

League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area

VOTER GUIDE

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**General Election
November 5, 2024**

**Polls Open:
6:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M.**

This publication is issued by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area, a national nonpartisan organization, to provide a forum to all political candidates within the jurisdiction of our organization that includes the City of Tiffin, Clinton, Hopewell, and Eden Townships, and Tiffin City, Hopewell-Loudon, and Mohawk School Districts.

***Celebrating 104 years of the
League of Women Voters and
54 years of the Tiffin Area League***

Information about candidates was assembled in the following manner: Candidates were asked to provide their biographical information and their answers to the League questions. Candidates are solely responsible for the contents of their reply.

The League does not alter, edit, or correct the candidates' responses to the question(s) asked.

This Voter Guide was prepared for the 2024 General Election. Candidates for national office were contacted by the League of Women Voters of the US, and candidates for state offices were contacted by the League of Women Voters of Ohio. All candidates who filed for Seneca County and local offices with the Board of Elections were contacted by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area and asked to submit biographical information and to answer questions approved by the League Board of Directors. Those who did not respond are listed with the statement — “the candidate has not yet responded.” Candidate responses were not edited for content, spelling or grammar, and were copied exactly as received. There are several ballot issues for this election.



Absentee Voting Hours

November 5, 2024, General Election

In-Person Absentee Voting Hours

Dates	Times
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – Friday, October 11, 2024	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 14, 2024 – Friday, October 18, 2024	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 21, 2024 – Friday, October 25, 2024	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 26, 2024	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, October 27, 2024	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 28, 2024	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 29, 2024	7:30 am to 8:30 pm
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – Friday, November 1, 2024	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 2, 2024	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 3, 2024	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

2024 GENERAL ELECTION | November 5, 2024

- Military & Overseas Absentee Voting: Begins September 20, 2024
- Deadline to Register to Vote for the General Election: October 7, 2024,
 - (Board is open until 9:00 P.M.)
- Early In-Person Voting: Begins October 8, 2024, and includes the two Saturdays and two Sundays before Election Day (but NOT the Monday before Election Day)
- Absentee Voting By Mail: Begins October 8, 2024
- Deadline for absentee ballot applications to be received by county Boards of Elections: October 29, 2024
- Deadline to postmark your mail ballot: November 4, 2024, (this means the USPS mark your mail-in ballot envelope- if you still have your ballot, take it inside the Post Office for them to postmark it)
- Election Day: November 5, 2024, (Polls open 6:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.)
- Deadline for mail ballots to be personally hand-delivered to your County Board of Elections: November 5, 2024, 7:30 P.M. (close of polls).
- Deadline to 'cure' your provisional ballot if you didn't have your ID when voting: November 9, at your Board of Elections, and you must bring the required ID (if

you voted on a provisional ballot for other reasons, check with your Board of Elections to see if you need to do anything else)

- Deadline for boards to receive mail-ballots that have been postmarked on or before November 4: November 9, 2024

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

<https://www.lwvohio.org/ohiovotingchanges>

All Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle locations have begun issuing free state ID cards to eligible citizens as a result of the state's new voting ID law.

VOTER INFORMATION – NEW LAWS IN OHIO

At the end of 2022, Ohio's General Assembly passed significant changes to the state's election laws, particularly impacting the kind of ID voters need when voting and shortening the early voting period.

ID NEEDED TO VOTE BY MAIL

You will write or type these numbers on your request form- you do not have to show a physical copy to get an absentee ballot

- Ohio driver's license number or state ID card number
- OR
- Last 4 digits of your Social Security number

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- [Here](#) (link)
- If the ballot request form doesn't come directly from the Secretary of State's website, be sure the application says Form 11-A at the top- you can see what it looks like [here](#) (link)
- Submit your absentee ballot request by no later than 7 days before the election

TRACK YOUR BALLOT REQUEST

- Once you're submitted your request online, you'll get tracking updates letting your know they've received your request, and that your ballot is on its way to you

- **Once you've returned your ballot, you'll also get updates letting you know your Board of Elections has received your ballot, and that your vote has been accounted for**

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

- **By mail**
- **To your county Board of Elections drop box**

DEADLINES

- **By USPS mail: Must be postmarked by the day before the election and received by the 4th day after the election**
- **Hand-delivered: Must be received by your County Board of Elections by 7:30 P.M. on Election Day (note: not your polling place)**

ACCEPTED ID FOR EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

- **Ohio driver's license or State ID card- must be issued by the Ohio BMV only**
 - **Your card cannot be expired**
 - **It's ok to have an old address on your card**
 - **It's ok to have an Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV**
- **U.S. Military, or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs card**
- **Ohio National Guard card**
- **U.S. Passport Book or Card**

ID NO LONGER ACCEPTED FOR EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

- **Last 4 digits of Social Security number**
- **Copy of a Photo ID**
- **Utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document**

THERE IS NO LONGER EARLY VOTING ON THE MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY

ACCEPTED ID ELECTION DAY

- **Ohio driver's license or State ID card- must be issued by the Ohio BMV only**
 - **Your card cannot be expired**
 - **It's ok to have an old address on your card**
 - **It's ok to have an Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV**
- **U.S. Military, or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs card**

- **Ohio National Guard card**
- **U.S. Passport Book or Card**

ID NO LONGER ACCEPTED ON ELECTION DAY

- **Last 4 digits of Social Security number**
- **Copy of a Photo ID**
- **Utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document**

Any permanent or temporary resident of Ohio 17 years of age or older qualifies for a BMV-issued State ID Card free of charge if that person

- **is not licensed as an operator of a motor vehicle in this or any other state.**
- **does not hold an identification card from another state.**
- **All non-citizens who apply for a license or ID card of any kind will have a notification on their card that indicates they are not a citizen of the United States.**
- **Individuals who become citizens of the U.S. may qualify for a free replacement of their license/ID card if all of the following is true**
 - **The card is valid and its expiration date is not within 90 days of expiration.**
 - **Their current card indicates the cardholder was a noncitizen**
 - **The applicant is a U.S. citizen at the time of application.**

*** Please note that an ID card is not the same as a driver's license and does not grant you the privilege to operate any motor vehicle.

MISCELLANEOUS VOTING LAW CHANGES PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

- **Must be cured by the fourth day after Election Day**
 - **If you voted provisionally on Election Day because there was some question about your ID or something else, be sure to follow up with your county Board of Elections before that 4th day**

EXCEPTIONS TO THE PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT

- **Voters with a religious objection to being photographed are exempt from providing a photo ID when voting**

- **These voters can**
 - **vote with the last four digits of their social security number during early voting or on Election Day**
- **And must**
 - **sign an "Affidavit of Religious Objection".**
 - **The affidavit and vote will be void if the voter is found to have a currently unexpired photo ID.**

CURBSIDE VOTING

- **Curbside Voting is now more prohibitive and only available to voters who are "physically unable to enter the polling place".**
- **However, a disability claim cannot be contested by an elections official.**

Voting when you have a disability: what provisions does Ohio law provide?

Confined Voters with a Physical Disability, Illness, or Infirmary

If you are a voter with a disability, or are confined to your home, a nursing home, jail, or workhouse and cannot vote at your polling location on Election Day or in person at your county board of election office due to personal illness, physical disability, infirmity, or confinement, you may vote by an absentee ballot

- Complete Form 11-F: Application for Absent Voter's Ballot by Confined Voter or a Voter With a Personal Illness, Physical Disability, or Infirmary
- Form [here](#).

Accessible Absentee Voting

Voters with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) can use a remote ballot marking tool to vote. In this system, a ballot is sent to the voter electronically and the voter can use an accessibility device to mark the ballot on a computer. The completed ballot is then printed and mailed back to the voter's local Board of Elections.

- Complete [Form 11-G](#): Application for Absent Voter's Ballot by a Voter With a Disability & Request to Use Remote Ballot Marking System.
- Form [here](#).

Curbside Voting

Voters with a disability who are physically unable to enter an early voting location during the early vote period or a polling location on Election Day can vote curbside. With curbside voting, two poll workers (one Republican and one Democratic) administer the ballot to you from your vehicle.

To vote curbside, call your Board of Elections to make prior arrangements. You may also send someone inside the polling location to inform poll workers of your desire to vote curbside.

- To find contact information for your county Board of Elections, go [here](#).

Unforeseeable Hospitalization

If you or your minor child is confined to a hospital due to an unforeseen medical emergency in the week before Election Day, you can use a Form 11-B to vote from the hospital.

- [Complete Form 11-B: Absentee Ballot Application -- Hospitalization Due to an Accident or Unforeseeable Medical Emergency That Occurred After the Close of Business on the Seventh Day before Election Day and Before 3 p.m. on Election Day](#)
- Form [here](#).

To learn more about options for Ohio voters with disabilities, visit the Ohio Secretary of State site [here](#).

Seneca County (OH) Board of Elections Web site:
<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/seneca/>

***The list of candidates for offices on the
Fall 2024 General Election Ballot begins below***

Information for candidates for national office was collected by the League of Women Voters of the United States and, for State of Ohio candidates, by the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Duties: The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

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

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

REPUBLICAN

Donald Trump

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www.donaldjtrump.com/

CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump/

CAMPAIGN INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/realdonaldtrump/

CAMPAIGN TWITTER

[@TrumpWarRoom](https://twitter.com/TrumpWarRoom)

The candidate has not yet responded.

INDEPENDENT

Richard Duncan

The candidate has not yet responded.

DEMOCRAT

Kamala Harris

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

www.kamalaharris.com/

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www.facebook.com/KamalaHarris/

CAMPAIGN INSTAGRAM

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CAMPAIGN TWITTER

[@KamalaHarris](https://twitter.com/KamalaHarris)

The candidate has not yet responded.

LIBERTARIAN

Chase Oliver

The candidate has not yet responded.

INDEPENDENT

Peter Sonski

The candidate has not yet responded.

GREEN

Jill Stein

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What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?

We need an economy that works for working people, not just the wealthy and powerful. To reverse surging inequality and insecurity, we need an Economic Bill of Rights establishing the rights to a living-wage job, guaranteed livable income, housing, healthcare, childcare, lifelong education, secure retirement, utilities, healthy food and clean water, so that all of us are guaranteed the basic security for a good life that can reach our highest potential.

What steps will you take to ensure that all Americans have access to quality affordable healthcare, including reproductive healthcare and prescription coverage?

A Jill Stein administration will pass a \$25 minimum wage, eliminate the sub-minimum wage loophole, pass universal rent control, cancel student and medical debt, end wage discrimination based on race, gender and other factors, and mandate paid sick and family leave as well as parental leave.

Healthcare is a human right. We need a universal healthcare system that is equitable, comprehensive, free at point of service, and accessible to every single person in the US.

A Jill Stein administration will immediately implement National Improved Medicare for All as a precursor to establishing a UK-style National Healthcare Service which will replace private hospital, private medical practice, and private medical insurance with a publicly-owned, democratically controlled healthcare service that will guarantee healthcare as a human right to everyone in the United States. We will take the pharmaceutical industry into public ownership to provide medicines as a public good.

We will also codify Roe v. Wade and advance reproductive rights. We need to end the epidemic of gun violence with common-sense gun safety laws.

What steps will you take to curb gun violence and build safe and healthy communities for communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence in the United States?

A Jill Stein administration will ban the sale of assault rifles and establish a buyback program; establish mandatory waiting periods and background checks for firearm purchases; pass red flag laws for individuals who pose a danger to themselves and others; create standardized digital records of gun registrations and sales; close gun show loopholes; require firearm owners to own a high-quality gun safe to store their firearms; require firearm owners to purchase liability insurance of no less than \$1,000,000; and hold adult firearm owners criminally liable for minor children accessing and using firearms in the commission of any crime, accidental injury or death.

Immigrants' rights are human rights. It's time to completely overhaul the broken and abusive immigration system, as well as the unjust policies driving people to leave their homes. We need a comprehensive immigration policy and properly funded institutions to ensure a timely, ethical, transparent, and dignified path to citizenship for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Border policy should move away from detention and enforcement response toward humane and effective asylum processing.

What are the important steps you will take to improve U. S. immigration policies, including creating an accessible path to citizenship?

A Jill Stein administration will replace ICE with an Office of Citizenship, Refugees, and Immigration Services under the Department of Labor, grant amnesty to every undocumented person, and implement a path to citizenship with expediency.

What steps will you take to address the threats facing the United States due to climate change?

We all have a human right to a livable planet with a stable climate, healthy food, clean air and water, and living soil. We need a real Green New Deal to transition rapidly from an economic system that is destroying our only home to a sustainable society built around human needs and protecting life on Earth.

Our Green New Deal will invest in renewable energy, a publicly-owned nationwide smart energy grid, clean transportation technology, energy efficiency and conservation to generate millions of good-paying jobs, rapidly phase out fossil fuels and achieve 100% clean renewable energy and zero-to-negative carbon emissions by no later than 2035.

We need to act now so that our children and future generations can not only survive, but thrive.

**SUPREME COURT OF OHIO
FULL TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025**

Michael Donnelly (D)

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EDUCATION

Graduate, Saint Ignatius High School, 1984 B.A. from John Carroll University, 1988 Juis Doctorate, Cleveland State University College of Law, 1991

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, 1992--1997 Attorney, Civil Litigation, Davis & Young, Cleveland, Ohio, 1997-1999 Attorney, Civil Litigation, Climaco, Lefkowitz, Peca, Wilcox & Garofoli, Cleveland, Ohio 1999--2004 Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge, 2005--2018 Associate Justice, Ohio Supreme Court, 2019 to present

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LIST YOUR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (COURTS AND YEARS)

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge, 2005--2018

Ohio Supreme Court, 2019 to present.

During my career I held the following positions:

Member/Chair OSC Commission on Professionalism
Trustee, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
Member/VP Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association
Member, Ohio Jury Instruction Committee
Member, Ohio State Board of Bar Examiners
Member, OSC Death Penalty Task Force
OSC's liaison to the Task Force on Conviction Integrity and Post-Conviction Review

I helped establish the nationally acclaimed Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program.

I was one of two Ohio judges invited to participate in the National Judicial College's "Innovative Leadership Skills for Leader- Manager Judges Project," which empowers future leaders to improve the functionality of the judicial system.

As a faculty member of the Ohio Judicial College, I teach attorneys and judges at numerous continuing-legal-education seminars on professionalism and issues related to criminal and civil justice reform and procedural fairness.

What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

As an assistant prosecutor and litigator who represented plaintiffs and defendants, I gained extensive experience in the wide variety of cases heard in Common Pleas Court. Trying serious felonies and negotiating plea agreements provided me with critical insight into what did and didn't work in the criminal justice system that proved invaluable when I was elected to the bench.

My work as a civil litigator taught me that "justice delayed is justice denied" is not a cliché, it is a painful truth that harms everyone involved in the civil and criminal judicial system.

People who have personal injury claims can find themselves on the brink of financial ruin as they wait years for their case to be tried or settled.

Criminal defendants can be incarcerated for long periods pre-trial while victims and their families wait years for justice to be done.

And the costs associated with complex business litigation mount exponentially as litigants endure inordinate delays.

With those factors in mind, I resolved to do everything in my power as a judge to expedite cases. I assured litigants I would be available to quickly and efficiently resolve any impasse related to discovery. I provide parties with case management orders that included ruling dates set far enough in advance of the trial date so that neither party would incur potentially unnecessary trial expense while awaiting a ruling from me and I made it a point to provide every litigant with the highest degree of trial date certainty.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I first ran for the Supreme Court to rebuild public faith in the judicial system and to serve as an independent, impartial Justice Ohioans could trust to uphold the Constitution and ensure that every person received equal treatment under the law.

I am seeking reelection to improve our justice system. The need for a strong, independent voice like mine on a court that has become increasingly politicized is greater than ever.

To combat the belief that the justice system is fundamentally unfair, I'll continue collaborating with judges, prosecutors, attorneys, elected officials, and community leaders to support the adoption of policies that will:

Promote the use of data to assure equity in sentencing

Combat wrongful convictions

Close Ohio's justice gap

Eliminate backroom, false, and dark plea agreements

Make Ohio's courts more transparent, equitable, accountable, and efficient

Along with leading the reform movement during my first term, I profoundly influenced the most meaningful cases to come before the court in decades. My independent votes and opinions, including dissents that highlighted issues of law misconstrued or ignored by my colleagues, played a critical role in:

Defending democracy

Preserving the right to vote on the Reproductive Freedom Amendment

Ending a multi-million-dollar First Energy surcharge

Strengthening labor rights

My allegiance to the Constitution and the people who expect and deserve nothing less than independence and equal justice under law rather than partisan politics or ideology will continue to guide my work.

Megan E. Shanahan (R)

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- **Age**
51
- **Occupation**
Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas
- **Education**
Kent State University, Bachelor of Arts (1995)
The University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Juris Doctorate (2000)
- **Work Experience**
Butler County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecutor, Appellate division, (2000-2001)
Butler County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecutor, Felony division, (2001-2005)
Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecutor, Felony division, (2005-2007)
Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, Supervising Attorney, Felony division, (2007-2011)
City of Mt. Healthy, Assistant City Solicitor, (2005-2011)
Hamilton County Municipal Court, Judge, (2011-2015)
Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, Judge, (2015-present)
- **Family**
Married with two children

- **Affiliations**

- St. Mary Hyde Park Catholic Church
- Ohio Judicial Conference
- Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association
- SheLeads
- The Federalist Society

- **Endorsements**

- Buckeye Firearms
- The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio
- NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business)
- Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Ohio Farm Bureau
- Ohio State Medical Association PAC
- Ohio Right to Life
- Ohio Business Roundtable
- Ohio Society of CPAs
- Ohio Republican Party

List your judicial experience (courts and years)

Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge, 2011-2015

Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge, 2015-Present

What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I have spent more than two decades in the justice system. Prior to becoming a judge, I worked as an assistant county prosecutor for more than a decade handling every type of criminal case from the lowest misdemeanor to death penalty murder cases. I also handled many civil cases in the prosecutor's office and as a city solicitor for Mt. Healthy. This combined experience gives me a rare insight into the justice system and helps my work as a judge immensely. I am the youngest of 8 children from a working class family. I understand the value of hard work. My background and professional experience has helped me become a firm but fair judge who ensures justice is done.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

The most important job of a judge is to ensure justice and protect the community. I intend to continue serving our great state in this manner. As a common pleas court judge, I preside over the most serious criminal cases

and most complex civil cases. As a judge, I serve as an impartial referee in the courtroom. I conduct myself with a transparent, no-nonsense, plain-spoken approach to every case. As a common pleas court judge, I have handled virtually every type of case that is heard at the Supreme Court level.

A stable and predictable legal environment is essential to allow Ohio to prosper. I am a firm believer in following what the law says, not promoting a personal or social agenda. I will strictly apply the law as it is written and adhere to the plain language of the constitution. When our Supreme Court follows this approach, a stable, predictable and equitable environment is created for Ohio residents and businesses. My professional and personal history render me highly qualified to serve as your next Ohio Supreme Court Justice.

Supreme Court of Ohio Full Term Commencing January 2, 2025

Joseph T Deters (R)

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EDUCATION

B.A.; University of Cincinnati J.D.; University of Cincinnati College of Law

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

1982-1988; Assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor 1988-1992; Hamilton County Clerk of Courts 1992-1998 and 2005-2023; Hamilton County Prosecutor 1999-2004; Treasurer, State of Ohio 2023-present; Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

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Read more at <https://www.judicialvotescount.org>

List your judicial experience (Courts and Years)

Ohio Supreme Court, 2023-present

What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I spent more than 25 years as county prosecutor in a major urban county arguing cases of all types. Over that time, my office and I handled tens of thousands of felony and civil cases in local, state, and federal courts.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am running for this seat to continue serving the people of Ohio on the Supreme Court for the full term spanning 2025-2030.

Melody J. Stewart (D)

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EDUCATION

Honorary Doctorate – Cleveland State University. Read more at <https://www.judicialvotescount.org>

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Justice – Supreme Court of Ohio, Judge – Ohio Court of Appeals (Eighth District), Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid – Cleveland State University College of Law. Read more at <https://www.judicialvotescount.org>

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List your judicial experience (Courts and Years)

Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio – 2019 to present (5+ years).
Judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals – 2006 to 2018 (12 years).

What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

Prior to being elected and re-elected to the Court of Appeals and then being elected to the Supreme Court – serving 17 years writing law, I had a varied legal career practicing law and teaching law. I practiced law primarily as a civil defense litigator in state and federal courts and worked in several capacities in legal and higher education for a combined 16 years. I served in multiple administrative capacities and taught courses in ethics and professional responsibility; criminal law; criminal procedure; and legal research, writing, and advocacy. In my doctoral studies, I was able to explore the intersection of law and social science – researching and writing in the areas of elder law and caregiving, and juvenile delinquency to name a couple areas of study. This prior non-judicial experience helps me to ask the right questions of lawyers and litigants, colleagues and court staff, and of myself before deciding a case. My non-judicial background has also served me well with recognizing the complexities and nuances of cases that come before us and serves as a reminder to always judge the case, not the parties.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am currently the incumbent Justice running for re-election to the seat that I criss-crossed the State of Ohio campaigning for in 2018, that I received bipartisan support for during that campaign, and that the voters of Ohio saw fit to elect me to in 2018. I am an even stronger Justice/Public Servant now as I complete my first six-year term on the Ohio Supreme Court. So running for re-election to the seat I currently hold is necessary to continue serving the public and our judiciary. I am the most experienced appellate jurist on the Supreme Court of Ohio.

**Supreme Court of Ohio
Unexpired Term Ending December 31, 2026**

Lisa Forbes (D)

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EDUCATION

Cornell University, 1981 to 1985, B.S.

(Read more at <https://www.judicialvotescount.org>)

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

12/2020 to present Judge Eighth District Court of Appeals. (Read more at <https://www.judicialvotescount.org>)

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List your judicial experience (Courts and Years)

Eighth District Court of Appeals, December 14, 2020 to present

What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

As a judge on the court of appeals, I hear direct appeals of matters originally decided in a trial court. Three judges who have been randomly assigned sit on each panel. In preparation for oral arguments, I read and analyze the briefs submitted by the parties, along with the legal authority (case law, statutes, ordinances, regulations) governing the matter. I also analyze the evidence that was before the trial court. After oral arguments, I confer with the other panel members to decide the matter. If the parties waive oral argument, we confer on the date the oral argument would have been heard. Then, I set about to prepare an opinion or to review opinions drafted by another panel member. Where we are unable to reach consensus on either the analysis or the outcome, I draft a concurring in judgment only opinion or dissent, as appropriate. In addition, my court regularly reviews requests for en banc consideration, as well as original actions, such as writs of mandamus, procedendo and prohibition.

I had the honor of sitting by assignment on the Ohio Supreme Court when one of the justices needed to recuse from a case.

The depth and breadth of my knowledge of the law, coupled with my understanding of the impact legal decisions have on clients, provides the right mix of experience to interpret and apply the law fairly and justly as a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court.

For 27 years I practiced law in trial and appeals courts all over Ohio, helping clients resolve disputes ranging from complex business litigation to consumer class actions to legal malpractice claims to trust and estate

disputes, and more. I have represented clients in legal disputes ranging from a complex business dispute involving a \$40 million indemnification claim to helping a daughter and her stepmother divide the father's assets (and ashes) after he died. Representing individuals and businesses in a wide variety of disputes gave me deep understanding of substantive and procedural law.

I saw first hand the impact legal decisions have on parties. The first appeal I argued resulted in reversal of the trial court and entry of judgment in my client's favor. After years of litigating and a devastating jury verdict, my client was in dire straits because the trial court had not applied the law correctly. The court of appeals fixed the mistake and changed my client's life. I saw firsthand the importance of the court of appeals.

While in private practice, I dedicated myself to learning the intricacies of the law and understanding the impact the law has on our communities. I regularly wrote and spoke on developments in the law.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am running for the Ohio Supreme Court because I want to do my part to ensure that the Ohio Supreme Court is an effective firewall protecting our democracy and the rule of law. I have the expertise in the law, experience in our community, and work ethic to bring the intellectual rigor and common sense to the Court, so that our laws are applied fairly and equitably.

Ohio needs a new justice who will stand up for all Ohioans and stand firm against political pressure. My respect for and knowledge of the intricacies of the law would enhance the work of the court.

When I ran for the Court of Appeals four years ago, I believed the greatest issue courts faced was the erosion of respect for the institution. That concern has only grown in the time I have been on the bench. In particular, partisanship has come to be accepted to explain the outcome of any particular case – not justice, not fair application of the law, not reasoned analysis.

If elected to the Ohio Supreme Court, I will commit myself to the fair and just application of the law without regard to any agenda. That includes how I will assess which cases the Court should take in for consideration, as well as how I will draft substantive opinions.

Daniel R. Hawkins (R)

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

2001-2013: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Director of the Special Victims Unit for the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office. 2013-2019: Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Division 2019-present: Judge of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Read more at <https://www.judicialvotescount.org>

List your judicial experience (Courts and Years)

Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Division (2013-2019)

What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

Judge of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division (2019-present)

I spent over a decade as a prosecutor in the largest county in Ohio, personally conducting over 100 jury trials over the course of my career. As Director of the Special Victims Unit for the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, I oversaw and managed the prosecution of hundreds of crimes of violence against women and children, including sexual assaults, domestic and sexual homicides, child homicides, human trafficking, and internet child exploitation. My duties included overseeing a staff of seven assistant prosecutors and providing training to law enforcement, medical professionals, and attorneys across the state of Ohio.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am running because I love this state and I want my children to grow up in an Ohio that is safe and prosperous. I believe in public service, and I would be honored to take my 20-plus years of legal and judicial experience to our state's highest court.

OHIO US SENATE**Ohio U.S. Senator****Base Salary: \$174,000****Term Limit: 6 yrs.****Responsibilities: Represents the people of Ohio and the U.S. in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.**

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BA Yale University, 1974; MA Ohio State University, 1979; MPA Ohio State University, 1981

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

United States Senator, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, former Ohio Secretary of State, former Member of the Ohio House of Representatives

My top priority is always to fight for Ohioans and the Dignity of Work. That means standing up to special interests and big corporations to level the playing field and ensure every family has a path to the middle class.

What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

I am proud of our recent wins like passing the Butch Lewis Act, which secured the pensions of over 100,000 Ohio workers, the bipartisan PACT Act that delivered the largest expansion of veterans' healthcare in VA history, and the CHIPS Act that is bringing thousands of jobs to Ohio.

Currently, I am committed to passing the FEND Off Fentanyl Act to protect Ohioans from dangerous fentanyl and reinstating the Child Tax Credit to support working families.

State your position on voting and elections policy.

As Secretary of State, I expanded voter access and information. In the Senate, I am fighting against efforts that disenfranchise voters. I support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and will always oppose laws that intentionally make it more difficult for people of color, seniors, students, and low-income people to vote.

I've previously introduced the Election Security Act, which would require backup paper ballots and provide election security grants to states for cyber security, and I introduced a bill to stop states from purging voters solely due to failure to vote or to respond to a state notice. I will continue to urge my colleagues to pass meaningful voting rights legislation.

State your position on immigration policy.

Presidents of both parties have failed to secure our border. We need to get more resources and personnel to the border to support our border control agents and prevent a humanitarian crisis. I've also introduced legislation to protect our border control agents from illegal drugs and keep dangerous fentanyl out of our communities by cracking down on its illicit supply chains at their source.

State your priorities on foreign policy and national security.

I am focused on getting aid to Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine. It is time we put the politics aside and get this done. Additionally, as Chairman of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, I have pushed to sanction Russia for their unprovoked aggression and remove their Most Favored Nation status.

I've always fought against unfair trade policies that leave Ohio workers behind. I have stood up to presidents of both parties against bad trade deals and will continue fighting to expand manufacturing jobs in Ohio and across the nation. Recently, I successfully urged the Biden Administration to remove the trade pillar from the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework to ensure workers weren't cut out of the deal.

I will always fight to protect our environment and Ohio's natural resources for the next generation.

State your position on environmental policy and natural resource management.

I championed the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to clean up Ohio's vital water resources, fought for resources to better understand the effects of algal blooms on lakeshore communities, and worked across party lines to ensure the Army Corps of Engineers keeps the Cleveland Harbor and shipping channel clean.

We shouldn't have to choose between good environmental policy and good-paying jobs. That's why I support policies that decrease our dependence on foreign oil, safeguard our environment, and give Ohio manufacturers the tools they need to lead the renewable energy market.

State your position on healthcare policy.

I take a back seat to no one when it comes to standing up to Big Pharma – because no one should have to choose between staying healthy and paying their medical bills. That's why I am fighting to ensure all Ohioans have access to quality, affordable healthcare.

Through the IRA, we secured a \$35 cap on out-of-pocket insulin costs for all Ohioans on Medicare. President Trump also signed my legislation – the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act – to increase transparency on drug prices and lower costs for Ohioans.

Additionally, I refused to accept Congressional health insurance until Congress passed the ACA. I've also championed the protection of the Children's Health Insurance Program to ensure our children have quality access to care.

What role, if any, should government take to ensure that no one is discriminated against?

No one should be denied a fair shot because of their race, who they love, or their gender and I will always oppose discrimination in any form. While working to protect individual rights, I am also focused on equal opportunities for all Ohioans by passing legislation to expand federal civil rights protections and fight LGBTQ discrimination in the housing market and the workplace.

As Chair of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, I am standing up to powerful banks and predatory housing investors to ensure no one is discriminated against in the financial services or housing sectors and to make sure every Ohioan can fulfill the American Dream by purchasing and owning their own home.

Bernie Moreno (R)

Candidate has not yet responded

OHIO US HOUSE DISTRICT 5

Ohio U.S. House Representative

Base Salary: \$174,000

Term Limit: 2 yrs.

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

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

United States House of Representatives 2007-present; Energy & Commerce Committee Subcommittee Chair Communications and Technology, former Chair of Digital Commerce & Consumer Protection, member of Energy and Health subcommittees; former member of Budget, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture Committees; 2001-2007 Ohio House of Representatives; 1997-2000 Ohio Senate; 1991-1996 Wood County Commissioner; and Attorney at Law.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bowling Green Kiwanis Club: past president, past director, and past trustee

What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

Due to skyrocketing inflation, families, farmers, and manufacturers in Ohio have been forced to pay more for everyday goods and services. We must rein in out-of-control federal spending. I introduced a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. I oppose the death tax and introduced a bill to abolish it. Providing for the safety and security of the American people is the primary responsibility of Congress. The men and women in our Armed Forces must have the tools they need to carry out their missions, and I voted to give them the pay raises they deserve. Our vets must have the benefits they've earned. I support North American energy independence and all-of-the-above energy policies. I am working on broadband deployment. I am Pro-Life.

State your position on voting and elections policy.

Free and fair elections are the bedrock of American democracy. The American people must have confidence in our elections while respecting the Constitution, federalism, and conservative principles. The United States Constitution is the greatest document in self-government the world has ever known. I have taken a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and I take that oath very seriously. As a constitutional conservative, I believe the first three words in the Constitution, 'We the people', are bigger than all else in that document. I oppose efforts to: nationalize elections and remove states' authority over their elections, fill campaign accounts with taxpayer dollars, or compromise basic voter ID guidelines.

State your position on immigration policy.

We need to secure the southern border to protect our nation and people. Having been to our southern border four times, I believe we need to end catch and release, cease exploitation of parole authority, reinstitute the Remain in Mexico program, expand expedited removal, and restart border protection enhancements, including the wall, which Border Patrol said will stop 95% of entries. Last year, I supported the Secure the Border Act, which is the strongest border security bill advanced in decades. Securing our border is absolutely essential to stopping the deadly flow of fentanyl that continues to kill Ohioans and Americans across the country. We also must crack down on the trafficking of drugs like fentanyl, cocaine, heroin, and marijuana.

State your priorities on foreign policy and national security.

While we face increased threats from foreign adversaries like Communist China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran, we must support our Armed Forces as they defend our nation and protect our people. If the United States abandons our Allies like we did in Afghanistan, we will lose our trust and standing in the world. Now more than ever, the U.S. must stand with our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, as they defend themselves from Hamas terrorists. The Chinese Communist Party represents the greatest threat to global peace and security. We must confront their human rights abuses and illegal trade practices. Russia's economy relies on its energy industry. We must cut off Putin's ability to use energy revenues to wage war in Ukraine.

State your position on environmental policy and natural resource management.

American energy leadership is critical to ensuring we are not reliant on countries like Russia and Communist China. I supported the Lower Energy Costs Act to restore American energy independence by increasing domestic energy production, reforming permitting process for all industries, reversing anti-energy policies advanced by the Biden Admin, streamlining energy infrastructure and exports, and boosting the production and processing of critical minerals. China's CO2 emissions increased in 2023 by twice as much as US emissions declined. I support the Great Lakes Restorative Initiative, which works to protect/preserve the Great Lakes so

generations to come have safe water. I support American agriculture that feeds us and the world.

State your position on healthcare policy.

Americans pay too much for health care. I sit on the Energy and Commerce Committee and serve on the Health Subcommittee. I advocate for legislation that lowers out-of-pocket costs, promotes competition, and establishes transparency and accountability in drug pricing. The pandemic highlighted the need for expanded telehealth services, which I support. Surprise billing is not right nor fair, and it must come to an end. I am proud landmark legislation I supported to create 988 as the national suicide hotline was implemented. I supported the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act to fight substance use disorder and improve mental health. I coauthored the HALT Fentanyl Act to help save lives and combat the deadly overdose crisis.

What role, if any, should government take to ensure that no one is discriminated against?

I believe it is essential that we follow the Constitution and federal statutes.

Keith Mundy, (D)

Candidate has not yet responded

STATE SENATOR 26TH DISTRICT

Term: - 4 years Number to be elected: 1 per district

Salary: \$67,584

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

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

American Red Cross - Columbus chapter, New American Advisory council,
Franklin County Democratic Party,

What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

Building A Strong Future

Finding common ground and protect those precious freedoms that we cannot take for granted

Dedicated Leader

Working to make achieving the American dream possible for everyone, regardless of circumstances.

tanding Up For...

The development of small businesses, access to education and healthcare for all Ohioans.

What changes do you support or oppose to voting and elections policy?

voter protections, it is critical that Congress pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

Adopt strategic education reforms that can train and upskill workers.

remove barriers and chokepoints to ease labor flow issues and spur economic growth across industries.

What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

I support education k-12 and make sure it is conformity from city to city to rural areas.

Under what circumstances should the state support or check local government?

When it deems to check effectiveness of programs and to protect citizen rights.

State your position on healthcare policy.

I support comprehensive health care for all.

State your position on environmental policy and resource management.

It is important to address the negative effects of global trends on the environment and natural resources

What role, if any, should government take to ensure that no person is discriminated against?

enforce civil rights laws, protect civil liberties, advancing civil rights, and protect constitutional rights.

Bill Reineke (R)

Candidate has not yet responded

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 88

State Representative 88th District

Term: - 2 years Number to be elected: 1 per District

Salary:

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

The League of Women Voters of Ohio asked the same question of the candidates for the State House Districts as they did for the candidates for the Ohio Senate races.

Gary Click (R)

Candidate has not yet responded

Dianne Selvey (D)

Candidate has not yet responded

The following information on Seneca County candidates was collected by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area. Each candidate was emailed the same questions developed for that office. Responses were directly copied from their emailed responses and are exactly as written by the candidate. No corrections were made on their responses.

SENECA COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Full Term Commencing on January 2, 2025

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$72,340

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

Question 1: Are there upcoming issues of which the public should be made aware?

Question 2: What county department bears the expense for the lawsuit against WinWaste and how does that affect the county budget?

Question 3: Does Seneca County have a 5–10-year long-range plan for capital improvements to prepare for the future? What should be included or added?

Name: Anthony J. Paradiso (R)

Education: Graduate of the University of Cincinnati and Bowling Green Stat University

Occupation: Seneca County Commissioner

Training and Experience: 5 years (began 8-7-19) Currently President of the Board

Question 1: Are there upcoming issues of which the public should be made aware?

There are ongoing issues at the State and Federal level. ON a local level we are focused on financial discipline post Covid. The county Sales tax revenue (Over half our operating budget) has flattened out and will most

likely be less than 2023 receipts. We are fortunate to have elected officials in our county who realize this and have been working with the commissioners office with regards to their budgets and needs. I don't have anything new to report at this time.

Question 2: What county department bears the expense for the lawsuit against WinWaste and how does that affect the county budget?

The Seneca County Board of Health is directly involved in several lawsuits with WinWaste. As a result the legal fees incurred come out of their budget. They have a separate revenue stream (tax) and are not part of the county commissioners general fund. That said, The commissioners have allocated additional general fund dollars for legal fees to be used for special council outside of the County Prosecutors office to advise the board from time to time so we can make informed decisions to better represent the citizens of the county.

Question 3: Does Seneca County have a 5–10-year long-range plan for capital improvements to prepare for the future? What should be included or added?

The county commissioners have made it a priority to address this issue. We are looking at our buildings, vehicles and IT needs as 3 separate capital lines. This includes current inventory, useful life and forecasted replacement and improvements. The commissioners have also entered into a contract with a third party firm and committed around 2.5 million for upfront capital and energy improvements to our buildings this year. In addition, we have entered into a preventive maintenance ongoing service agreement as well. This process is fluid and we are working on getting our baseline established and formalizing the plan going forward. Most likely will be next spring until we are where we want to be. We are already seeing positive results for our efforts.

SENECA COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Full Term Commencing on January 3, 2025

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$72,340

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

Question 1: Are there upcoming issues of which the public should be made aware?

Question 2: What county department bears the expense for the lawsuit against WinWaste and how does that affect the county budget?

Question 3: Does Seneca County have a 5–10-year long-range plan for capital improvements to prepare for the future? What should be included or added?

Name: Brent David Busdeker (R)

Education: *BA Communications & Journalism (The Ohio State University) Columbus, Ohio * Eastwood High School Pemberville, Ohio

Occupation: Vice President - King Industrial Supply, Inc. Tiffin, Ohio - 24 years, Co-owner - KGS Ohio Tiffin, Ohio - 22 years

Training & Experience: YMCA Board, Tiffin Middle School Wrestling Coach, Tiffin Youth football Board Member & Coach, Construction Site Management

Question 1: Are there upcoming issues of which the public should be made aware?

Sales tax collection numbers are down for the year so far, which means spending dollars spent in the county are also down. Watching the trend, following the budget will be crucial to maintain county operations and services properly. This statement makes a very valid case why “buying local” is so important to all of us.

Question 2: What county department bears the expense for the lawsuit against WinWaste and how does that affect the county budget?

The brunt of legal expenses related to the lawsuit against the landfill and WinWaste, would come from the Health Department. Health department has its own budget and board.

Question 3: Does Seneca County have a 5–10-year long-range plan for capital improvements to prepare for the future? What should be included or added?

The county commissioners have a long-term preventative maintenance plan which uses the services of Brewer-Garrett Company on county buildings. As our county buildings age, much will always be needed to be done in maintenance. Brewer-Garrett Company is a company that assists government entities finding ways to reduce the current cost and prepares them for future expenditures. They review county buildings lighting, HVAC and structural status. With this service the county commissioners can be better prepared for a large part of the long-term expenses.

SENECA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Question 1: Now that the City Law Director will be handling Municipal Cases in court, how will this change affect your role as a prosecutor?

Question 2. Have the drug-related cases in Seneca County changed with regard to the types of drugs used, and the emphasis, in part, of prevention? Has the PIVOT Court continued to help?

Question 3: Since your tenure as prosecutor, what about the work you have done has made Seneca County a better place?

Name: Derek W. DeVine (I)

Education: Bachelor of Science University of Evansville (1990);
JD Ohio Northern University (1993)

Occupation: Seneca County Prosecuting Attorney

Training and Experience: licensed attorney 30 years; 5 ½ years as an Assistant Prosecutor; currently serving my 16th year as County Prosecutor

Question 1: Now that the City Law Director will be handling Municipal Cases in court, how will this change affect your role as a prosecutor?

Our office will no longer be making decisions on misdemeanor offenses. For felony arrests we have law enforcement filing those cases directly in the Common Pleas Court thus allowing our office to be involved from day one. This new process has been helpful for everyone.

Question 2. Have the drug-related cases in Seneca County changed with regard to the types of drugs used, and the emphasis, in part, of prevention? Has the PIVOT Court continued to help?

A substantial percentage of the felony cases our office prosecutes are drug related—either directly or indirectly. We still have a significant number of drug possession and drug trafficking cases and many of the property crimes and domestic violence cases have an addiction issue.

Question 3: Since your tenure as prosecutor, what about the work you have done has made Seneca County a better place?

My goal has been to provide a public service that is quiet, steady and consistent. In addition to prosecuting felony offenses, our office also prosecutes juvenile offenses, and provides civil legal services to the county and township elected officials we represent. Being successful is primarily the credit of the excellent work by the assistant prosecutors, administrative staff, and Victim Assistants in our office. We strive to treat each case fairly and attempt to do justice for our entire community.

SENECA COUNTY CLERK OF COMMON PLEAS COURT

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$77,995

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

Question: Are there any changes you anticipate making in the office?

Name: Stephanie C. Hicks (R)

Education: Tiffin Columbian Graduate, Criminal Justice Associate Degree, 2022 Seneca County Leadership Graduate

Occupation: Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Seneca County

Training and Experience: 9+ years with the Seneca County Clerk of Courts - 4 years as a Title Deputy Clerk, 4.5 years as a Legal Deputy Clerk, 1 year+ as Seneca County Clerk of Courts

Question: Are there any changes you anticipate making in the office?

In this line of work, change is constant. What I admire about my staff is their ability to adapt and move forward. We are constantly looking at our procedures to see how we can better serve our constituents.

In the very near future, Clerk of Courts Legal Department will be implementing the E-return process. E-return is certified mail service by the USPS with an electronic return. The current return time for certified mail green cards could be a few days to a week+ depending on the City/State in which it was issued. This new implementation will allow for expedited service returns for the Courts and the public.

In the not too distant future, Clerk of Courts Legal Department will be implementing E-filing. In the months to come I will be researching and developing processes and procedures regarding E-filing. I want to make sure that when this process goes live that it is smooth for my staff, the Courts, and the public.

With the July 2023 passing of “Ordinance No. 23-30 enacting Chapter 343 of Tiffin Codified Ordinances allowing and regulating under-speed and utility vehicle use within the City of Tiffin”, the Clerk of Courts Title Department has experienced an influx of golf cart titling. We are reaching out to local entities to simplify the steps needed by the public to receive an Ohio title for their golf cart. Our goal is always to provide a seamless transaction.

SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$91,164

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

Question 1: How have the additional improvements benefited services for mental health needs?

**Question 2: Are other educational services needed for inmates?
[Besides the GED program]**

Name: Fredrick W. Stevens (R)

Education: Associate degree in Police Science, Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration / FBI National Academy Class #249, Southern Police Institute Organizational Management Course, Homeland Security Executive Leadership Course #15, National Sheriff's Executive Leadership Course #117, National Sheriff's Institute Jail Administrator's Course #1

Occupation: Sheriff of Seneca County

Training and Experience: 32+ Years of Law Enforcement Experience, Numerous training certifications throughout those 32+ years, Numerous supervisor trainings, numerous middle level management trainings, numerous executive level trainings. Corrections Officer Certified. 28 ½ years with Tiffin Police Department with 8 ½ of that as Chief of Police. 3 1/2 years as Seneca County Sheriff.

Question 1: How have the additional improvements benefited services for mental health needs?

In July of 2023. We partnered with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca County to provide a Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) service for citizens that may experience a mental or drug/alcohol related crisis. The goal of the program is to reduce the time spent taking the crisis calls, responding to the crisis calls, providing proper mental health assistance to individuals in need, and tying up Law Enforcement Services and off-loading them to the MCRT.

Often, our deputies are responding to mental health crisis situations which are civil in nature and not criminal. Through the partnership with MCRT, our deputies are able to call MCRT and ask for assistance. MCRT can arrive at the scene and provide adequate services and support to the individual experiencing a crisis. Our deputies can leave knowing that the person is getting the necessary help. In certain situations, the MCRT can be directly dispatched without a deputy involved. What we have found, and what was hoped for, is that some calls are disappearing for our dispatch and those individuals, used to calling 911 or our general line repeatedly, are now calling MCRT directly!

This is a huge relief on our public safety services and the half a year's worth of data show that this type of collaboration works and is ultimately a win-win by saving money/resources and at the same time providing a better service to the at-crisis individuals/families that call our agency for

assistance/help and allows our road deputies to get back on the road and handle emergency calls.

Also in 2023, we again partnered with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services and was able to obtain a 32 hour a week case manager who would be inside our facility 4 days of the week and able to refer services to individuals or take care of their individual needs. In addition, we have a licensed therapist who comes in once a week who is available for the inmate's mental health needs.

These are a couple of newer initiatives that have greatly improved the services that are available and provided to any inmate with mental health issues. We will continue to improve the mental health side of the operation and look for any and all resources that can help us accomplish this.

**Question 2: Are other educational services needed for inmates?
[Besides the GED program]**

Yes.

Currently, the GED program is what is now available but greatly improved and with the capability of the actual GED testing to be taken while at this facility. That is unheard of and took some time and attention and for the staff coordinator of the program to take the State GED Proctoring testing to allow her to do that. The benefits are already being revealed as we currently have two (2) graduates of the GED program with 7 more now interested in the program. These two graduates stated they would have never completed their education had this program not been in place and the ability to take the test while here. Studies have shown that the closer the testing is to when they receive the GED training the higher the percentages of passing it. The other issues in the past with any GED program, no matter where it was taken, was the scheduling of taking the test after they get out of incarceration and the low percentage of people actually showing up. So by providing a one-stop shop for GED training/testing is immediately showing dividends.

We are just about to roll out, this fall, another educational service that will allow for over 2,000 different course work type trainings that range the gambit from substance abuse, domestic violence, anger management, coping, etc. that would allow for the inmates to sign up for and read through the various training topics and subtopics and receive a certificate after

completing the courses. Some will be short courses, and others will take longer to go through. We are in the beginning stages of talking with the courts, judges, probation services to see about making it a part of their time while in the facility to register for and complete whatever the court or judges or probation officers require of them to take so that they can show a certificate that they worked on the issue(s) at hand. This would be of benefit for everyone involved, as instead of having to promise to go do these types of trainings or sessions once released from the jail they can sit and complete them while serving out their time.

This is a project in motion and will certainly be monitored for its successes or failures but is just another example of trying to do something that is different or outside of the norm in an attempt at changing the cycle of revolving incarceration with repeat offenders.

Another project that we keep trying to accomplish (lots of road hazards and hurdles to overcome) is for the inmates to sign up for and possibly take some work force programs before they leave this facility. More to come on that during the next term in office!

Thank you for the opportunity to answer your questions and let the public know the great things the staff at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office are doing day in and day out!

I am of the firm belief that both of those questions and what we are trying to do are aligned with our Office Mission & Vision Statements.

Mission Statement

"It is the mission of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office to provide professional law enforcement, dispatch, correctional, and court services for our community. Through these efforts, we protect and preserve the peace with fairness and compassion."

Vision Statement

"Through Innovative thinking and goal setting, we are committed to delivering unparalleled service to our community. We will continue to strengthen community relationships and public trust while striving for excellence through employee development, self-discipline, and strong leadership."

SENECA COUNTY RECORDER

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$65,408

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

Question: Now that you have been in office, are there additional things needed?

Name: Michael J. Dell (R)

Education: Graduate of Terra Community College with an associate's degree in business administration and a focus on computer programming.

Occupation: Seneca County Recorder

Training and Experience: Complete yearly continuing education with the Ohio Recorders' Association and additional information technology training. I also have a background in real estate title abstracting.

Question: Now that you have been in office, are there additional things needed?

In my years of service as County Recorder, technology has always been and will be the most important platform in the office. It is my goal to research and provide the latest technological advances, while being fiscally responsible, in order to assist the residents of Seneca County. We strive to provide the best possible service to our residents.

SENECA COUNTY TREASURER

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$69,329

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

Question: Are there any changes you anticipate making in the office?

Name: Annette M. Everhart (R)

Education: Graduate of Tiffin Columbian High School and Terra State Community College

Occupation: Chief Deputy, Seneca County Treasurer's office

Training and Experience: I have worked at the Treasurer's office for 35 years and I am a previous treasurer of the Calvert Catholic Schools music boosters.

Question: Are there any changes you anticipate making in the office?

I am excited to go to the Treasurer's conference next year in anticipation of talking with other county treasurer's from around the state about their office procedures and practices. One area I would like to learn more about and explore is the processing of payments during tax collections. Our first half is especially a tough and challenging tax collection and I would like to discover ways to speed that processing of payments up. I truly understand the taxpayer's concern with the timing of processing their checks. I hope to remedy those concerns.

SENECA COUNTY ENGINEER

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$117,484

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

Question 1: What is your opinion of roundabouts?

Question 2: What infrastructure needs exist for Seneca County?

Question 3: What is the status for Wi-Fi in rural Seneca County?

Name: Mark R. Zimmerman (R)

Education: BS Agriculture, Ohio State University 1990 | BS Civil Engineering, University of Toledo, 2000 | Engineering Technologies-Survey Certificate, Owens Community College, 2002

Occupation: Seneca County Engineer

Training and Experience: Professional Engineer, Professional Surveyor| 6 Years, Program Administrator, Seneca Soil and Water Conservation District | 2 Years, Director of Planning, Seneca Regional Planning

Commission | 8 Years, Deputy Engineer, Seneca County Engineer | 17 Years, Seneca County Engineer

Question 1: What is your opinion of roundabouts?

Roundabouts save lives. They reduce both the number and severity of crashes at certain intersections. Roundabouts are not the answer to every high crash intersection, but where they are warranted, they do their job.

Question 2: What infrastructure needs exist for Seneca County?

The biggest need we have is for the safe and efficient movement of freight and agricultural products across the county. We also have to recognize that distracted driving is a large cause of accidents and building infrastructure that reduces severity of accidents is very important.

Question 3: What is the status for Wi-Fi in rural Seneca County?

We are permitting broadband service across the county. Every day, the reach of broadband gets deeper into the most rural areas of Seneca County.

SENECA COUNTY CORORNER

Term: 4 years

Number to be selected: 1

Salary: \$53,632

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

Question: Are there any changes you anticipate making in the office?

Name: Zachary K. West, DO, MPH, FACOI (R)

Education:

- Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Resident Physician (Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center - Bangor, Maine)
- Internal Medicine Resident Physician (Fairfield Medical Center - Lancaster, Ohio)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine - Athens, Ohio)

- Master of Public Health (Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health - University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio; Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio)
- Bachelor of Science (Youngstown State University - Youngstown, Ohio)
- Associate of Science (Terra State Community College - Fremont, Ohio)
- Old Fort Local Schools

Occupation:

- Physician, Owner, Founder of the Ohio Institute of Osteopathic Medicine, LLC (Tiffin, Ohio)
Training and Experience:
- Board Certified Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine)
- Board Certified Internal Medicine (American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine)
- Seneca County Board of Health (October 2022 - Present; Vice President: 2023, 2024)
- American College of Osteopathic Internists (Osteopathic Integration Task Force Committee Member: 2021 - Present)
- Chief Resident (Internal Medicine Residency Program; Fairfield Medical Center - Lancaster, Ohio: July 2017 - June 2018)

Question: Are there any changes you anticipate making in the office?

It is my aim to ultimately make the Seneca County Coroner's office one of the best run coroner's offices in the State of Ohio. The first step in that process is building relationships with other stakeholders. One of the key changes that I hope will be noticed is the working relationship with law enforcement and first responders as it relates to responding to coroner cases. It is my intent to craft a solid foundation for the office that will transcend my time serving as coroner.

Ohio Issue 1:

Proposed Amendment to Replace the Current Politician-Run Redistricting Process Summary by League of Women Voters of Ohio:

A "yes" vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution to:

- Create the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission, composed of 15 Ohio citizens, to replace the current 7-person redistricting commission, composed of 3 elected statewide officials and 4 state legislators or their representatives;
- Assign the commission responsibility for drawing district lines for the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives;
- Provide that the commission is balanced with 5 members who are affiliated with each of the state's two major political parties and 5 members who are independents;
- Provide that the members of the commission be chosen through a bipartisan process that uses the services of 4 retired court of appeals judges and in which applicants determined to be qualified to serve on the commission (by the retired judges) are identified and ultimately selected through a largely random process;
- Require that commission members have shown an ability to conduct the redistricting process with integrity and fairness and do not have any conflicts of interest;
- Prohibit service on the commission by the following persons and their immediate family members:
 - Persons who are currently serving or have recently served in (or candidates for) federal, state, or local offices;
 - Persons who have or are currently serving or recently served as staff members, paid consultants, or contractors for any elected official or candidate for any federal, state, or local office;
 - Persons who are currently serving or have served as officers, paid consultants, or contractors to any political party, political action committee, or campaign committee;
 - Persons who are currently or have recently been registered lobbyists or legislative agents in Ohio;
- Provide that each redistricting plan contain single-member districts that are geographically congruent, that comply with federal law, and that preserve communities of interest;
- Define communities of interest as communities of people with broadly shared interests and representational needs, including counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school districts;
- Ban partisan gerrymandering and the adoption of plans that favor or disfavor a political party by requiring that the statewide proportion of districts in a redistricting plan that favors each political party shall correspond closely to statewide partisan preferences of Ohio voters;
- Provide that no redistricting plan shall be drawn with consideration of the place of residence of any incumbent elected official or any candidate for state or congressional office;

- Require that the commission operate in a transparent public way, that all its deliberations and actions be in public meetings, and that its actions require an affirmative vote of at least 9 of 15 members;
 - Require holding 5 public hearings throughout the state prior to the adoption of draft redistricting plans, 5 public hearings after the adoption of draft redistricting plans, and 2 public hearings after the adoption of final redistricting plans;
 - Require the General Assembly to appropriate not less than \$7 million in 2025 for expenses of the commission with an additional appropriation for legal expenses;
 - Require that redistricting plans adopted by the commission be used for the 2026, 2028, and 2030 elections, and that district lines be re-drawn every 10 years thereafter based on U.S. Census data;
 - Replace the redistricting plans adopted for the 2022 and 2024 elections;
 - Continue to give the Ohio Supreme Court original and exclusive jurisdiction to resolve disputes concerning compliance of redistricting plans with the proportionality and incumbency protection requirements;
 - Provide procedures for removal for cause of commissioners and for the filling of any commissioner vacancy; and
 - Create a procedure for resolving any impasse or stalemates in determining which redistricting plans to approve by having members of the commission rank their favored plans and vote preferentially until adoption of a plan by a majority vote.
- A "no" vote opposes amending the Ohio Constitution to create a new redistricting commission. This, then, allows the current procedures for redistricting state and congressional seats to remain in effect.

Supporters say:

- The amendment creates a new independent body, the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission, to draw district lines for the General Assembly and the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The 15-member commission is balanced with 5 members affiliated with each of the state's major political parties and 5 members who are independents.
- The amendment creates a bipartisan process for selecting commission members.
- The amendment removes politicians and political influence from the redistricting process by prohibiting elected officials, candidates, their staffs, political organizations, lobbyists, and immediate family members of these groups from serving on the commission.
- The amendment prohibits partisan gerrymandering of the General Assembly and the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The amendment requires that each redistricting plan contain geographically congruent districts that comply with federal law and preserve communities of interest.
- The amendment defines communities of interest to include counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school districts as well as communities of people with broadly shared interests and representational needs.
- The amendment prevents incumbency protection by barring any redistricting plan from considering the place of residence of any incumbent elected official or any candidate for state or congressional office.

- The amendment creates an open and transparent process by requiring that all commission deliberations and actions be in public meetings, and that actions by the commission require an affirmative vote of at least 9 of 15 members.
- The amendment creates a process to resolve any impasse so that the General Assembly cannot adopt its own redistricting plans.

Opponents say:

- The amendment creates a redistricting commission to replace the constitutional amendments approved by Ohio voters in 2015 and 2018.
 - The amendment removes elected statewide officeholders and state legislators from the process of drawing district lines for the General Assembly and for the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
 - The amendment creates a non-elected commission.
 - The amendment adopts procedures for selecting the members of the commission that are complex.
 - The amendment permits the commission to hire consultants to assist in the drawing of districts.
 - The amendment limits the right of Ohio citizens to freely express their views on redistricting to members of the commission and the commission staff.
 - The amendment promises to end partisan gerrymandering but requires that the statewide proportion of districts that favor each political party correspond closely to statewide partisan preferences of Ohio voters.
 - The amendment does not require districts to be compact.
 - The amendment does not sufficiently respect the need to draw district lines that do not split counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school districts.
 - The amendment does not permit members of the commission to be removed by the General Assembly.
 - The amendment abolishes the historic tradition of having elected officials draw congressional and state legislative districts – elected officials who are directly accountable to Ohio voters.
 - The amendment seeks to make significant changes in redistricting but ignores the reality that redistricting is inherently political and that one cannot take politics out of politics.
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Issues in Precincts

Adams Township

Proposed (Renewal) Adams Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Adams Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$53,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$33 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy

Against the Tax Levy

Village of Attica

Proposed Tax Levy

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Attica Village for the purpose of park operation that the county auditor estimates will collect \$10,000 annually at a rate not exceeding 0.75 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$18 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy

Against the Tax Levy

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Seneca East Local School District Seneca, Huron

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Seneca East Local School District to renew an income tax (or

taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Village of Bloomville

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Bloomville Village
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Bloomville Village for the purpose of parks and recreation that the county auditor estimates will collect \$13,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$37 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Bloom Township

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Mohawk Local District
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Mohawk Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax
 Against the Tax

Clinton Township D

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Seneca East Local School District Seneca, Huron
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Seneca East Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Eden Township South

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Mohawk Local District
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Mohawk Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax
 Against the Tax

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mohawk Community Library

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Mohawk Community Library for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$168,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.8 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$17 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

City of Fostoria 4B

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Hopewell Loudon School District
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Hopewell Loudon Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$570,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 1.89 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$67 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Hopewell Township A, B, C

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Hopewell Loudon School District
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Hopewell Loudon Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$570,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 1.89 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$67 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Liberty Township A

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Hopewell Loudon School District
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Hopewell Loudon Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$570,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 1.89 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$67 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Loudon Township, North, South

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Hopewell Loudon School District
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Hopewell Loudon Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$570,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 1.89 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$67 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy

Proposed Zoning Resolution Loudon Township

A resolution for Loudon Township to implement a zoning resolution to provide comprehensive land use regulations for the township as set forth in the Loudon Township Zoning Commission plan and maps.

- For the Zoning Resolution
 - Against the Zoning Resolution
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Pleasant Township

Proposed Resolution
Electric Aggregation

Shall the Township of Pleasant have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads in Pleasant Township, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where a person opts out?

- Yes
 - No
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Reed Township

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Seneca East Local School District Seneca, Huron
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Seneca East Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

- For the Tax Levy
 - Against the Tax Levy
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Village of Republic

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Seneca East Local School District Seneca, Huron
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Seneca East Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Seneca Township A, B

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Hopewell Loudon School District
 A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Hopewell Loudon Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$570,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 1.89 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$67 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Mohawk Local District
 A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Mohawk Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax
 Against the Tax

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mohawk Community Library

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Mohawk Community Library for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$168,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.8 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$17 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Scipio Township

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Seneca East Local School District Seneca, Huron
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Seneca East Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Thompson Township

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Thompson Township
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

An additional tax for the benefit of Thompson Township for the purpose of providing ambulance service, emergency medical services, or both that the county auditor estimates will collect \$13,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.25 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$9 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Bellevue City School District, Seneca, Huron,
Sandusky, Erie counties
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 0.5% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by the Bellevue City School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2026 for 10 years, beginning January 1, 2027, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Thompson Township
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Thompson Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites

therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel that the county auditor estimates will collect \$23,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.8 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Seneca East Local School District Seneca, Huron
 A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Seneca East Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Proposed Bond Issue
 EHOVE Joint Vocational School District
 A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall bonds be issued by the EHOVE Joint Vocational School District for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school district buildings and facilities and clearing improving and equipping their sites, and acquiring real estate, buildings and facilities and interests therein, for school district purposes, in the principal amount of \$210,000,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 36 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 2.2 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$77 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

Venice Township

Proposed Income Tax (Renewal) Seneca East Local School District Seneca, Huron
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Seneca East Local School District to renew an income tax (or taxes) expiring at the end of 2025 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of current expenses?

For the Tax Levy

Against the Tax Levy

Voting Precinct Locations

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
001 FOSTORIA 1-A	UAW HALL	1675 UNION ST FOSTORIA, OHIO, 44830
002 FOSTORIA 1-B	GEARY FAMILY YMCA ANNEX	125 W NORTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
003 FOSTORIA 3-A	GEARY FAMILY YMCA ANNEX	125 W NORTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
004 FOSTORIA 3-B	GEARY FAMILY YMCA ANNEX	125 W NORTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
005 FOSTORIA 4-A	FOSTORIA FIRE DEPT	233 W SOUTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
006 FOSTORIA 4-B	GOOD SHEPHERD HOME - PROMEDICA	751 COLUMBUS AVE FOSTORIA OH, 44830
007 TIFFIN 1-A	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	96 S MONROE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
008 TIFFIN 1-B	TIFFIN-SENECA PUBLIC LIBRARY	77 JEFFERSON ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
009 TIFFIN 1-C	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
010 TIFFIN 2-A	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
011 TIFFIN 2-B	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
012 TIFFIN 2-C	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
013 TIFFIN 3-A	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
014 TIFFIN 3-B	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST AV TIFFIN OH, 44883
015 TIFFIN 3-C	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
016 TIFFIN 3-D	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST AV TIFFIN OH, 44883

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
017 TIFFIN 4-A	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
018 TIFFIN 4-B	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
019 TIFFIN 4-C	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
020 TIFFIN 4-D	UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH	419 COE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
021 GREEN SPRINGS VILLAGE	GSV CITY BLDG	120 CATHERINE ST GREEN SPRINGS OH, 44836
022 ADAMS TOWNSHIP	ADAMS TWP RODGER YOUNG VFW HALL	5912 CR 44 GREEN SPRINGS OH, 44836
023 NEW RIEGEL VILLAGE	NR JR HIGH GYM	44 N PERRY ST NEW RIEGEL OH, 44853
024 BIG SPRING TOWNSHIP	NR JR HIGH GYM	44 N PERRY ST NEW RIEGEL OH, 44853
025 BLOOMVILLE VILLAGE	BLOOMVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER	10 BEEGHLY AVE BLOOMVILLE OH, 44818
026 BLOOM TOWNSHIP	BLOOM TWP FIRE STATION	74 S MARION ST BLOOMVILLE OH, 44818
027 CLINTON A	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
028 CLINTON B	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
029 CLINTON C	CLINTON #2 FIRE STATION	863 E US 224 TIFFIN OH, 44883
030 CLINTON D	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
031 CLINTON E	CLINTON #2 FIRE STATION	863 E US 224 TIFFIN OH, 44883

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
032 EDEN NORTH	EDEN TWP COUNTY GARAGE	3210 S SR 100 TIFFIN OH, 44883
033 EDEN SOUTH	EDEN TWP HALL AND FIRE STATION	6571 S SR 100 MELMORE OH, 44845
034 HOPEWELL A	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
035 HOPEWELL B	HOPEWELL TWP TRUSTEE OFFICE	5281 W TR 112 TIFFIN OH, 44883
036 HOPEWELL C	BASCOM FIRE STATION	5450 W TIFFIN ST BASCOM OH, 44809
037 JACKSON TOWNSHIP	JACKSON TWP HOUSE	10014 W CR 28 FOSTORIA OH, 44830
038 BETTSVILLE VILLAGE	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH, 44815
039 LIBERTY A	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH 44815
040 LIBERTY B	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH 44815
041 LOUDON NORTH	LOUDON TWP OFFICE	9970 WEST TR 112 FOSTORIA OH, 44830
042 LOUDON SOUTH	LOUDON TWP OFFICE	9970 WEST TR 112 FOSTORIA OH, 44830
043 PLEASANT TOWNSHIP	PLEASANT TWP HOUSE	850 TR 15 OLD FORT OH, 44861
044 REED TOWNSHIP	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807
045 REPUBLIC VILL	SCIPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867
046 SCIPIO TOWNSHIP	SCIPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867
047 SENECA A	MOHAWK FIRE DEPARTMENT	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHENVILLE OH, 44844

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
048 SENECA B	MOHAWK FIRE DEPARTMENT	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHENVILLE OH, 44844
049 THOMPSON TOWNSHIP	ZION UCC CHURCH AT FIRESIDE	13525 TR 178 BELLEVUE OH, 44811
050 ATTICA VILLAGE	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807
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The mission of the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

In 1920, just six months before the U.S. Constitution was amended to give women the right to vote, the National American Woman Suffrage Association's President, Carrie Chapman Catt, proposed the creation of the League of Women Voters. The League's first purpose was to teach women how to exercise their new right to

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The Tiffin League was established in 1970 after a group of women who had been members in other communities moved to town and realized there was no League. The first 2 years were spent learning about our community, the political process at the city, county, state, and national levels.

As a citizen education organization, the League registers voters, provides unbiased information on candidates and issues, sponsors debates and candidates’ nights, and produces informational publications on critical public policy issues. Educational publications published by the League are on such topics as Ohio government, Ohio government finances, writing your government representatives, Ohio’s open meetings law, and education finance in the state. Today membership is open to men and women 18 years of age and older.

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