity, commitment and dedication to the Great State of North Carolina.

Throughout my career I received hundreds of hours of specialized training relating to criminal investigations. The last 10 years of my career I continued with all training requirements but also received countless hours of training relating specifically in the areas of supervision and management of personnel. I feel that my 30 years of dedicated service in Law Enforcement is important to this position. I feel that successfully managing and supervising all operations for the oldest Law Enforcement Agency at the State level, uniquely qualifies me for the position of Sheriff.

pecially to take money for performing the obligation of the Sheriff. I have seen receipts for cash only amounts in exchange for the release of inmates. Mr. Kemley Pickett is one of the employees of the Sheriff involved in the act of receiving money. Mr. Pickett filed at the Board of Elections February 27th, to run against me in a primary for the position of Sheriff of Sampson County. It's been almost a year since the SBI investigation began and as of March 1st, 2018, no charges have been filed and the investigation is considered as "on going"

• I want to ensure that the employees of the Sheriff's Office are being compensated at no less to the level of the market base pay scale. This procedure can be performed at no additional cost to the taxpayers and will not require an increase in the budget to get this measure accomplished. I know that this is possible because while at DMV as Deputy Director, we made this happen! It will require the assistance from the Sampson County Board of Commissioners in the "restructuring process". This process will increase morale and productivity to provide the safety and security as well as the solving and prevention of crimes that the citizens of Sampson County expect.

• We have got to commit to a more aggressive and effective program with regard to the drug issues within our county. I will work closely with all other agencies to coordinate a strong partnership in reducing the crime and drug activity within our county. We will work with the DEA to stop the trafficking and flow of drugs into the county and seek Federal prosecutions of these offenders!

• There are far too many unsolved crimes in our county. I want to create a Sheriff's Office that is in partnership with communities throughout Sampson County. We have got to be more involved with you the citizens of the county in order to be more effective in the solving and in the prevention of crimes. By getting back to the basics of being deputy sheriffs for the people of Sampson County, we can make a difference in man hour production providing a more effective and efficient Sheriff's Office.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I am a lifelong resident of Sampson County. I am the son of the late Sheriff Graham Ruffus Butler and the late Dorothy Aylene Tart Butler. I have been happily married to Melody Lynn Butler for soon to be 38 years. I have one sister, Marcia Jackson who is married to John Jackson. I have one Brother, Scott Butler who is married to Donna Butler. I graduated from Clinton High School in 1976. I then attended Sampson Community College studying Criminal Justice, preparing myself for a career in Law Enforcement. I have been a Mason at Hiram Lodge no. 98 since 1998. I have been a Sudan Shriner since 2004 and joined the Sudan Roadsters in 2012. Over the past 28 years, I have been directly involved in agriculture business as a partner in our areas pork production. Lynn and I attend First Baptist Church at 408 College Street where I have served as chairman of the deacons.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I have been dedicated and committed to a life of law enforcement and wish to continue that commitment here in the county in which I was born and raised! I began my career in law enforcement in 1983 as a uniformed DMV process officer, then on to working with the Motor Carrier Division, a position I was known by most as "the weight man" because the job involved the weighing of trucks on the state's highways.

In 1992, I was promoted to the rank of Inspector in the "plain clothes division." This position involved investigating and making arrests for auto theft, driver license and identity theft, motor vehicle dealer violations as well as odometer and title fraud.

In April 1994, I was recognized by the state Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission with the Basic and Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate.

In 1995, I was called to the Raleigh headquarters to work what later turned out to be the largest odometer rollback case in the history of the DMV. Because this investigation crossed over into several states, I was sworn as a U.S. Marshal and made numerous arrests, seizing thousands of dollars in assets that were divided with agencies in other states.

In 2003, I was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A Let me start by saying a "malicious rumor" was started that I would fire everyone if I were elected Sheriff. Never did I say I was going to fire anyone nor is that my intention! A restructuring of the current staff is one of the many things I hope to accomplish as the next Sheriff of Sampson County. There are several issues within the Sheriff's Office that need to be addressed.

• Approximately May of 2017, the SBI opened an investigation into illegal activities taking place within the jail at the Sampson County Sheriff's office. Money was being charged and accepted for the release of the inmates placed in the work release program by a Judge's order. It is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office to see that this order is carried out as written. At no point in time is that order supposed to be altered, es-

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A It's time for a change in leadership! I will do my part to insure the public trust and preservation of this great office. I will serve the office with integrity and will not abdicate the Sheriff's responsibilities, duties, or management rights to other governmental entities, unions, or political influences. The Sheriff alone stands directly accountable to the citizens for quality of service of the Sheriff's Office. As I have stated in the previous remarks, there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed. In order for me to begin, I need your help! This election will not be decided by the Electoral College vote. This election will be decided by you, the citizens which are the popular vote of Sampson County! As elected officials, we need to work together to find the right answers for all our citizens! I am asking that you join me in shaping the future of Sampson County. On May 8th, I would appreciate your vote!!



Dedicated and Committed to service for the Citizens of Sampson County

- Over 30 years in law enforcement experience
- Born and raised in Sampson County
- Effective leadership and accountability
- Honest and Dependable

Sheriff for ALL people

- Committed to fighting the war on Drugs
- Obligated to being better stewards with regard to finances
- Dedicated to equality for all citizens, regardless of religion, sex, or race

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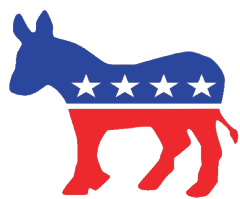
On May 8th, 2018 Vote to Elect

Freddie Butler
Sheriff of Sampson County

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SAMPSON COUNTY SHERIFF



Kemely Terrell Pickett

1985 from Wallace-Rose Hill High School in Teachey, NC. I came from a family of law enforcement with my grandfather being a Police Officer in the 1960's & 70's. My youngest, sibling, Emanuel Pickett, was Captain of Detectives of Wallace Police Dept. in Wallace, NC who lost his life while serving with the NC National Guard as a Military Police in Iraq in 2008.

and how you will help make that change?

A I feel the biggest change needed in this county is diversity, transparency and accountability. I will make that change by restructuring the hiring practices, public awareness, ensuring that the staff is well trained and being conservative to our tax payers.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

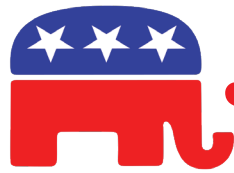
A I have 30 years of law enforcement experience working as a Correctional Officer, Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff Major and Law Enforcement Instructor. I know the Criminal Justice System and I have a good rapport communicating with the general public.

A I am a caring and concerned person for our all people. I feel that I have the experience, knowledge and the ability to be a supportive and effective Sheriff. I also have the attitude and self confidence to interact with all citizens and the willingness to listen to the public as well as take action, with public safety being priority.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I was born and raised in Teachey, NC (Duplin Co.). I am married to Teyaka Beatty-Pickett and we currently reside in Harrells, NC. We have 4 children (1 recently deceased) and 2 grandchildren. I graduated in

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county



James Haywood Thornton

promise to the voters of Sampson County and fought hard against drugs. Today, we are one of the model agencies in the State of North Carolina that have been sought to train other agencies. The success of both our Criminal Interdiction Team and Special Investigations Division has resulted in the removal of countless drug dealers from Sampson County neighborhoods and roadways. We have drawn a hard line in the sand with drug dealers and will continue our fight.

job, however we need to address the growing needs as a community. We have been and will continue working with the County Board of Education to identify potential funding sources for additional manpower and security measures.

Church security has been a community concern that we have been working with various churches, upon invitation, to provide safety training for their members. We are expanding this effort as word progresses through the County on the training we're willing to provide. There is no centralized list of contacts for churches, therefore we're dependent upon them scheduling the training with us.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I am a lifelong resident of Sampson County, NC. My wife, Betsy and I have two sons, Brian and Greg and three grandchildren. I attended East Carolina University in Greenville, NC, where I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 1974. After college I began a career with North Carolina Probation and Parole. In 1979, I was promoted to Chief Probation/Parole Officer for Sampson and Duplin counties. From 1998 to 2002, I served as Judicial District Manager for the North Carolina Division of Community Corrections. In 2002, I had the privilege to be elected as Sheriff of Sampson County.

My focus has also been on ensuring that the tax payers receive "more bang for their buck". It's important to me that we utilize tax payer's money in a responsible manner. With the building of the new Detention Center in 2007, I wanted to make sure that measures were put in place to offset the cost to the tax payers. To date, the Sampson County Detention Center has generated in excess of over \$14.5 million dollars since 2007. This is money that has helped to offset county spending over the years. The Board of Commissioners have been able to utilize these revenues each year to keep the citizens tax rate from increasing drastically. Had the new Detention Center not been built, these revenues would not have been possible.

Crime trends are constantly changing and we have to constantly re-evaluate our methods and technology to address those trends. It's impossible to pinpoint one specific change that is needed. Our focus is on maintaining flexibility to address the ever-changing crime dynamic.

A good example would be drug trends changing among users based upon enhanced enforcement techniques. Several years back methamphetamine was a huge driving force in crimes. Once enforcement was beefed up on meth, the addicts started increasing prescription opioid use. Now that we have cracked down on prescription opioids, heroin is surfacing as the drug of use. This demonstrates the need for us to maintain a broad focus on areas of concern.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A Over the past 16 years, I have served as the peoples' Sheriff. This is a duty and a privilege that I have not taken lightly. Prior to being elected Sheriff, I listened to citizen's needs and concerns. One of their main concerns was drugs. During my first election campaign, I made a promise to the voters that if elected Sheriff, I would work proactively to fight against drugs in Sampson County. We were once known throughout the State as a drug haven. Through our proactive efforts, I can proudly say today that I have kept my

My experience in the criminal justice system and my ability to manage people have aided me in being successful over the past 16 years as Sheriff. I feel that my willingness to listen to citizens and my commitment to work with them on problems is one of my better qualities, which has helped to strengthen the reputation of the Office of Sheriff in Sampson County. If anyone calls upon me for help, I do my best to help them.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A I will continue to be an advocate for the citizens of this county. I feel my accomplishments as Sheriff over the past 15 years have helped to build a more productive and professional staff. If re-elected, I will continue to move forward by ensuring that officer training and equipment/technology advances are current to address the ever changing needs of the County.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A School security has always been a concern. We have worked within our resources over the past 15 years to address safety concerns within schools. Our SRO manpower has been stretched to address concerns within the schools and they have done an outstanding

RE-ELECT

JIMMY Thornton

SHERIFF

EXPERIENCE YOU CAN COUNT ON!

- Life-Long Career in Criminal Justice
- Proven Record in the Fight Against Drugs
- Revenue Generating Detention Center
- Establishment of a Domestic Violence Unit
- Reduction of Gang Violence

FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAMPSON COUNTY

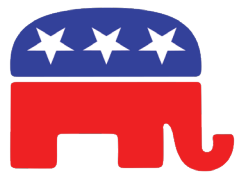
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ELECTION

2018

SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3



Sue Lane Lee

four years has given me a lot of experience to continue my service to Sampson County. I have made it a priority to attend all meetings, even on the day of my dad's death, as I was sure that he would have expected me to. I was taught to give my best to everything I commit to. Having served as the vice-chair for my entire time has given me the opportunity to be more heavily involved with the work of the board.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A My goal is not to change Sampson County. My goal is to make things better for the county and its citizens. Over the course of my first term, which began in 2014, I, along with other members of the board, have worked diligently to cut spending, improve customer service to our citizens, attract more businesses to our area, and to make our government work more efficiently.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A I would ask that the citizens of Sampson County vote for me and allow me to continue the work that I have started. Below are some of the major milestones that highlight the scope of work we have accomplished on behalf of the county since 2014.

-Implementation of a job classification, compensation and benefits program without having a tax increase and budget reductions of more than 1.1 million dollars. This benefitted our valuable employees and our taxpayers.
-Our Board refinanced the county debt saving nearly 18 million dollars in interest without extending the life of the debt. These savings will be most beneficial to our

county.

-Because Sampson County has achieved a higher credit rating due to strong fiscal policies set by the board, we were able to forego buying insurance when we refinanced the county debt. This resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings to our citizens. Normally, this insurance is required by law.

-The county continued to develop our water infrastructure allowing us to capitalize on this important resource by future sale of our water to other local governments.

-There has been significant growth in our county's tax base in the past few years. We have gained six prospective industries which will result in more than \$300 million taxable investments in our communities.

-Our budget for this fiscal year, which was passed with a 3-2 majority, included decreasing the tax rate to our citizens. A tax decrease is unheard of in a non-revaluation year. While the tax cut was small, the implications are huge. Sampson County had the highest tax rate of all the contiguous counties. This is not an attractive fact to prospective businesses that are considering locating here. Our budget also eliminated special interest appropriations.

-In addition, the county has increased the per pupil allocation to our school systems by nearly 20%. Our students are very important, and we look forward to working diligently with the school boards to continue to make things better for our students and schools.

-We realigned certain county departments and programs to ensure maximum service and budget efficiencies.

-The county's website was revamped and the social media platforms were grown during this time. Our citizens have much more information available at their fingertips, such as the Board's minutes, agendas, and budget, and lots of other information.

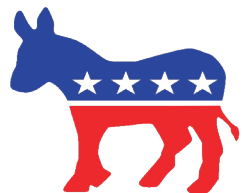
These are some of the issues that have been addressed during my term as a Sampson County Commissioner. There remains a lot to be done in the county, and I offer my service to you to continue the direction the county is headed. I promise the citizens of this county to be both focused and committed to all the responsibilities that go with the position, both minor or major.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I am married to Tart Lee, and we have two sons Brandon and Justin. In addition, we have two grandchildren, Jackson and Jenna Stuart Lee. We are all products of Sampson County and are proud to call this our home! In relation to being a commissioner, my most helpful education has come from running a business for almost 40 years. We own Precision Tool & Stamping, Inc. and employ about 30 full time employees and several temporary employees. Running a business and facing those challenges have been most helpful in the decisions that I have made as a county commissioner since I was elected in 2014.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A My background in business is extremely helpful in making decisions to run the county. It is my personal opinion that the government should be run under the same general principles as a business. At the same time, I realize the government is different than business, but conservative principles work well for government policies. Having served as a commissioner for almost



Willie Wilbert Bowden Sr

A Wife: Josie. Son: Willie Jr. Married 48 years. Been living in Sampson County 30 years.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I am a servant of the people and the people need a servant, not another boss.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A Listening to the people. By encouraging citizens to become a part of the process.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A To form a better government by and for the People.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?



Re-Elect

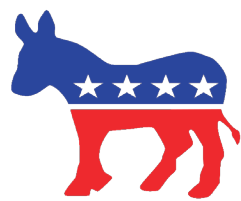
Sue Lee

- ★ **Have proudly served as County Commissioner for the past 4 years**
- ★ **Sampson County Business Owner 40 Years**
- ★ **Decisions made with common sense and conservative values**

for **County Commissioner**

Paid for by the committee to elect Sue Lee County Commissioner

SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5



Thaddeus Lorenzo Godwin Sr



Pastor Godwin was called to become Senior Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in York, Pennsylvania in December 2001 and in January 25, 2002 Pastor Godwin was ordained, at Mount Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Roland P. Forbes, Jr.

Now Pastor Godwin was called to the Lisbon Street Baptist Church in Clinton, North Carolina on December 18, 2016

Pastor Godwin was formerly Moderator of Central Baptist Association, Instructor at Full Gospel Bible Institute of Parkesburg, Pa.; Pennsylvania State Vice Moderator; Former President of Black Ministers Association of York County and Pastor Godwin is a former member of the Steering Committee of the Achieves Civic Education Coordinator YMCA of York and York County. Pastor Godwin retired from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard with Honorable Discharge with twenty-two years of service.

What people notice right away about Pastor Godwin is his friendliness and sincerity? I thank the Lord for my salvation the words of John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish .

God of Heaven guides this vessel. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

qualified for the position?

A I am Sampson County born and raised here and I love the Sampson County folks. The love of Sampson County is for me wanting what the people here want. That is a community that is growing for all who live here and call Sampson County home. So educational enhancement is a growing need for all of Sampson County. Employment and developing new jobs opportunities, for small businesses and new business. Our purpose is for Growth for all Sampson County with the help of the people.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A Sampson County is here with the New Expressway and we need to look to grow with this new Expressway with employment and businesses. Education to higher level in our County and State. Higher achievement starts with all of us building and working together.

Q- Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A I love this Sampson County and I want help the people as we work for the goals and enchanting the growth of this place Call Sampson County home. The future is in our hearts do hands to work together.

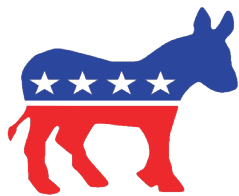
Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A Pastor Thaddeus L. Godwin, Sr. is a native of Clinton, North Carolina. He is the youngest son of the late Myrland and late Annie M. Goodman. He is married to a loving wife, the former Eloise Gainey, on July second nineteen seventy-seven. They have two wonderful children Thaddeus L. Godwin, Jr. and Latacha Godwin Johnson. They have a loving daughter-in-law Shantee Godwin and son-in-law Ray Johnson. They are grateful for seven wonderful grandchildren Quincy Johnson, Chakkar Godwin, Julius Johnson, Chael Godwin, Lance Thaddeus Johnson, Faith Daisey Johnson, and Champion Godwin. Pastor Godwin became born again at the early age of nine years old and was baptized at the Lisbon Street Baptist Church in Clinton, North Carolina under leadership and mentoring of Pastor H. R. Cogdell.

Pastor Godwin graduated from Clinton High School and graduated from York College of Pennsylvania. Pastor Godwin received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Theology from Lancaster Bible College in nineteen ninety-eight and attended Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Pastor Godwin under the leadership of Pastor Forbes was Education Minister, Superintendent of Sunday School, Organized the Men's Fellowship Group, taught the Discipleship Class, and developed the Marriage Ministry.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are



Willie R. Moore

- **Born and Raised in Sampson County**
- **Dedicated to the Citizens of District 5**
- **Served 20 Years in the Military**

Willie R. MOORE

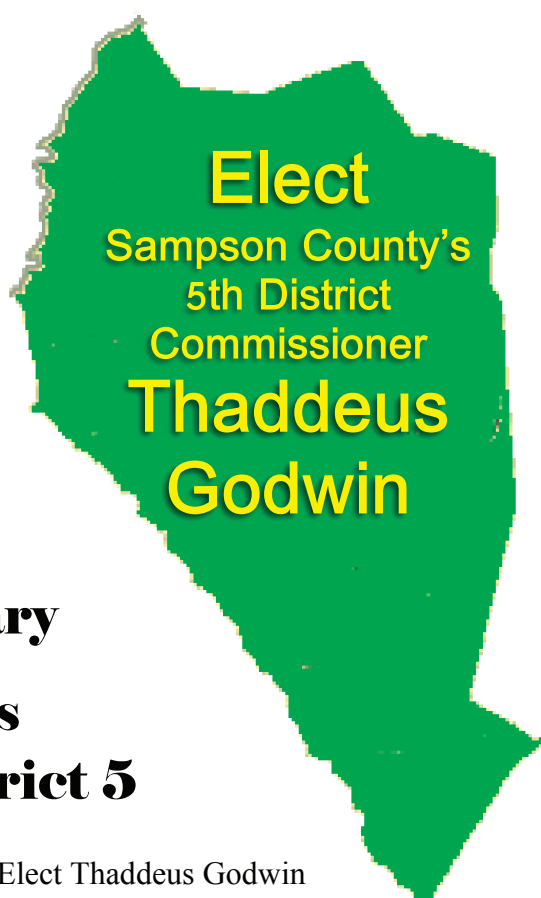
Sampson County
Commissioner
- 5th District -

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✓ VOTE Thaddeus GODWIN

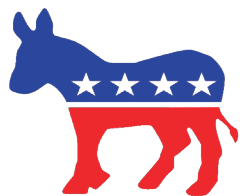
- **Retired National Guard**
- **Appointed County Commissioner in February**
- **Dedicated to the Citizens of Sampson County/District 5**



Elect
Sampson County's
5th District
Commissioner
**Thaddeus
Godwin**

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Thaddeus Godwin

SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5



Willie R Moore

Graduated from Hobbton High School (1971), joined the U.S. Army and studied/worked logistics for 20 years. Attended Mount Olive University, Colorado University and obtained a BA degree in Criminal Justice.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I was born/raised and continue to live in Sampson County. I have the ability to listen to the peoples' concerns and seek resolutions. The willingness to work hard continuing to make Sampson County a great place to live, work, retire, and raise a family.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A My goal is to represent the people of Sampson County. I will work hard to make the changes the voters feel is needed by prioritizing them based on the people of Sampson County. I would dedicate myself, my work, and time based on the voters agenda and not my own.

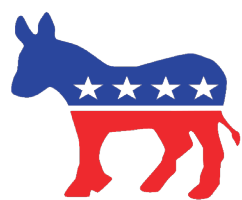
Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A Voters of Sampson County should vote for me because of my dedication, knowledge, and the ability to publicly address the needs of the people seeking positive results.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I am a widower, 3 Children, 7 grandchildren, and one great—granddaughter.

NC House of Representatives DISTRICT 21

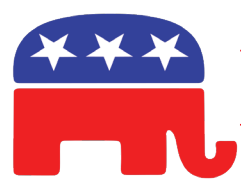


Eugene Leach Pearsall

Eugene Pearsall and his wife Cheryl have been married for for twenty plus years. To this union they have three children two currently enrolled in the Sampson County School system and one who graduated in 2015.

Eugene attended school in the Duplin County School System. After graduation he attended college for a short period of time. Following the experience of living out of state Eugene returned home in 1993 and established Eugene's Trucking beginning with one truck and a dream. Today he owns a

fleet of 16 trucks that travel along the east coast. I have served as chairman of the Hobbton Advisory Board, Chairman of the Sampson County Headstart Program, active with the Parks and Recreation Department of Sampson County, the NAACP, Clinton 100 Committee, U Care and the Clinton Sampson Chamber of Commerce. Having served in these capacities I feel the experience and knowledge that I've gained will help me serve in helping to provide the improvements that the citizens need.



Robert Earl Freeman

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A Growing up on a farm in rural Pitt County, my parents raised me to have strong traditional values. Embracing those values helped me give 44 years of dedicated service to my country and state as a military veteran and educator. I spent 21 years fighting to defend our country in the armed services and 23 years as an educator advocating for our children. I believe my education, previous careers and experiences have prepared me to represent the people of this district. Now I want to fight for stronger communities for our families, friends and neighbors by serving you in Raleigh. We need a fighter in Raleigh that can be effective in helping our communities grow.

Q- Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A- I believe the biggest change needed in Sampson and Wayne Counties is initiatives to bring about economic opportunities and potential for more jobs. And at the same time we need to continue to lower unemployment. Strong education systems need to be in place to provide a ready workforce for the job market in our area of the state. I will work with the General Assembly, state and local leaders to come up with ideas and plans to create and increase job growth. My years of experience as a leader, in the military and as a teacher, school administrator and civilian School Liaison Officer for Seymour Johnson AFB have uniquely

qualified me to help bring new ideas to the table.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A If elected, I will work to be an effective voice in the House with a determination to get positive results. I will listen to all voters and engage in conversation on the issues to understand the needs and wants of my constituents. In my experience in the armed services, my job was to defend all Americans. If elected, I will serve all constituents and fight for stronger communities for our district.

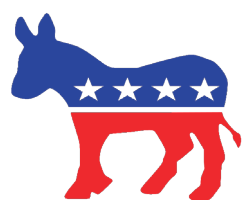
Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A My name is Robert E. Freeman. I am the proud father of two children. My daughter is a Health Educator with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia and my son is a U.S. Army Major and Bronze Star Recipient from the Iraq War. My hometown is Williamston, NC and I came to Goldsboro with the Air Force over 40 years ago. I am an Elder at The Lord's Table Church in Goldsboro, NC. Also a member of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and its Military Affairs Committee.

I served in the US Air Force for 21 years and while on active duty I attended Saint Leo University to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Resources Administration. I was able to further my education by earning a Masters of School Administration from East Carolina University's School of Education. I am a certified school administrator, JROTC instructor and driver's education instructor.



NC House of Representatives DISTRICT 21



Raymond Edward Smith

A It is absolutely imperative that any individual seeking public office have a proven record of commitment to Public Service, Community Service, Family, and Faith. Being qualified to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly requires a well-rounded individual with a wide range of experiences and the ability to use a multifaceted approach to coalition building. Without the ability to build coalitions with others, it will be impossible to achieve the goal of creating a better Sampson and Wayne Counties.

My commitment to Public Service as evidenced by careers in Public Education, Public Transportation, and the United States Army, are a hallmark to the type of dedication and experience needed in order to serve in the General Assembly for the State of North Carolina. The plethora of issues and concerns that will need to be addressed for Sampson and Wayne counties will require someone with a myriad of knowledge and a proven record of success.

As the first African American At-Large member of the Wayne County Board of Education, the ability to negotiate with others that have differing opinions or approaches to resolving issues has been tremendously helpful in developing meaningful policies and addressing tough issues. The Wayne County Board of Education is embarking upon an issue that has been looming since the early 1990's; the issue of Redistricting. Due to the efforts by me and other members of the Board of Education, we have been able to find common ground using a reasonable and common sense approach to this critical issue. The final results will be huge for the community.

My commitment to Community service as evidenced by numerous volunteer activities that include working with children and the elderly; having served as a board member for the Wayne County Partnership for children, the American Red Cross, Epicurean Civic Club, National President of the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni Association, and President of the Goldsboro Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., have all prepared me to clearly understand, and to stay focused on the needs in our communities.

My commitment to Church and Family are absolutely essential to my qualifications for this position, because I know from whence all blessings flow. As a member of St. James AME Zion Church in Goldsboro NC, where my Pastor is the Reverend Ronald Miller, I have served as a Stewart, and currently serve as a Trustee. My Family and I live by and uphold the values and doctrines established by the Church.

My commitment to Family is what ultimately drives my desire to make a difference in our society. I know that my parents lived and worked their entire lives to make things better for me and for others. They instilled this into my very soul, and as a result, I have dedicated my life to improving our society for my children and for yours. My wife and children have been tremendously supportive of these efforts, and will work alongside me as we endeavor to make a difference for Sampson and Wayne Counties.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A If you elect me as your Representative in the General Assembly, I will work tirelessly to recruit businesses and industry, and encourage them to consider Clinton and Sampson County as a preferred destination for the establishment of new job opportunities.

According to the 2010 census, the estimated population of Sampson County is 63,431 citizens. With a cost of living index of approximately 81.7, which translates into a less expensive than average community in which to live and raise a family. According to the Clinton-Sampson County Chamber of Commerce, Sampson County has over 1,200 farms averaging approxi-

mately 250 acres each. Some of Sampson County's largest employers are Prestage Farms and Smithfield Foods; which employ approximately 12% of the overall workforce. Without a doubt, agriculture is an overwhelming contributor to the local economy.

With these factors in mind; the low cost of living, the availability of land, and the emphasis on Career Technical Education (CTE) in our schools, to include state-funded summer CTE programs for high school students will help to facilitate the efforts attract more business and industry to the area. CTE is a term applied to schools, institutions, and educational programs that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies, and career preparation. For instance, machinists and tool and die makers are vital to most manufacturing companies because of the special training needed in order to set up and operate a variety of computer-controlled and mechanically controlled machine tools to produce precision metal parts, instruments, and tools. This highly skilled trade can be very lucrative in an economy such as Clinton and Sampson County. According to the Association for Career and Technical Education, 80 % of high school students taking both CTE and college prep courses meet college and career readiness goals, versus 63% who only take college prep courses only. The report also states that CTE associate degree graduates from a community college out-earn bachelor degree holders by approximately \$11,000.

Additionally, I will support the building of new schools, the restoration and recovery of lottery funds to be disbursed to the County Commissioners, increased teacher supplements and benefits, promote the establishment of articulation agreements between the high schools and Sampson Community College so that students can receive college credit while in high school, and promote public / private collaboration where feasible.

Q- Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A- I grew up in rural eastern North Carolina just north of Sampson County in a home where both of my parents were dedicated to Public Service and Community Service. They provided me with a glowing example of what was truly important in life, and that is to be a blessing to others. From an early age I always dreamed about what I could do to give back to the community. I have always been committed to making a difference.

Through numerous sacrifices and sheer determination, I returned home to the village that raised me so that through Grace I could help someone. It is my sincere desire to serve you as your House District 21 Representative in the General Assembly, so that I can utilize the skills and life lessons learned through my many experiences to make a better life for the good people of Sampson and Wayne Counties.

There are people whose primary mission in life is to be disruptive and divisive; while they have every right to exist, those of us who know better must do better. I count myself among those who know better, and I vow to do better.

My promise to you; if elected, is that I will spend every imaginable moment working to improve the quality of life for my family, your family, and the citizens of both Sampson and Wayne counties. As my primary goals, education and gainful employment will top my list of priorities. With a spirit of support and togetherness, we can accomplish anything.

Mahatma Gandhi once said... "You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result".

I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming May primary, I will be a Representative that Clinton and Sampson County can absolutely be proud of.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A My Father; Raymond E. Smith Sr., was a United States Marine. After an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps., he began a career with the Civil Service which lasted 35 years until his retirement. He served the community on numerous boards and served as the National President of the largest High School Alumni Association in the United States.

My Mother; Thelma F. Smith, was a lifelong Educator. She was a classroom teacher for 30 years and decided to continue her education and became a guidance counselor for a total 38 years in education. Upon her retirement, she successfully campaigned to become a member of the Wayne County Board of Education, and served the community as a School Board member for 18 years.

Both of my parents instilled into me a legacy of public service as evidenced by the fact that they both lived their entire lives giving back to the community, and they both passed away while still serving.

I am Raymond E. Smith Jr.; the only child of Raymond & Thelma Smith. While attending Goldsboro High School I was a member of student government and a three-sport athlete. Upon graduating from high school, I matriculated to N.C. A & T State University as a student-athlete. I later joined the United States Army and served this country proudly as a combat veteran in the Gulf War. After a successful tour of duty in the United States Army, I returned to N.C. A&T State University and completed my Bachelor's degree. Upon graduation, I began a new career in Education as a middle school social studies teacher and a high school football coach. Today, when I encounter former students that share with me the wonderful things that are going on in their lives, it is a constant reminder that being in education is one the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Upon earning a Masters degree in Public Administration from N.C. Central University, I embarked upon a career in the Transportation industry. As a statewide planner for the NC Department of Transportation, I was afforded the privilege of working with approximately all 100 counties within the State of North Carolina regarding their transportation planning efforts, capping off my career in transportation with becoming the first Executive Director of the Goldsboro / Wayne Transportation Authority, which continues to be a thriving and successful public transit system serving all of Wayne County.

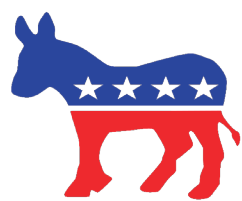
Ultimately, my commitment to public service lead me back into the field of education. Currently, I am completing my Doctoral Dissertation at Fayetteville State University towards a Doctorate degree in Education Leadership, and am employed with Shaw University.

Married to Cortrina T. Smith; principal, Carver Heights Elementary School, and together we have five children. A son, Christopher, who is serving proudly in the United States Army, and is stationed in South Korea; two daughters, Tracy and Ashley, both in college at N.C. A&T State University; and two sons at home, Myles and Maxwell, a third grader and a toddler.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?



NC House of Representatives DISTRICT 22



Martin Anthony Denning

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A As a native and long-time resident of District 22 I know first-hand the needs of our district and those areas where our current representative has been slow to act and react to the changing economic and social issues of Sampson County and the district. My dedication to public education and teachers – the inspiration I get from the perspiration of our working men and women and the pride I derive from having lived in both counties in the district makes me want to do what I can to increase the quality of life in both counties of District 22.

I believe that we need to focus on the issues of class size, school safety, teacher preparation, and student achievement. We also need to restore local control over our schools and limit the role of the State Board of Education in making decisions impacting the schools of Sampson and Bladen counties. We have great schools in Sampson and Bladen counties but as a member of the state legislature I will work to increase funding for rural school districts to bring equity across the state for all the children in North Carolina.

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I am married with two adult children. I am a native and long-time resident of Sampson County and am currently residing at White Lake.

Education: Graduate of Lakewood High School; Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Post Graduate work at Fayetteville State University

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A The current North Carolina legislature is in the process of dismantling public education. As a career educator and coach in the North Carolina Public Schools

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A As a native and long-time resident of Sampson County I have been and am currently invested in the future of Sampson County. I believe Sampson County is poised for a period of great growth and as a member of the North Carolina legislature I will work to make sure that Sampson County receives its fair share of resources from the state to continue to support our schools, businesses, law enforcement, and to upgrade our infrastructure needs.



Raymond Smith

**For NC House of
Representatives
District 21**

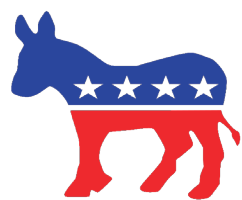


- ★ **Education**
- ★ **Healthcare**
- ★ **Transportation**
- ★ **Economic Development / Jobs**

**Vote Raymond Smith for District 21
House of Representatives**

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NC House of Representatives DISTRICT 22



Lawrence Alfonso Aycock

alternatives:

Either:

- Bettering yourself, by putting in the necessary hard work required to prompt your tentative goals and strive towards success today and an even better tomorrow.

Or:

- Succumbing to your current situation, and circumstances which results in throwing un-necessary pity parties and blaming someone else as to why you failed yourself, your family and your community.

I elected to want better for me and my family. Nevertheless, while keeping my community, my generation of peers, and those to come in the future in mind. But not forgetting those that come before us and paved the way.

- I could go on and list several of my professional accomplishments, and tell you that I was a business major in college which gives me the knowledge to make sound minded decisions.

- I could tell you that I have over 15 years of big business together with analytical, technical and corporate leadership experience.

- I could tell you that I've received many accolades and promotions as a direct result of my education career performance and work experience.

- I could tell you that with this experience, I can cohesively apply my educational skill-sets and work experience to this great office to assure that minimal risk is taken without compromising the overall goal and agenda.

But I rather disclose how I was raised in a low-income environment where love was the only currency needed and was provided daily. I would tell you that I come from a home where my mother self-medicated through the use and abuse of alcohol to mask the physical abuse she endured through damaging relationships in which I had a front row seat, and was subjected to mentally early on. I would rather tell you that the environment from which one was raised does not have to be one's downfall, crutch or excuse as to why he/she cannot do better for themselves. Don't allow the pain of your past to define the direction of your future.

With that said, I feel that I am qualified because it takes: A REAL Person with REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES to ADDRESS the REAL PROBLEMS and ISSUES of a REAL PEOPLE (We the Family | We the Community). Keeping in mind that #YourVoiceMatters! Which is the core and objective of this campaign.

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A It's honestly hard for me to suggest or select which item is the biggest without statistical data. Because

there are several items on many of levels that need to be address. Realistically these items cannot be worked on simultaneously nonetheless, they can, and will be fought for if I'm nominated as your representative.

So, I will outline a few items that I plan to fight for, but not limited to:

JOBS: Competitive Jobs at Competitive Pay.

HOW? Recruit jobs into the state while protecting the existing ones we have. Increase vocational training at community colleges and provide career path workshops within our grade schools and communities.

EDUCATION: Protecting Our Future.

HOW? Keeping Our Students engaged by incorporating their interest within the curriculum as-well-as assuring available resources are already being taken advantage of properly, while keeping our students on track to graduate on time.

OFFENDER REHABILITATION AFTER RELEASE- Active, Conductive and Contributing Members of the Community

HOW? Providing Career path training gauged toward enhancing skill-sets knowable requirements to re-enter the workforce. With this work with our small business owners to provide second chance opportunities, and incentive for doing so for our business owners.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH: AWARENESS & ASSISTANCE.

HOW? Review what the state currently has to offer and make sure that these items are properly being promoted and enforced. Review program success statistics and identify process improvements of the pre-existing programs available. Review any grant contributing dollars to these types of programs and assure the proper allocation to promote program success.

CRIME: Identify, Define and Act (Take Action)

HOW? Recognize what the Problem | Express Concerns | Seek the community for assistance | Get Law Enforcement Back in the Community getting to know the people.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A Your Voice (The People | The Voters) mean a lot to me.

Your concerns are my concerns.

Your fight is my fight.

The Voters should vote for me because I'm a reflection of you.

Speak to me as I speak up for you.

Vote for me because: #YourVoiceMatter!

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A Son of the Late Thurman Alfonso Underwood & the Late Gwendolyn Louise Aycock all Natives of Sampson County. Coming from a very close nit family, with very loving and supportive parents in all of my career endeavors.

Having lost both of my parents before the age of 16 my Grandparents, Johnny T. Aycock (AKA: Dick Aycock) and the late Marie Faison Aycock (AKA: Mookie) immediately stepped in and provided all the support any one person could ever ask for.

Lawrence A. Aycock currently serves as Trustee, Minister of Music and Worship Leader of Poplar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Faison, NC (163 Poplar Grove Church Ln., Faison, NC) under the Pastoral Leadership of Pastor Rev. Willie C. Alford & First Lady, Rev. N. Jackie Alford.

Graduated from Clinton High School – Dark Horses (Clinton City Schools) in 2002. Attended College at Saint Augustine's College for three years, and later transferred to Colorado Technical University Majoring in Business Management to complete undergrad studies in 2007. Lawrence is also an active NC (Sampson County) Notary Public. Lawrence also has the following certifications: Six Sigma – Green Belt & ISO 9001:2008 Internal Auditor Certification.

Lawrence A. Aycock, currently works at Smithfield Foods (Hog Production Division) as a Payroll Specialist (Accounting Clerk) and has been employed with Smithfield for a little over two years.

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A In my opinion, being qualified for the position goes beyond ones resume and any political experience. A Quote that my Grandmother the Late Marie Faison Aycock instilled in me from an early age, and that still resonates with me today: Until you have walked a mile in my shoes.

I never knew what that quote meant until life presented itself to me early on. With losing both parents less than a year apart, not only did I have to put on my big boy britches and grow-up sooner rather than later, but I was presented with two life changing and character defining





**Martin (Tony)
DENNING**



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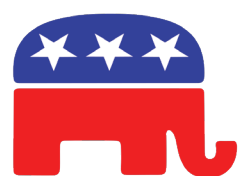
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NC House of Representatives DISTRICT 22



William Dale Brisson

Q Tell the voters why you feel you are qualified for the position?

A I am the former Chair of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners, Chair of Bladen County Hospital Board of Trustees & Bladen Medical Center, and Secretary & Treasurer of Bladen County Farm Bureau. I currently serve on 15 committees in the North Carolina House of Representatives, with leadership positions on 5 of those committees. As a farmer, I understand the challenges faced by small business owners, and I will continue to fight for the working families of Bladen, Sampson, and Johnston counties. I have spent decades as a public servant, always placing people over politics, and I will continue to use my experience to serve the people of House District 22. While some may categorize me as a "Career Politician", I rebuke that with "My Career is Farming" and "My Politics are a Public Service".

Q Tell the voters what you feel is the biggest change that is needed in the county and how you will help make that change?

A- As a State Representative, I do not feel it is my place to tell the citizens what changes are needed in the counties. It is my job to support the decisions of the

local government (County and City Commissions and Boards) and help them get assistance from the State as needed. It is also my job to listen to the citizens' individual needs and ideas for improvement to State government programs, take those issues to the NC House, and fight for viable solutions.

Q Why should the voters of Sampson County vote for you?

A-As a lifelong resident of Eastern North Carolina, I know the challenges that we face as a rural area. Growing up on the farm, my parents taught me the value of hard work and living as Christians. I take those values with me to the floor of the NC House. I have spent my life serving the people from the smallest local level to the State House of Representatives. My Campaign promises the same things that I have ran on since I first started in politics. To be open, accessible, honest, and to stand up for you!

When asked "What are your greatest achievements in politics", many of my colleagues will start listing Bills in which they have added their name to, my greatest achievements are the many of you that I have been able to help during my time in office. When you go to the polls to cast your ballot, decide which of these candidates can and will do the best job for you!

Q Tell the voters about your family/education?

A I was born and raised in Bladen County, where I still live on my family's farm in Dublin. I am a graduate of Tar Heel High School and attended Wayne Community College. I am a lifelong farmer carrying on our family's tradition of production agriculture. My high school sweetheart and wife of 53 years, Brenda, helps manage our farming business and we are actively involved in the North Carolina Farm Bureau and Dublin First Baptist Church, where we are members. We have a son, Alan, daughter-in-law, Angela, and are proud grandparents to fifteen-year-old Autumn (who attends public school in Bladen County).

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Rep. William Brisson
NC House Dist. 22

**Vote for ...
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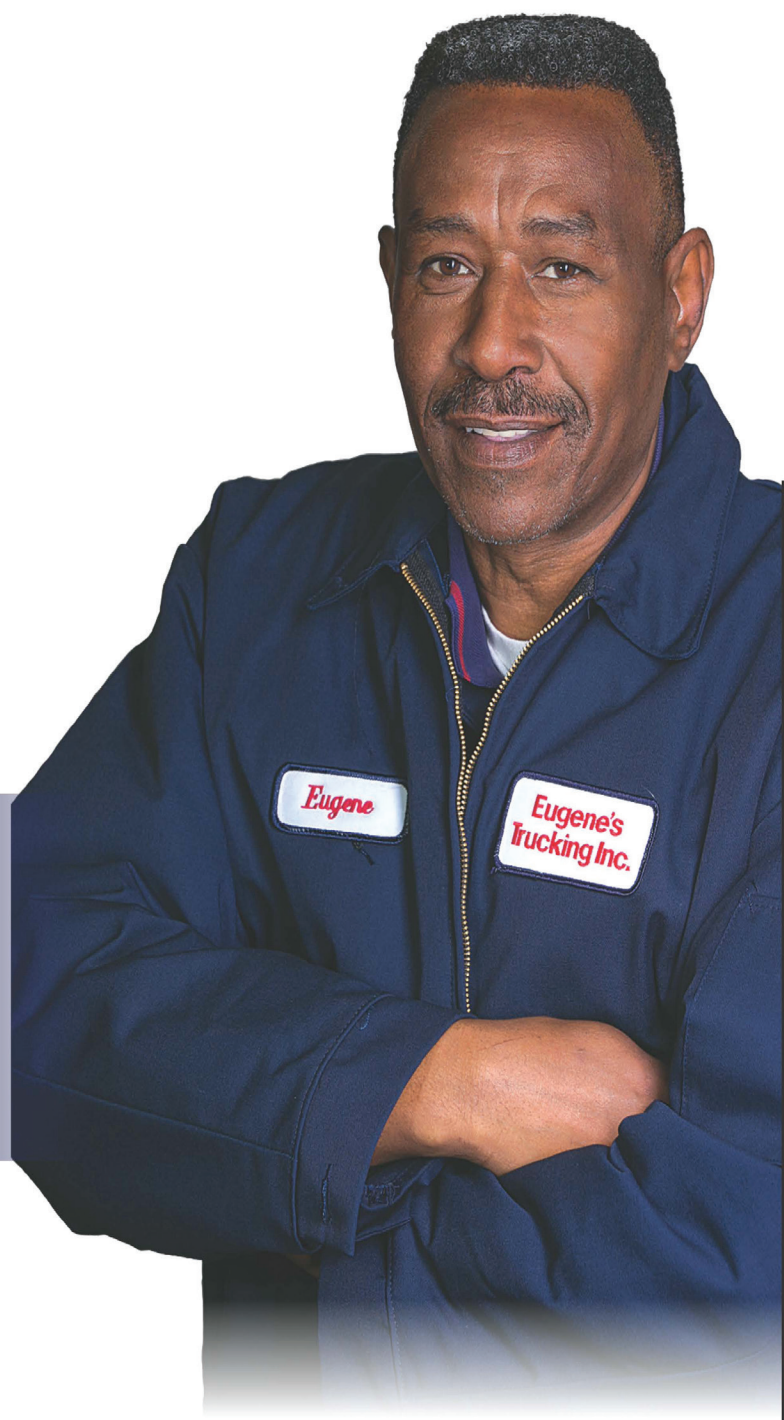
**Vote to Re-elect William Brisson
NC House District 22**

"I am dedicated to serving the voters of Sampson, Bladen, and Johnston Counties. I will continue working hard for **OUR VALUES** in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Thank you for allowing me to serve."

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EUGENE PEARSALL

NC House of Representatives
District 21



New Leadership for NC House

Eugene Pearsall for District 21

Every so often you realize it is time to change things up a bit. You realize it's time for something new, something different – *a new leader, a new plan.*

Meet Eugene Pearsall.

Eugene is a successful businessman, who built his trucking business from the ground up with hard work, dedication and a commitment to service.

A native of Sampson County, Eugene knows the meaning of hard work and the value of a dollar.

He also knows it's time for new leadership at the state level. "We need a US House of Representative member who will listen to the people. We need someone who will work with people to get things done, to help our community and to build a better District 21- Sampson, Duplin and Wayne Counties"

Eugene will bring a new perspective; a new era of leadership, a new era of cooperation to get things done.

Eugene Pearsall – New Leadership for District 21



Meet Eugene

Eugene Pearsall, a lifelong area resident, is a North Duplin High School graduate and self-made businessman. He built his trucking company into the largest independent business of its kind in Sampson County which now employs 50 people.

An engaged community leader, Eugene is active in numerous civic projects such as serving on the Sampson County Workforce Development Board- First Vice-Chair since 2009, and was awarded Board Member of the Year in 2016. Eugene is also a member of the NC-NAACP and a dedicated advocate of education; he has served on the Advisory Board for the Hobbton School District- served for 8 years, 4 years as Chairman, and formerly chaired the Sampson County Head Start Program. Eugene is also a member of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce and the Clinton 100 Committee.

He is a committed family man, he and his wife Cheryl have been married for 24 years and together they have three children: Erika, 22; Jordan, 16; Jenna, 9.

Eugene is running for NC House of Representatives in District 21 to bring his values of hard work, integrity, and uprightness to the state legislature.

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NC House of Representatives District 21