

League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area

VOTERS’ GUIDE

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**General Election
November 3, 2020**

**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, and Eden Townships, and Tiffin City, Hopewell-Loudon, and Mohawk School Districts.

***Celebrating 100 years of the
League of Women Voters and
50 years of the Tiffin League***

Information about candidates was assembled in the following manner: Candidates were given word limits for 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 Voters’ Guide was prepared for the 2020 General Election. All candidates who filed with the Board of Elections were contacted and asked to submit biographical information and to answer one or two questions approved by the League Board of Directors. Those who did not respond are listed with the statement — “response not received by press time.” Candidate responses were not edited for content, spelling or grammar, and were copied exactly as received. There are several ballot issues for this election.



President

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 President.
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 website.
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

Joe Biden (D) Former Vice President of the United States

Biographical Information

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What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

Joe Biden It's a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they're linked. On Day One, I'll implement the COVID strategy I've laid out

since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

Joe Biden Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

Joe Biden America is at an inflection point. It's past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?

Joe Biden My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It's past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers' arms. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that's humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?

Joe Biden This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

Donald J. Trump (R)

Response not received by press time

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Campaign YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAqI2DyGU2un1Ei2nMYsqOA>

Howie Hawkins (Green)

Response not received by press time

Jo Jorgensen (Libertarian)

Response not received by press time

U.S. House Representative Ohio - District 4

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

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$174,000

Shannon Freshour (D) Civil Litigation Paralegal

Biographical Information

Current Job Position Civil Litigation Paralegal for 20+ years

Education B.A. in Political Science and Art History, M.A. in American Government

1. Given our experiences with Covid-19, what precautions would you put in place to allow safe, secure elections whereby voters are not choosing between their health and their right to vote, especially in November? Include how you would fund any necessary precautions and changes.

Shannon Freshour Ohio should be using election security funds given through the CARES ACT to mail, pre-paid ballots to all registered voters and have a robust early voting program to ensure the maximum number of people can participate in this election. Additionally, every county in Ohio should have multiple secure drop boxes, located in areas of greatest need. For a longer-term solution, I support automatic voter registration and restoration of the Voting Rights Act to full strength.

2. What policies and actions will you promote to pursue social and racial justice in our country?

Shannon Freshour Although no policy or law can change hearts and minds of those committed to supporting racism, we have a requirement implement anti-discrimination laws and policy that punish racism in all aspects from health care to financial lending to police reform. There must be actionable punishments for embedding racism in society. We also need to develop anti-racism education programs in schools and all other aspects of broaden our understanding of the American experience.

Jim Jordan (R) US Representative

Biographical Information

Current Job Position US Representative to Congress, District 4

Education Graham High School, B.S, Economics, University of Wisconsin; M.A. Education, The Ohio State University; J.D. Capital University Law School

Training & Experience State Representative (1995-2001); State Senator (2001-2007); Congressman (2007-present)

1. Given our experiences with Covid-19, what precautions would you put in place to allow safe, secure elections whereby voters are not choosing between their health and their right to vote, especially in November? Include how you would fund any necessary precautions and changes.

Jim Jordan We Ohioans have ample opportunity to safely cast our vote, including a 30-day window to vote by mail. I trust state and local officials will take every precaution and implement the proper procedures to make sure that in-person early voting and in-person election day voting will be safe for everyone as well. State and local elected officials are also in the best position to decide if additional funding is needed to execute these plans.

2. What policies and actions will you promote to pursue social and racial justice in our country?

Jim Jordan America must strive to be a country where all citizens, created equally in God's image, have the freedom and opportunity to pursue their dreams under a system of limited government where individuals are protected by equal opportunity and equal justice under the law. Much of my work in Congress is in pursuit of these ideals: personal freedom, economic opportunity, limited government, equal opportunity, and equal justice. These principles will help secure social and racial justice.

Steve Perkins (L)

Biographical Information

Current Job Position Educator

Biographical Information

1. Given our experiences with Covid-19, what precautions would you put in place to allow safe, secure elections whereby voters are not choosing between their health and their right to vote, especially in November? Include how you would fund any necessary precautions and changes.

Steve Perkins Both major parties want to exploit Covid for political gain. Safety is not the concern of either. Libertarians were repeatedly denied injunctive relief in court to keep us from having to engage the public to collect hundreds of thousands of signatures during a pandemic to be on the ballot. Outside of social distancing at polling locations, this is the LAST year we should tamper with the process. We far more need to ensure its validity.

2. What policies and actions will you promote to pursue social and racial justice in our country?

Steve Perkins Police need to be accountable to the same laws they enforce, not be above them. Qualified Immunity must end as it puts officers above the law. No-knock raids endanger not only the public, but police officers themselves. Police brutality is not a SOCIAL justice issue, it's a BASIC justice issue. It affects minority communities disproportionately, largely due to the ineffective, costly war on drugs in which the "cure" is worse than the disease.

For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Term Beginning 1/1/2021

Term: - 6 years

Salary: \$164,000

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

Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S. Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Sharon L. Kennedy, Ohio Supreme Court Justice

Biographical Information

Office For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

Age 58

Residence Hamilton

Website <http://www.kennedyforohio.com/>

Social Media Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KennedyforOhio/>; Twitter: <https://twitter.com/kennedyforohio>

Education Juris Doctor, University of Cincinnati, College of Law 1991; Bachelor Degree of Social Work, University of Cincinnati, School of Social Work, 1984

Work Experience Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012-Present. (read more at judicialvotescount.org)

Affiliations Present: Lean Forward: Advancing Veterans Treatment Courts Across Ohio (read more at judicialvotescount.org)

List your judicial experience (courts and years)

Sharon L. Kennedy Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012-Present; Administrative Judge/Judge, Butler County Court of Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 1999–2012

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

Sharon L. Kennedy My non-judicial experience informs my judicial experience and I draw upon that experience everyday as a justice at the Supreme Court of Ohio. I began my career in the justice system as a police officer in the City of Hamilton enforcing the law and keeping the peace. I left law enforcement to attend law school and served as a law clerk in the Court of Common Pleas, General Division for Judge Matthew J. Crehan drafting memos and opinions for motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.

Serving as a solo practitioner, I practiced law in a wide-array of areas including, but not limited to, criminal, domestic relations, probate, and juvenile in both the trial courts of Butler County and the Twelfth District Court of Appeals. During that time I also served as Special Counsel for Attorney General, Betty D. Montgomery and a part-time Magistrate in the Butler County Area Courts hearing civil cases.

In 2019 the docket of the Ohio Supreme Court of Ohio included the following case types: 48.8% criminal; 21.8% miscellaneous; 17.5% civil; 7% practice of law; 4.9% domestic relations, juvenile, and probate.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

Sharon L. Kennedy I am seeking re-election to the Ohio Supreme Court to continue my service to the people of Ohio – applying the law equally – in a fair and impartial manner providing a definitive statement of law in a clear and concise decision.

In addition, I seek to continue my work beyond the bench, including but not limited to, my Lean Forward initiative which advances substance abuse and mental health treatment of justice-involved veterans, civic education about the importance of our tripartite system of government and the role of the judicial branch in that government and the availability of employment opportunities for women and minorities in the law, continuing to write and present legal education programs on important issues like professionalism and cultural consciousness, and my work to expand the reach of problem solving courts by incorporating programs like Bridges Out of Poverty and growing holistic re-entry programs.

John O'Donnell, Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Biographical Information

Office For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Term Beginning 1/1/2021

Age 55

Residence Lakewood

Website <http://odonnellforjustice.com>

Social Media @JudgeJackOD; <https://www.facebook.com/JudgeJohnODonnell>

Education Cleveland St. Joseph High School, Miami (O.) University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law

Work Experience Civil trial attorney 1993-2002 and 2005-2007; Judge, 2002-2005 and 2007-present

Family Married with five children

Affiliations Roman Catholic; St. Malachi Center Bd. of Trustees; (read more at judicialvotescount.org)

List your judicial experience (courts and years)

John O'Donnell I have been a judge for over 16 years. I have presided over hundreds of jury trials, both criminal and civil, and scores of bench trials. I have handled death penalty cases. I was selected by the Chief Justice of The Ohio Supreme Court to be one of only eight judges in Ohio to preside over a commercial docket dedicated to the swift and just resolution of business disputes. I have presided over a criminal mental health docket specializing in the issues arising in the adjudication and disposition of cases where a defendant has a serious mental illness with a psychotic feature. I have a reputation for political independence, a necessity for any good judge.

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

John O'Donnell I was a civil trial attorney who was in court almost every working day for approximately 10 years.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

John O'Donnell The Ohio Supreme Court decides issues affecting everyone on a wide variety of subjects: constitutional law; education; collective bargaining; employer/employee rights; civil rights; utility rates; criminal law; commerce; legislative districting and others. I want to bring to these issues an independent perspective, informed by practical experience and the law, to decide these cases for the common good of all Ohioans.

For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Term Beginning 1/2/2021

Term: - 6 years

Salary: \$164,000

Responsibilities: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S. Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Jennifer Brunner, Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals

Biographical Information

Office For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Term Beginning 1/2/2021

Age 63

Residence Columbus

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Education J.D. Capital University Law School, Order of the Curia; B.S. Sociology-Gerontology, Miami University, Cum Laude

Work Experience Court of Appeals Judge since 2014; (read more at judicialvotescount.org)

Family Married (read more at judicialvotescount.org)

Affiliations 2008 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award Recipient for work as Ohio's 52nd Secretary of State – <https://www.jfklibrary.org/events-and-awards/prof>

List your judicial experience (court and years)

Jennifer Brunner Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, elected 2014, reelected without opposition 2016 • Serve as one of eight judges in jurisdiction of 1.2 million people reviewing cases filed as of right from lower courts at county and municipal level (civil and felony and misdemeanor cases, probate, family law and administrative law), state court of claims cases, administrative law decisions and holding original jurisdiction in government-related cases. • Participate in three-judge panels that hear oral arguments on cases fully briefed and prepared for review. • Manage team of staff attorneys and paralegal in review of records and drafting and review of decisions. • Confer with other appellate judges on cases presented for oral argument and written decisions following oral arguments. • Sit as visiting judge on the Ohio Supreme Court and in other courts of appeals. • Participate in state appellate judge training and information exchange. • Research and draft decisions on appeals. • Serve on court Personnel Committee. • Central Ohio Association for Justice George E. Tyack Judicial Excellence Award for performance as appellate judge, May 2016. • Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, elected 2000, reelected 2002 • Managed regular docket of at least 500 civil cases and 125 criminal cases at any time pending. • Eliminated docket backlog from 991 cases to 713 cases in one year. • Conducted trials including

three judge panel death penalty trial, criminal trials for aggravated murder, rape, felonious assault, complicity to felonious assault, robbery, burglary, and theft, and civil trials including age discrimination, premises liability (slip and fall), auto accident and medical malpractice. • Implemented procedures for jurors to ask questions in trials; affirmed by Ohio Supreme Court with statewide procedures modeled after those challenged and affirmed. • Working within court and with community mental health and substance abuse service providers, established and presided over the TIES (Treatment is Essential to Success) Program, a felony drug court specialized docket, providing for intensive probation of persons whose substance abuse or substance abuse co-occurring with mental illness has contributed to their commission of nonviolent felonies; this specialized docket is still in operation today. • Supervised 45 probationers in TIES program and supervised activities of TIES Program coordinator, while maintaining regular docket. • Collaborated with TIES program service providers across disciplines, including assisting with cross-training for better cooperation; advocate of collaboration for best planning, execution and results, including acceptance by affected populations. • Presided over cases involving administrative appeals of state agency decisions, including appeals of ballot issue challenges. • Served on following court committees: Court Personnel Committee, Court Technology Committee, New Judges Committee, Grants Review Committee, Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defendants Committee. • Taught probation officers of the court and lawyers involved with the Ohio State Bar Foundation curriculum on poverty and working with people in poverty to help them succeed. • Adjunct professor for graduate law enforcement program for Tiffin University, a private Ohio University, teaching law and ethics for law enforcement officers and for undergraduate law enforcement program, constitutional law for law enforcement

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

Jennifer Brunner My 17 years private practice experience with people from all walks of life has helped me better understand how the law affects people, in a wide variety of life situations. To be a lawyer is a calling to serve society and to uphold and protect the rule of law. I have worked for clients ranging from economically disadvantaged single mothers to one who was running for president (Jerry Brown in 1992).

My private law practice experience includes trial and appellate work for clients in common pleas courts in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Licking, Fairfield, Carroll, Mahoning and Hamilton Counties; in appellate courts in the Tenth, Third, Eighth, Fifth, First, Second and Sixth District Courts of Appeals; the Ohio Supreme Court; United States District Courts (Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; and am admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. I have represented clients in administrative proceedings before numerous state and local boards, served as a special prosecutor for election fraud and as a hearing officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

In 2011, I drafted a statewide referendum petition for a coalition of voting rights activists, labor organizations, state and local political party organizations and faith-based and other nonprofit organizations who gathered more than 400,000 petition signatures to place voting rights referendum on statewide ballot; in 2012-2013 I developed a multi-state and federal executive agency government affairs practice focused on matters

before the FCC and state public utilities commissions relating to low income telephone government programs.

I started my own law firm from the corner of my bedroom when our children were 7, 4 and 2, growing it to 32 people after ten years. Other experience includes serving as general counsel for a computer firm and a trade association, serving as campaign finance counsel for numerous state and local labor unions, corporations, national and state associations, candidates, caucuses and political action committees on state and federal election law, and representing neighborhood groups and developers on zoning, referendum and initiative election issues. Past experience also includes representing judges and judicial candidates before the Supreme Court concerning compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct. Hold experience in drafting state legislation and administrative rules in areas of election law, local option elections, campaign finance, and ethics laws. Served as administrative partner of law firm.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

Jennifer Brunner I love the law, I love Ohio and I enjoy helping people. I am privileged, having traveled to every county in this state when I served as Secretary of State, to have worked with Ohio's 88 county boards of elections as we together served Ohioans. I chose to run for the Ohio Supreme Court for three reasons: First, I want to be a part of a court that ensures that the first decision interpreting the state constitution's new provisions for fair districts for Congress and the Ohio General Assembly, when challenged — and they will be — is fair and according to state constitutional requirements. As Secretary of State, my office sponsored a public contest to draw districts to show we could end gerrymandering. We used a formula that served as a basis for developing the state constitution's formula for fair districts. We proved it could be done. Nothing is more basic to the health of Ohio's democracy than fair districts, and I want to participate in any review of that process occurring after the 2020 census. I want to use my experience to the benefit of the court and the people of the State of Ohio.

Second, there are important issues such as when a police officer can make an individual get out of their car, under what circumstances criminal records can be expunged, when someone's home can be taken through foreclosure or when is it appropriate for legislative caps on damages (such as rape of a child by a trusted pastor) to be overcome. These issues are just a few that affect everyday people in Ohio, though many citizens often don't realize how much they are affected by just the words of the state's highest court.

Third, I have found that when there is a political balance on an appellate court, there is less a tendency to "group think." Better decisions are likely to emerge when they involve the give-and-take of views and the softening of others through reasoned and respectful discussion and decision making. Currently, the political balance of the state's high court is a state of unbalance with 5 Republicans and 2 Democrats. A 4-3 balance would, in my view, create some of the best decisions possible from the court. I hope to

Judi French, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Biographical Information

Office For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Full Term Beginning 1/2/2021

Age 58

Residence Columbus

Website<http://JusticeJudiFrench.com>; <http://FriendsofFrench.com>

Social Media<http://Facebook.com/JusticeJudiFrench>

Education B.A. (Political Science); M.A. (History); J.D. (Law with honors), The Ohio State University

Work Experience Justice, Ohio Supreme Court (2013-present); (read more on judicialvotescount.org)

Family Married with two children and two grandchildren

Affiliations Court Liaison, Ohio Access to Justice Foundation Board; Volunteer, Franklin County Children's Services College Bound Program; Member, Federal Appellat

List your judicial experience (court and years)

Judi French– Justice, Ohio Supreme Court 2013 – present – Appointed January 2013; elected November 2014. – Serve on seven-member court with statewide jurisdiction over all legal matters, including discretionary and non-discretionary appeals, original actions, death-penalty appeals, and disciplinary matters. – Serve as frequent presenter before high school, college, law school, legal professional, and general public audiences on matters of access to justice, civic education, law, and campaign policy. – Appointed by United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts to serve on the Federal Appellate Rules Committee. Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals 2004 – 2012 – Appointed October 2004; elected November 2004; re-elected November 2010. – Served on eight-member court with jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and administrative appeals; authored 800 opinions. – Served as administrative judge (2007 and 2008) and as presiding judge (2009)

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

Judi French For more than two decades, I have dedicated my career to public service. Before becoming a judge, I had served as chief legal counsel to the governor, an assistant attorney general, and a state government lawyer. Those years in public service are critical to my understanding of state laws, my adherence to constitutional limitations, and my commitment to careful and efficient decision making on behalf of all Ohioans.

I also have legal experience in the private sector, having worked in a law firm and a large manufacturing corporation. That private experience helps me understand the practical impact of our decisions and appreciate the impact of our judicial rules and procedures.

Finally, as the daughter of a schoolteacher, I appreciate my Ohio roots and education, and I am committed to using my voice as a Justice to be a part of civic education in Ohio. I speak frequently to students, educators, and civic organizations. Since taking office, I have traveled to all 88 counties (I am on my fifth time around), and I have met

with individuals, organizations, businesses, and local leaders, all in an effort to serve them better. If reelected, I will continue that level and method of service.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

Judi French I first aspired to be a justice because it offers interesting, challenging, and meaningful work that serves the public interest. I aspire to be reelected to the office because I want to continue that work, both on and off the bench. As a justice, I am able not only to bring attention to needs within the legal profession, the judiciary, and the public as a whole, but also to advocate for change to meet those needs.

In particular, during my next term, I intend to continue the court's work to improve our efficiency and that of all Ohio courts. I also intend to continue my work with the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation and local legal aid organizations to bring more attention, resources, and innovation to the needs of undeserved Ohioans.

Ohio Court of Appeals (Third District) For term commencing 2/9/2021

Term: - 4 years Number to be elected: 2 per District

Salary: \$152,852

Responsibilities: The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts. Decisions are final except in cases involving Constitutional questions, cases of felony, cases in which it has original jurisdiction, and cases of public or great general interest.

Question: Is there a need for judicial reform in our state system?

Name: Mark C. Miller

Education: Judge Miller has been an attorney for twenty-nine years. After graduating from Kent State University he went on to obtain his law degree from Ohio Northern University, Pettit College of Law.

Occupation: Judge – Findlay Municipal Court.

Training and Experience: After graduating from Ohio Northern University school of law, he worked as law clerk for the Third District Court of Appeals then became an assistant prosecuting attorney in Hancock County handling a variety of criminal cases. He served the citizens of Hancock County for an additional ten years as the elected County Prosecutor.

Judge Miller is a past recipient of the Ohio State Bar Foundation Community Service Award for Lawyers 40 and Under. In 2013 he was recognized with the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Hancock Leadership Alumni Association. As prosecutor he was appointed by the governor to serve on the Ohio Organized Crime Investigation Commission. Locally he has chaired the Community Awareness Committee of the Hancock County Opiate Task Force. He is involved with his church and in many community organizations. His is an Eagle Scout and served as president of the Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts. Judge Miller is the current president of the Findlay/Hancock County Bar Association.

Answer to Question: Is there a need for judicial reform in our state system?

Judges in Ohio are elected by the voters to serve a six-year term. This helps to ensure an independent judiciary in our tripartite system of government. While judges are selected in a partisan nominating process, their names appear on the ballot in the General Election with no political party designation. This was initially thought to help maintain the impartiality of judges. However, it has been shown to cause confusion for voters. In some instances, voters simply skip over the judicial candidates. Further, in my experience, I have observed my colleagues on the bench make decisions based on the facts and law and, not politics.

If a party in a case believes the trial judge erred in making a decision, there is an appeal process for the decision to be reviewed. This is the function of the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court of Ohio generally selects cases for review. The judges choose cases of state wide importance or that have constitutional questions. For most cases the court of appeals is the court of last resort. This is why I want to bring my legal experience to serve on the court for the benefit of the citizens of Seneca County and the other 16 counties in the appellate district.

Having evolved over many years, Ohio's judicial system has served the people of our state very well.

State Board of Education District One Term Commences 1/1/2021

Responsibilities: The 19-member board is responsible for overseeing the Ohio Department of Education and creates policy and makes recommendations for K-12 education in Ohio.

Term: 4 years

No Salary

Question: Given our experience with Covid-19, what role can the state board play in helping schools protect the health and well-being of citizens while providing for the education of our children?

Name: Dianna M. Fessler

Response not received by press time

Ohio General Assembly (Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives)**State Representative 87th District**

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

Salary: \$60,584

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

Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Name: Nicholas Barnes (D)

Education:

Graduated from Upper Sandusky High School in 1989
Graduated from The Ohio State University in 1994 (BA - Telecommunications/Philosophy)

Occupation:

Training and Experience:

No political experience beyond being on the Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools levy board in 2015 and campaigning/collecting signatures for the Fair District anti-gerrymandering initiative in 2018.

Answer to Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

I believe fully funding public schools and helping small businesses stay afloat are the two most important issues during the pandemic. Therefore, these should take priority.

Answer to Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Absolutely. In addition to funding, Ohio needs to fasttrack rural and inner city broadband access and provide devices so that all of Ohio's students can keep up with school work requirements.

Name: Riordan T. McClain (R)

Education: B.A. Bluffton University, M.B.A. University of Findlay

Occupation: Legislator, Marketing Director

Training and Experience: 10+ years in private business, integral part of business startup from beginning to Inc. 500 list within first 5 years.

Answer to Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

The economic impact has been devastating, but we have some positive signs indicating that the recovery may be quicker than once thought. The Budget Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy Day Fund, is ready to be used to reduce some of the impact. The fund is designed for times like this and it should be utilized. It must be done responsibly with a plan to replenish the account once the economy is in a position to do so. More importantly we need to get our businesses in a position to be successful without limitations.

Answer to Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Schools have been challenged a great deal to adapt to this new environment and find innovative methods to educate our children. Support can and should come through the sharing of best practices from districts who are successfully engaging both children and

parents. Many lessons have been learned and we must together implement those strategies so no children is left behind due to the challenges we face.

State Representative 88th District

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

Salary: \$60,584

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

Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Name: Chris Liebold (D)

Education:

University of Toledo College of Law JD 2019

Ohio Dominican University BA Political Science & Environmental Studies 2014

Fremont SJCC Class of 2010

Occupation: Fremont City councilman, Law Clerk Albrechta & Coble, Ltd. , OHSAA Class 1 Soccer Referee

Training and Experience: Former intern for Senator Sherrod Brown, 3 years on on Fremont City Council, 5 years with law firm of Albrechta & Coble, Ltd., 11th year of High school soccer officiating, 5th year assistant Jr. High Track coach SJCC.

Answer to Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

Ohio should use the rainy day fund. This is the first pandemic in 100 years. We should use the rainy day fund to help make up for revenue shortfalls as a result of greater unemployment caused by the virus. Fortunately federal relief through the CARES Act has helped many local governments deal with PPE and other concerns. If the rainy day fund is not used at a time like this, when it is clearly "raining", then what is its purpose?

Answer to Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Yes. Our teachers were not trained to teach our students virtually or remotely. Our parents are not all able to setup in home classrooms. Unfortunately not every student has adequate access to high speed broadband, especially in more rural stretches like parts of our district. We need to help our schools in all three of these sectors.

Name: Gary Click (R)

Education:

Occupation:

Training and Experience:

Answer to Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

Thankfully, Republicans have built the 89 cents left in this fund up to 2.7 billion for such a time as this. If ever there was a rainy day, this is it. However, as we draw down on these funds, we must also look at where we can cut expenses and eliminate wasteful spending. As this crisis passes, we must prioritize rebuilding this safety net.

Answer to Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Although our educators rose to the challenge in our time of need, the sudden demand for online learning did reveal the need for greater digital capacity, flexibility, and adaptability. The lack of sufficient rural broadband was highlighted and should be a top priority for the upcoming general assembly.

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.

Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Name: Craig Swartz

Education: BA Political Science from The Ohio State University

Occupation: Realtor

Training and Experience: For the last twenty years since moving to Upper Sandusky I have worn many hats. I was a restaurant owner, served on Upper's City Council, ran for Mayor of Upper Sandusky, ran for State Representative, became a long-haul truck driver, forklift operator, substitute teacher, insurance salesman, fast food manager, independent contractor and now realtor. Prior to relocating to my home state, I spent the previous twenty years working abroad mostly in Munich, Paris, London and Bahrain with short stints in between in Washington, D.C. and New York City. For the investment bank I worked for in Bahrain, I wrote the first ever Corporate Governance Handbook for Directors and Officers for an Arab bank in the Persian Gulf. In addition, I implemented the first ever Document Retention Policy over a two year period. All of this experience has given me the ability to relate to many groups of people regardless of status and to know their backgrounds and what their goals are in life.

Answer to Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

My plan is to tap into the Rainy Day Fund and use a portion of it to fund the creation of a state public Bank of Ohio modeled after the Bank of North Dakota. Ohio needs to invent new sources from which to drive development in the state and to secure stable financing. A public bank would have the ability to loan the state government funds to alleviate its budgetary shortfalls. After the Recession of 2008, North Dakota did not

have to cut its budget because the Bank simply loaned the government money to cover the deficit. In this way, North Dakotans were simply borrowing from themselves and paying themselves back. The money stayed in the state. We could do the same here. Gov. DeWine was forced to cut \$700 million from the budget this year and most of that came from education. We need to rethink how we conduct ourselves financially.

Answer to Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

Absolutely. In rural Ohio, particularly District 26, schools need to ensure students have the materials and internet access to complete their assignments and continue their education. Some of that support can come from fixing school funding in Ohio and get it off property taxes as much as possible because in a number of cases, school levies either only pass a renewal to cover existing costs or they fail outright when asking for an increase. A better funding scheme would greatly assist school districts aiming to satisfy the needs of students wishing to complete their studies online.

Name: Bill Reineke

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Morehead State University

Occupation: Partner, Reineke Family Dealerships

Training and Experience: Business Owner and State Representative

Answer to Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

First, it's vital that Ohio find ways to safely reopen our economy. We need to learn how to safely live and operate while this virus lasts and not allow it to destroy our economy. This will improve Ohio's budget outlook. Before committing Rainy Day Fund resources, the state needs to see what exactly the budget numbers will look like for this fiscal year and the next fiscal year.

Answer to Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

I have been in frequent communication with school districts across Seneca and Sandusky Counties. I believe strongly, based on the pediatric data I've seen, that the healthiest way for students to learn is in the classroom. With that said, I do understand the increased use of online work and have supported efforts to increase broadband access in rural areas. This is an issue throughout parts of the 26th Senate District.

It's important that our school districts find ways to properly use the resources they have. Unfortunately, budgets for most public entities have been negatively impacted in a serious way, and it's unclear when that will change.

Finally, the state needs to reform the manner in which we educate our children. We need to increase partnerships between educators and industry leaders in order to more effectively meet our workforce needs. Also, we must do a better job of identifying each student's purpose and guiding them to follow that purpose.

Name: Robert Taylor (Write-in)

Education: Graduated Bucyrus High School 1995.

Training/Experience: Honorably discharged Marine infantryman. 1995-1999. I earn a living as a commercial glazier.

Answer to Question 1: Given the tighter fiscal constraints due to COVID, what should Ohio do with its Rainy Day Fund?

Rainy day fund: The rainy day fund should be used to help Small businesses recoup losses from the authoritarian shutdown from governor Dewine.

Answer to Question 2: Do our schools need more support with the increased needs of online work?

School support: No they don't need more support. They need to open up without restrictions. Get the kids back into the buildings the taxpayers funded. If anyone needs more support for online schooling it's the working class parents. The taxpayers should be looking for a tax break.

County Administrative Offices

Seneca County Commissioner

Term commencing 1/2/2021

Term: - 4 years

Salary: \$68,671

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: What plans do you have to stabilize a county budget that cannot be predicted due to the pandemic?

Question 2: Besides the Justice Center, what other projects could the county work on in conjunction with the municipalities?

Name: Anthony Paradiso (R)

Education:

Occupation:

Training and Experience:

Answer to Question 1: What plans do you have to stabilize a county budget that cannot be predicted due to the pandemic?

I have had the privilege of being a commissioner during this pandemic and have followed the budget very closely. As commissioners we made aggressive cuts on April 10th. Since then the financial picture of the county has been better than we predicted. Sales tax and other revenues are up. I feel much of this is a result of the stimulus checks and enhanced unemployment benefits. There are signs of this slowing down and I am very cautious going into 2021.

We are at the beginning stages of the 2021 budget and I will recommend and fight for a minimum of One Million dollars to be set aside for reserves in two existing accounts, the Capital Improvement and the Budget Stabilization account.

Answer to Question 2: Besides the Justice Center, what other projects could the county work on in conjunction with the municipalities?

Seneca County is fortunate to have leaders who are willing to work together when possible. In addition to the Justice Center we contribute dollars to Fostoria Economic Development, T-SEP, Regional Planning, work with our County Engineer with regards to allocation of Issue One money. We work with the downtown Tiffin committee with regards to events, shared parking of county lots, and much more.

There are a few things I am working on now that are confidential. In the future I feel we can do more and look forward to the many opportunities to do so.

Seneca County Commissioner

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Name: Tyler Shuff (R)

Education:

-Tiffin Columbian (2004)

-Terra State - Business Management, Ohio Real Estate Studies (2015)

Occupation:

-Director of Operations for Tiffin Community Reinvestment Group LLC. 8 years

-Owner and Founder of Shuff Consulting LLC. 8 years

-Owner/Partner of S&E Rentals

-Tiffin City Councilman , 12 years

Training and Experience:

-12 year Tiffin City Councilman (At Large) and re-elected every time since age 23

-Personally negotiated deals bringing over 35 new businesses to Tiffin and Seneca County

-Helped Manage and Develop the Laird Building, bringing the occupancy from 30% to 100%

-Created a Downtown Business Contest to incentivize potential entrepreneurs and Start-Ups

-Past NW Ohio Regional Director for the Ohio Republican Party covering 18 counties.

- Created a new Tiffin-Seneca Teen Center that creates a safe, positive space for teens while offering mentoring and homework aid.
- Served on the Personnel and Labor Relations, Parks and Public Property, Finance, and Downtown & Economic Development Committees for Tiffin City Council.
- Organized and created successful events such as Community Scavenger Hunt, The Barking Lot Party, Tiffin Elks Regatta, and a monthly Trivia Night to promote local businesses.
- Served as Trustee for Tiffin Elks Lodge 94
- Served in Big Brothers Big Sisters, Coached Little League Football, TSEP/ SIEDC Board of Trustees, Sandusky River Clean Up Committee, Chaired Business Enhancement Com and Vice Chair for Downtown Development Com, Past Vice Chair for Seneca Co. GOP, Downtown Strategic Growth Plan Steering Committee, Tiffin-Seneca Teen Center Board and much more.

Answer to Question 1: What plans do you have to stabilize a county budget that cannot be predicted due to the pandemic?

With the current state of the Covid issue facing our country I will do as I have done in the past with my years of experience in City Council and watch our budget with an eagle eye. We've been through challenging times before and we will only get through this together. I took office in 2008 and remember very well the financial crash and the effects it had on our people and local government. It was a very hard time but together we came out stronger. I'm very good when it comes to stretching our dollars and tightening our belts.

Answer to Question 2: Besides the Justice Center, what other projects could the county work on in conjunction with the municipalities?

Normally when local governments can work together or consolidate their resources and better utilize our taxpayers dollars I view it as a win. People still need to have a voice but when we can all work together and help each other out it has been a great thing in my past experiences. Elected officials need to be good stewards of the taxpayers money. I'd like to see the cities, villages, and county work together to help tackle some of the drug issues in the area. I would also like to see more high paying jobs come back to our area so local families can make a good livable wage. Workforce development and training our youth for future careers is vitally important. We pay to educate our youth here locally and a lot of them don't return home due to a lack of higher paying jobs the large cities provide. This is a safe great place to live and raise a family and I will work tirelessly to keep making it better for all of Seneca County.

Name: John Bing (D) (Write-in)

Education:

B.A. Yale University.

Ph.D. Washington University St. Louis.

Occupation:

Retired (Emeritus Professor of Political Science, Heidelberg University).

Education Consultant (Recently, Special Assistant to the President of American University of Malta).

Training and Experience:

1. President Park and Recreation Board of the City of Tiffin (40 years).
2. Author of many studies of community needs, political elections, and local government, involving the development and administration of surveys and their analysis.
3. Statistical and analytic skills.
4. Grant writing, public speaking and administration.
5. A lifetime of teaching, which has meant a lifetime of listening and sharing ideas.

Answer to Question 1: What plans do you have to stabilize a county budget that cannot be predicted due to the pandemic?

I have two concerns.

1. We need to retain and support our work force by fostering good working conditions, fair compensation, and transparent discussions of County level employment issues. To the extent possible we need to work with our employees to ensure their job stability during periods of economic instability.
2. Budget flexibility requires adequate reserves to weather special and largely unforeseen circumstances. This can be accomplished by constant monitoring of present and anticipated economic conditions to ensure stable operation of County services and employment.

Answer to Question 2: Besides the Justice Center, what other projects could the county work on in conjunction with the municipalities?

1. My experience in the areas of park and recreation has prepared me to foster cooperation and mutual assistance between various city, village, township and County park and recreation entities and programs.
 2. My experience working with data collection and analysis will help in the development of evidence based regional planning.
 3. I believe strongly that Seneca County is, in reality, a social and economic whole, a community of people whose lives combine in a myriad of ways, and that all residents deserve equal access to the social and educational resources, especially effective internet access, necessary for full participation in the opportunities and responsibilities of a technology driven 21st century.
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Prosecuting Attorney**Term:** - 4 years Number to be elected: 1**Salary:** \$145,603**Responsibilities:** To investigate and prosecute crimes committed within the county, to defend the county in court, and to give legal advice to county agencies and townships.**Question 1: How has taking over the municipal prosecution made for a more streamlined operation?****Question 2: What is your perspective on the success of the PIVOT Court?****Name:** Derek DeVine (I)**Education:** University of Evansville (B.S. 1990); Ohio Northern University (J.D. 1993)**Occupation:** Seneca County Prosecuting Attorney**Training and Experience:** Over 25 years practicing law including 5 years as an Assistant County Prosecutor and 12 years at County Prosecutor.**Answer to Question 1: How has taking over the municipal prosecution made for a more streamlined operation?**

By having a single prosecutor's office, the community no longer has confusion regarding which office is responsible for a criminal case. In the past a felony arrest would start in Tiffin Municipal Court with a city prosecutor for the preliminary stages of the case then come to our office. Now the case is handled within the same office from start to conclusion. Being in the same office has also improved the communication between felony and misdemeanor prosecutors.

Answer to Question 2: What is your perspective on the success of the PIVOT Court?

The drug addiction crisis has been a significant problem in our community for over a decade. We applaud the effort made by the courts to deal with this crisis. We hope that they will be able to achieve positive results but are cognizant of the fact that long term recovery from opioid (and other drugs) addiction is not an easy process.

Clerk of the Common Pleas Court**Term:** - 4 years Number to be elected: 1**Salary:** \$74,040**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 1: Now that the county records can be safely stored, are there plans to digitize the records and be available to all residents?****Question 2: What are some of the possible changes coming in the future for county records and is Seneca County ahead in planning?****Name:** Jean A. Eckelberry (R)**Education:** Associate Degree Business Technology, Tiffin University

Occupation: Seneca County Clerk of Courts for Common Pleas Court, Legal Department, Auto Title Department and Third District Court of Appeals

Training and Experience: 6 years as the Clerk of Courts, 15 years as the Court Administrator for Common Pleas Court. Education and training through the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association

Answer to Question 1: Now that the county records can be safely stored, are there plans to digitize the records and be available to all residents?

We are working diligently to digitize all current and past records in the office of the Clerk of Courts. This will be a lengthy process due to the massive amount of records the Clerk of Courts oversees. While we feel this is a very important undertaking, this is just one of the many duties required of my office.

Answer to Question 2: What are some of the possible changes coming in the future for county records and is Seneca County ahead in planning?

In collaboration with Judge Michael P. Kelbley and Judge Steve C. Shuff of the Seneca County Common Pleas Court, I applied for a Court Technology Grant through the Supreme Court of Ohio. The Supreme Court awarded a grant in excess of two hundred thousand dollars to fund an upgrade to the case management system used by the Clerk's Office. The case management system is used to manage the docket and case files for the Seneca County Court of Common Pleas, General and Domestic Relations Divisions. Our current case management system was implemented in 2003 and like all computer systems, it needs periodic updates. This grant means we can do the upgrade while saving the cost for the citizens of Seneca County. The grant will include computers, servers, software and training expenses. In looking to the future, this new technology will help us to enter data and process filings more efficiently, as well as allow room for growth in technology. Specifically, it will give us the capability of electronic filing and integrated scanning capabilities with our docket, just to name a few.

Coroner

Term: - 4 years Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$50,912

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

Question: Can you explain your role in determining a cause of death when autopsies are done out of the county?

Name: Mark Akers (R)

Education:

Occupation:

Training and Experience:

Response not received by press time

Treasurer**Term:** - 4 years Number to be elected: 1**Salary:** \$65,813**Responsibilities:** To collect taxes in the county and its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, and invest the county's funds.**Question 1: What do you see as a way to stabilize revenue in these troubled times?****Question 2: Have the revenues from casinos improved since 2016?****Name:** Paul A Harrison (R)**Education:** Graduate of Lakota High School, 1972

Attended BGSU 1972-73

Occupation: County Treasurer; Owner Operator of Caples Creek Trucking and Caples Creek Farms**Training and Experience:** Obtained the required credits from both the Auditor of State and the Treasurer of State when I was appointed and am required to continue training throughout my term as County Treasurer. I served as a Jackson Township Trustee for 17 years, Executive Director of Seneca Regional Planning for 12 years, and successfully operated a grain and hog farm for 30 years.**Answer to Question 1: What do you see as a way to stabilize revenue in these troubled times?**

-Revenue has continued to be stable, even through the Covid experience. The exception to that is our short term investments, as they are very susceptible to financial circumstances, both good and bad. The key is to continue to monitor these investments and constantly be aware of any significant changes that could positively affect them and, ultimately, the County's annual revenue. As a result, I monitor our returns on short term investments and move those funds to different depositories as interest dictates. Investments are the only source of revenue that is solely the Treasurer's responsibility. However, we are always looking at how we operate, to streamline and make the office as efficient as possible. One example is a cost savings to the County of approximately \$22,000 by changing how the future Real Estate Tax Bills will be printed, stuffed and mailed.

Answer to Question 2: Have the revenues from casinos improved since 2016?

-Lottery revenue since 2016 has trended from \$655,000.00 (2016) to \$675,000.00 (2019). We are currently on target to end 2020 at approximately \$650,000.00

Recorder**Term:** - 4 years Number to be elected: 1**Salary:** \$62,090**Responsibilities:** To record deeds, mortgages, plats, liens, and other written instruments.**Question 1: Is there room for improvement in our county record system using today's technology?**

Question 2: Can all information from your office be available on the Internet rather than having to visit the Recorder's Office?

Name: Michael J. Dell (R)

Education: Graduate of Terra Community College with an Associates Degree in Business Administration and a focus in 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.

Answer to Question 1: Is there room for improvement in our county record system using today's technology?

There is always room for improvement in the Recorders Office. The office has continued to expand services and make many technological advances while being fiscally responsible. Most recently, we have begun taking recordings through an electronic filing system. It has always been, and will continue to be, my goal to research and provide the latest technology in order to assist the residents of Seneca County with the best service.

Answer to Question 2: Can all information from your office be available on the Internet rather than having to visit the Recorder's Office?

Recorded information from 1987 to present is available online. Unfortunately recorded information prior to 1987 is not available at this time. to undertake that project would be very labor intensive while also requiring a substantial amount of money. I am continually exploring different ways in order to provide that information online while being mindful of our current budget.

Engineer

Term: - 4 years Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$ 111,525

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: Does the county do enough to provide for the maintenance of its roads and bridges?

Name: Mark R. Zimmerman PE\PS (R)

Education: The Ohio State University 1990, BS Agriculture Economics; The University of Toledo 2000, BS in Civil Engineering Magna Cum Laude; Owens Community College 2005, Surveying Certificate

Occupation: Seneca County Engineer

Training and Experience: Professional Engineer, Professional Surveyor, 6 Years Seneca Conservation District, 1 Year Seneca Regional Planning, 10 Years Deputy Engineer, 13 Years County Engineer

Answer to Question: Does the county do enough to provide for the maintenance of its roads and bridges?

Thank you for the question. While the question is simple enough, the answer is, "It Depends." I am fortunate to be surrounded by some of the brightest and most talented employees around. Between our bridge crew, two highway crews, and management team, we work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for our traveling public. We do this by ensuring that we provide the safest roads and bridges we can afford. Every decision made marries safety and economics. Our budget is principally comprised of Gas Tax and License Fees, generating around \$4.5M dollars annually. While this seems like a lot of money and it would be if it personal. Let me share some numbers. We maintain 370 Miles of road and 403 Bridges. The average cost of paving just one mile of road, with no other improvements is close to \$100,000.00, the average bridge replacement is in excess of \$200,000.00 with many costing millions of dollars to replace. Pavement lasts only 8 years without significant maintenance, and until recently bridges were only designed to last 40 year. All of the sudden \$4.5M does not go so far. Because of this imbalance, we have created a long term roadway and bridge replacement\maintenance schedule, that has yielded a roadway network that is near the best in Ohio. Do it once, Do it Right, Never see it again! That is our moto. By applying sound economic principles we have actually been able to maintain our network for a fraction of what other departments require, something I am extremely proud of. Through working with our county development professionals at TSEP and FEDC, we have also identified needs to improve the flow of commerce into and through our county. Since I have been the Engineer, we have brought nearly \$30,000,000.00 of grant funding directly into Seneca County for road and bridge improvements. Some of that with the assistance of our development team to aid in job creation and retention. So with all this positive news, why is the answer It depends. It depends because we still have serious and fatal crashes on our highway system, and I am sick every time I hear of one. All the great work we do to improve the quality of life for our public means little when you or a loved one has suffered the effects of a serious crash. We will continue to strive for 0 serious accidents, and while that number is reasonably unobtainable, we will continue to strive for it. Our work is not done. I believe it is why you have allowed me to be in this elected position as long as you have. I am humbled and honored to serve. P.S. Distracted Driving is the leading cause of accidents in Seneca County....PLEASE DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE.

Sheriff

Term: - 4 years Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$87,300

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: What are your top three plans for the Sheriff's Office?

Question 2: What do you see as the biggest challenges to local law enforcement today?

Name: Fredrick W. Stevens (R)

Education: Masters in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University

Occupation: Police Chief

Training and Experience: 27 years of Law Enforcement with progressively higher supervisory experience. Many leadership courses such as the FBI National Academy for Police Executives, the Southern Police Institute for Police Executives, hundreds of certificates along the way.

Answer to Question 1: What are your top three plans for the Sheriff's Office?

1. To reduce liability in the jail and be accountable for the taxpayer's money as it is spent to ensure that the funds are spent in the most efficient and beneficial manner possible.
2. To actively seek out state and federal grants and funds to upgrade the Sheriff's Office technology and equipment. These funds will guarantee a better, efficient, and accountable future for the employee's and the community.
3. To provide all residents of Seneca County with the best possible services the Sheriff's office can provide and ensure that all residents and employees are treated in a professional and fair manner.

Answer to Question 2: What do you see as the biggest challenges to local law enforcement today?

The biggest challenges are to be transparent and accountable to the community that we serve. Another challenge is to retain the professional and qualified people that are working hard everyday in a pretty much thankless profession. You do this by having a positive work environment and make sure that they are taken care of.

Judge of the Common Pleas Probate/Juvenile Division Term to commence 2-9-2021

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$152,811 (A portion of the salary is paid by the state)

Responsibilities: To rule on cases involving disposition of wills, the administration of estates, and guardianships, adoptions, questions of mental or physical disability. They are also responsible for issuing marriage licenses. They also preside over Juvenile Court and rule in cases involving persons under 18 years of age. The Juvenile Court has authority in cases of delinquency, unruliness, juvenile traffic offenses, abuse, neglect, and dependency.

Question 1: How have you made a difference in the lives of juveniles who have gone through your court?

Question 2: From your perspective, do you see any improvements that could be made regarding the Juvenile Detention Center?

Name: Jay A. Meyer

Education: Tiffin Columbian – 1989; Ohio Northern University – 1993 B.A. Business Administration; Ohio Northern University – 1996 Juris Doctorate

Occupation: Seneca County Juvenile and Probate Court Judge

Training and Experience:

1996-1998 Assistant County Prosecutor. Prosecuted felony welfare fraud crimes. Worked with Seneca County CSEA to enforce child support orders.

1998-2009 Private practitioner and partner in a local law firm. Focused on small business representation, real estate and probate.

2009-Present Seneca County Juvenile and Probate Court Judge

Answer to Question 1: How have you made a difference in the lives of juveniles who have gone through your court?

I truly believe the Juvenile and Probate Court is in a special position to positively impact at-risk families in our community. I am privileged to work with over 50 Court employees who work together to make a difference. My decisions from the bench coupled with the support of Court staff allow for protection of the community and offender accountability. Each juvenile and family that becomes involved with our Court is unique and must be treated as such. The job of our Court team is to match Court/community services with the needs of the juvenile and their family. As a Court, we make it a priority to treat all who enter our facilities with respect and dignity. During my time as Judge, we have expanded access to behavior health services, expanded programming and have dramatically upgraded our facilities. Working together, I believe my Court team truly makes a difference one case at a time .

Answer to Question 2: From your perspective, do you see any improvements that could be made regarding the Juvenile Detention Center?

Thanks to the generosity and support of the community and our Commissioners, we have a state of the art local detention and rehabilitation facility. As a Court team, we are constantly looking for ways to enhance the programming, safety and security of the Seneca County Youth Center. During this last term, we have upgraded our camera system and have started an innovative day treatment program called "Time to Invest". Time to Invest is an alternative to detention developed to address the needs of our at-risk youth by efficiently and impactfully improving their education, vocational, therapeutic and socialization deficiencies. These intensive services work in harmony with Court, school and community resources.

Local Ballot Issues

All Seneca County and all of the City of Fostoria

Seneca County General Health District Replacement Levy. A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Seneca County for the purpose of current operating expenses of the Seneca County General Health District, at a rate not exceeding three-tenths (0.3) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to three cents (\$0.03) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

All of Green Springs Village

Green Springs Village Renewal Tax Levy: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Green Springs village for the purpose of providing emergency medical services/ fire protection at a rate not exceeding (4.94) mills for each one dollar of valuation, (\$0.494) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

All of New Riegel Village

Hopewell B-2

Hopewell C-2

Seneca A-3

Seneca B-1

Loudon S-3

Big Spring Twp.- 1

New Riegel Local School District Income Tax Renewal: Shall an annual income tax of three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by New Riegel Local School District to renew an income tax expiring at the end of 2021 for five (5) five years, beginning January 1, 2022, for the purpose of current expenses.

Big Spring-4

Eden North-2

Eden South (all)

Seneca A-1

Seneca B-2

Mohawk Community Library: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Mohawk Community Library for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding eight-tenths (0.8) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eight cents (\$0.08) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

All of Attica Village

Attica Village Park: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Attica Village for the purpose of providing park operation at a rate not exceeding three-quarters (3/4) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seven and one-half cents (\$0.075) for each one

hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

All Adams Township

Adams Township Tax Levy Renewal: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Adams Township, Seneca County, for the purpose of providing ambulance service, emergency medical service or both, at a rate not exceeding two and forty-seven hundredths (2.47) mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to twenty-four and seven tenths (\$0.247) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for, five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

All of Attica Village

All of Republic Village

Adams-4

Bloom-2

Clinton D-2

Reed-1

Scipio-1

Thompson-1

Venice-1

Seneca East Public Library: A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Seneca East Public Library for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding seventy-five hundredths (0.75) mill, which is at the same rate as the existing levy, for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seven and one-half cents (\$0.075) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

All of Liberty Township

Liberty Township: An additional tax for the benefit of the Liberty Township, Seneca County, Ohio for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding one (1.0) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuations for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

Green Springs all

Adams-1

Pleasant-2

Birchard Public Library: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Birchard Public Library for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to (\$ 0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Voting Precinct Locations

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
001 FOSTORIA 1-A	MAZDA DIRECT DEALERSHIP	1502 NORTH COUNTY LINE ST FOSTORIA, OHIO, 44830
002 FOSTORIA 1-B	CHURCH OF NAZARENE	339 SANDUSKY ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
003 FOSTORIA 3-A	CHURCH OF NAZARENE	339 SANDUSKY ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
004 FOSTORIA 3-B	GEARY FAMILY YMCA	154 W CENTER ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
005 FOSTORIA 4-A	FOSTORIA FIRE DEPT	233 W SOUTH ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
006 FOSTORIA 4-B	NEW LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP	800 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	JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING	100 HOPEWELL AV TIFFIN OH, 44883
015 TIFFIN 3-C	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883

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016 TIFFIN 3-D	JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING	100 HOPEWELL AV TIFFIN OH, 44883
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 HAL	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 VILLAGE OFFICE	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

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031 CLINTON E	CLINTON #2 FIRE STATION	863 E US 224 TIFFIN OH, 44883
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	JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING	100 HOPEWELL AV 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	KANSAS FIRE STATION	5980 W SR 635 KANSAS OH, 44841
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	REED TWP HOUSE	14027 SR 162 REPUBLIC OH, 44867
045 REPUBLIC VILL	SCIPPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867
046 SCIPPIO TOWNSHIP	SCIPPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
047 SENECA A	SYCAMORE FIRE STATION #2	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHENVILLE OH, 44844
048 SENECA B	SYCAMORE FIRE STATION #2	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHENVILLE OH, 44844
049 THOMPSON TOWNSHIP	ZION UCC CHURCH AT FIRESIDE	13525 TR 178 BELLEVUE OH, 44811
050 ATTICA VILLAGE	ATTICA VILLAGE HALL	20 S MAIN ST ATTICA OH, 44807
051 VENICE TOWNSHIP	VENICE TWP AVR FIRE	221 S MAIN ST 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 vote. Thus, the League was to "finish the fight" that the suffragists had started. For over 85 years the League has continued to serve all citizens and has opened its membership to any citizen of voting age, male or female. Today, the League of Women Voters is a three-tier organization, including Leagues at the local, state, and national levels. A member joining any of the 49 local Leagues in Ohio is automatically a member of the Ohio and the U.S. Leagues.

The Tiffin League was established in 1970 after a couple 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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