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Candidate for Boone County Presiding Commissioner – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Connie Leopard (R)

Qualification for office:

The Boone County government is a complex organization collecting and distributing \$95 million dollars of our taxes. The county commission is a largely administrative body with some policy making decision responsibilities. I have extensive administrative experience in creating and managing complex organizations. Specifically, I am responsible for creating and managing multiple budgets for both private and non-profit organizations with an emphasis in sound fiscal management. I have 40+ years of experience creating and managing multiple departments including human resources and workforce development.

I am an active citizen in Boone County with an extensive community volunteer service record. Local boards I currently serve include

- Boone County Children's Services Board,
- Central Missouri Subcontracting Enterprises (CMSE)/Giving Gardens
- The Builders' Association Central Region Director
- National Parliamentarian for the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), multiple workforce development committees on the local, regional, and national level. Serving as the national president (2016-2017) of NAWIC, I received top-notch national training in board and commission legal and fiduciary responsibilities, strategic planning, and organizational management.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.connieforboonecounty.com

Questions and Answers:

What leadership skills and experiences do you offer for this role? In small business, leadership is key to success. My executive leadership experience covers areas beyond the local landscape. My experience in NAWIC as a positive, influential leader in the State of Missouri, Midwest region and across the United States brings valuable expertise and informed ideas to the commission. This is especially the case related to planning and zoning and infrastructure issues. My extensive experience in managing budgets, human resources and workforce development will be helpful to solve critical issues faced by our county government

How can the county and Columbia collaborate on issues that will benefit both entities? Collaboration is a must in today's environment. Every citizen of Columbia is a citizen of the County. It is fiscally smart to increase collaboration to save costs for the taxpayers of Boone County. Collaboration grows with open-minded effective communication to bring key stakeholders together to engage in critical thinking, planning, and implementing a path forward with measurable outcomes.

With the enactment of a national infrastructure law that includes significant federal funding, what are your priorities for improvements in Boone County? Priorities include expansion of broadband access for all citizens of Boone County. It would also be important to utilize funds for wastewater expansion, road and bridge upgrades and expansion to meet our everchanging needs. Much of the local utilization will be dependent on the federal rules currently under development. My connection to local, regional, and national construction industry professionals as well as local and national legislative leaders will keep this on the forefront of my attention.

Candidate for Boone County Presiding Commissioner – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Kip Kendrick (D)

Qualification for office:

Chief of Staff, Missouri Senate 2021-present; State Representative, Missouri House of Representatives 2015-2020; Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, 2016 – 2020; Vice Chair of the House Ethics Committee, MO House of Representatives, 2019 – 2020; Vice Chair and Member of Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee, 2017 – 2021; Ranking Minority Member of the Special Committee on Government Oversight, 2019; Trustee for the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, 2015 – 2020; Member of the Missouri’s CARES Funding Working Group – 2020; Special Projects Coordinator, Columbia College, 2017-present ; Adjunct Instructor, Columbia College, 2019-present

Website/Facebook page for candidate: <https://kipkendrick.com/>

Questions and Answers:

What leadership skills and experiences do you offer for this role?

I understand the importance of fiscally disciplined and balanced budgets. I served on the House Budget Committee for five years—four years as the ranking member. My appointment by a Republican governor to the Federal Cares Act Task Force demonstrates my willingness to work for the greater good, not promote partisan politics. The relationships that I have built across the state based on mutual trust and professional respect will be tremendously important in my ability to lead Boone County. My leadership style is to listen, learn, then lead. I value and respect diverse opinions and divergent viewpoints. I understand the importance of public accountability. As Ranking Minority Member of the Special Committee on Government Oversight and Vice-Chair of the Ethics Committee, I didn’t hesitate to hold officials accountable, regardless of political affiliation.

How can the county and Columbia collaborate on issues that will benefit both entities?

I want to help Columbia and all of Boone County become more proactive in growing economic opportunities, broadening a well-trained work force, and increasing access to affordable housing, healthcare, and the essential services required for a growing county. The City and the County must work together on planning for growth, anticipating infrastructure needs. As City/County budgets remain tight, we must explore opportunities to cooperate in providing services to our citizens, rather than continuing to duplicate. There are great examples in other communities where this has led to a more responsive and cost-effective government.

With the enactment of a national infrastructure law that includes significant federal funding, what are your priorities for improvements in Boone County?

Helping Boone County appropriate and spend federal ARPA funds in a responsible and timely fashion in a manner that delivers the biggest bang for the buck will be challenging, but my experience in the Missouri Legislature has well prepared me for this very moment. As far as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is concerned, we must closely monitor the U.S. Treasury's progress on implementing regulations on how the funding can be spent and how the money will flow to local communities. That being said, Boone County must focus on upgrading and improving aging infrastructure as well as focusing on the demand for new infrastructure arising from our rapid growth. Broadband must be one of our top priorities.

Candidate for Boone County Recorder of Deeds – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Shamon Jones (R)

Qualification for office: Degree from Columbia College in Business Administration, 6th generation native, 25 years of customer service, 15 years of teaching and training, 10 years of community volunteering, and currently a Regional Solutions Consultant over a multi-state region for an international corporation. The only company that never stopped moving supplies internationally throughout the pandemic as well as pivoting to aid the supply chain crisis.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.shamonjonesforboonecounty.com **Facebook:** Shamon Jones (political candidate) **Instagram:** ROD Jones Co

Questions and Answers:

The Boone County Recorder of Deeds requires making, recording and preserving a vast array of documents. What is your experience to ensure you can perform the duties of this office?

- Recording my own genealogy through birth and death certificates, census records, marriage license, hospital records, land and cemetery deeds.
- My first position at FedEx Office included litigation copies, digitalization of family photo albums, upholding copyright regulations, and quality checking.
- Currently, I manage marketing requirements for 14 national corporations and 2 portfolio accounts across different industries, accounts and departments.
- My fire for accuracy comes from discovering mistakes in my own family records. A misspelled name can break a branch off your family tree.
- I have the ability to reach ALL demographics as well as bring awareness of the importance of records to the next generation.
- For 27 years, I have had public facing occupations here in Columbia. I have served and will continue to serve my community.

Do you have a plan to improve access to records as needed by the public?

I am willing to open 1 Saturday a month, even if it means I work that Saturday. Digitalizing records also improves accessibility to those that aren't mobile. I would also like to work with agencies that support our homeless population by accessing their veteran status and helping those that have not registered as a veteran to begin to get additional benefits. Education about the importance and benefits of this office will knock down an invisible knowledge barrier giving access to those who are unaware of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

How will you ensure the records are protected?

The recent renovations have improved the safety of the deputies by the glass shield. Protecting employees is a part of protecting the records. Digitalizing records add protection of the record as well, it's providing another storage backup. My artistic hobbies have taught me about the effects of temperature and moisture for the preservation of the materials. For the older records, the vault adds an additional level of security. Another level of security that I will also be manage is the protection of records for our most vulnerable citizens fleeing an abusive situation and other situations that require the protection of those records.

Candidate for Boone County Recorder of Deeds – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Bob Nolte (D)

Qualification for office: Over 10 years of experience in administration and management

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.BobNolte.com, www.facebook.com/BobNolteforRecorder

Questions and Answers:

The Boone County Recorder of Deeds requires making, recording, and preserving a vast array of documents. What is your experience to ensure you can perform the duties of this office?

I am an experienced administrator and manager who understands the importance of team leadership and I am running to serve as your Recorder to continue the long history of dedicated public servants effectively managing the professional departments of our county. I am the only candidate in this race endorsed by Bettie Johnson, who served for 36 years as Recorder of Deeds, and Nora Dietzel, our current Recorder, who is retiring this year. Boone County's citizens trust the Recorder's office to record, index, and preserve real estate and land transactions, as well as tax liens, marriage licenses, and U.S. military discharge documents. Last year, the office recorded 36,000 real estate transactions. All of us want our tax dollars used wisely and deserve to receive great customer service when interacting with the county government – whether we are celebrating a personal milestone like getting married or purchasing a new home, working with the Recorder as part of business operations, or doing research with historical records. For nearly a decade at Mizzou Athletics, most recently as Director of Compliance, I interpreted complex NCAA and university regulations, built strong relationships with a diverse group of stakeholders, developed policies and procedures to ensure requirements were met, and implemented new technologies to increase efficiency. I have a Master's in Educational Administration, with training and experience in the nuts-and-bolts of professional administration. Additionally, I served for six years as the treasurer for the City of Columbia New Century Fund, a non-profit that provides funding for projects to improve the lives of Columbia residents. I have a real passion for service, love for our Boone County community, and have been a longtime community volunteer.

Do you have a plan to improve access to records as needed by the public?

The Boone County Recorder's office has an excellent reputation, and I will work shoulder-to-shoulder with my team to continue to provide great customer service for Boone County residents, businesses, and other government offices. I will prioritize straightforward, secure access to information and documents, and invest in updating our internal processes, technologies, and outreach efforts to provide that access. I plan to make it easier to interact with the Recorder's office online, both in initiating document processing and searching older records. For example, within the bounds of Missouri statute, I would implement an online request process for marriage licenses to make it more efficient for both citizens and staff. This is a low-cost change that will benefit everyone, and the kind of improvement I will prioritize when elected. I will also continue the long-standing project of digitizing older records.

How will you ensure the records are protected?

Records are protected through redundancy and digitalization in secure physical and digital environments to ensure long-term preservation for legal and historical review. Physical records dating back to the 1800s are kept in the Recorder's office in the vault. Essential records have also been scanned onto microfilm, and there are copies stored in two separate locations; post-1960 documents have also been digitized. Digital records are automatically backed up across many servers spread throughout the world. As Recorder, I will work with staff and vendors to ensure our technology systems are thoroughly updated and we are making strong investments in cybersecurity to keep your records safe from malicious actors.

Candidate for Boone County Auditor – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Jason Gibson (R)

Qualification for office: Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with post graduate courses in Accounting (33 credit hours). 15 years of professional accounting, budgeting, and auditing experience with the last 11 years of that experience working in the Boone County Auditor's office.

Website/Facebook: Website – GibsonforBoone.com Facebook – www.facebook.com/GibsonforBoone

Questions and Answers:

The County Auditor position has extensive requirements for accounting, budgeting and auditing. What experience do you have to meet these requirements?

I have devoted over a decade of my life working in the Auditor's office and gaining the expertise and institutional knowledge that is necessary to be successful in this position. This time working and training in the office has provided me with a unique experience that no other candidate has. With over 15 years of accounting, budgeting, and auditing experience through my time working in the office and as an external auditor for a local accounting and auditing firm, I am the only candidate that fully meets the statutory requirements of education, training and experience in accounting. My experience and training has provided me with the ability to perform all the duties imposed upon the county auditor by the provisions outlined in Chapter 55 of the revised statutes of Missouri.

What changes do you want to make to improve the Auditor's office?

Boone County's financial reporting and budgeting system, as well as our payroll system, is antiquated and inefficient. Due to the age and diminishing ability to update our current system, the County conducted a BPR (Business Process Review) which gave the County a better understanding on how migrating to an up-to-date ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system could: Integrate and streamline internal processes, improve internal controls and overall reporting, and save the County time and money with a more efficient system. The Auditor's Office has been heavily involved in the design and implementation of this ERP system for over 4 years. As a Sr. Accountant and Financial Analyst, I have been an active member of this Auditor Team since the inception of this project. I have a working knowledge of our legacy system and our new ERP system. It is imperative that our Auditor's Office has a smooth transition in leadership, thus retaining our qualified staff, maintaining our implementation timeline, and efficiently completing this long-term County goal.

What is your motivation for running for this office?

Our current County Auditor, June Pitchford, my boss, has been carrying the torch high at the County for more than 30 years. With her retirement, Boone County is losing a great steward of the people and an incalculable wealth of institutional knowledge. Part of that institutional knowledge has been passed onto me and we must ensure that is retained as it is critical to the success of our office. In addition, my family has lived in Boone County for 6 generations and my 3 daughters are now the 7th generation. I have many family members, friends, and former and current coworkers that call Boone County home. I have a vested interest in seeing that our local government is run by competent and experienced professionals who will put aside their own personal or political interests for the interests of all. I want to continue my service in the office and make a difference in our community by working collaboratively with all Boone County stakeholders in a positive and professional manner and ensure that resources are shared fairly and used efficiently to meet the needs of all citizens.

Candidate for Boone County Auditor – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Kyle Rieman (D)

Qualification for office: 10+ years of state and local nonpartisan public policy and budget oversight experience, most recently serving as the Budget Officer for the City of Columbia and the Director for the Joint Committee on Legislative Research: Oversight Division. During his tenure Kyle has experience in budget oversight, financial and programmatic auditing, ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system implementation and administration, financial modeling, leadership development and project management. Kyle has also started and still operates several small businesses, starting his first in high school.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: [Kyle Rieman for Boone County Auditor | Facebook](#)

Questions and Answers:

The County Auditor position has extensive requirements for accounting, budgeting and auditing. What experience do you have to meet these requirements?

Rieman graduated from Missouri State University with bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Economics. Rieman's professional career began at the Missouri Secretary of State, Elections Division where he worked closely with the state's county clerks, forecasted the economic impact of legislation filed by the General Assembly, auditing county use of election funds, and overseeing the state's initiative petition process. Rieman was then promoted to the Office of Administration's Division of Budget and Planning (B&P) where he worked as a non-partisan budget and policy research analyst. He wrote the budgets for the Department of Corrections, the Public Defender, and the Judiciary, while simultaneously handling local government and state employee benefit issues. Three years later, He continued this work as a non-partisan budget analyst for the Missouri House of Representatives, while also serving as the House of Representatives ERP administrator. Two years later, he was promoted again, this time as the Director of the Joint Committee of Legislative Research. In this position, Kyle led a team of 15 employees and reviewed 2,000- 3,000 fiscal notes each year, estimating the fiscal impact of various legislative initiatives. In 2020, Rieman left the state to be the City of Columbia's Budget Officer. Kyle used his state experience to make key improvements to the city's processes and policies, including: institutionalizing budget performance measures, standardizing the City's incremental budget process, and spearheading the City's Transforming Government initiative, which focused on building a culture centered around transparency, automation, efficiency, and communication both internally and externally for both City employees and citizens

What changes do you want to make to improve the Auditor's office?

Some of Kyle's goals for what he wants to work to improve the Auditor's office:

Work with the County Commissioners to allocate the remaining ARPA funding equitably to meet the county citizens' needs. Increasing resources available to the public, such as the "[Boone County Citizens' Guide to County Finances \(showmeboone.com\)](#)" to increase transparency and citizen understanding Continue and lead implementation of the County's new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system Working with other County officeholders to evaluate, automate and institutionalize current County business practices

What is your motivation for running for this office?

Part of being an elected official means being a public servant. Public servants have a responsibility of being data driven when making decisions and having facts over opinions. Running for this office I am motivated to be that public servant that doesn't serve one party or group of people, but rather focuses on individually what is going to benefit the whole.

Candidate for Boone County Treasurer – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Dustin Stanton (R)

Qualification for office: Dustin founded “Stanton Brothers Eggs” at the age of 6 and by the time he was 16 it was designated by the USDA as the nation’s largest independent free-range egg operation. He has ran the business for 24 years with responsibilities that include making payroll, budgeting, and managing cash flow. He received his education from the University of Missouri where his degree had emphasis in advanced accounting, monetary policy, and money and banking. He has served as a liaison for the University of Missouri Extension Council and is currently serving as a Co-Chairman for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and as the President of the Columbia Farmers Market.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.dustinstanton.com

Questions and Answers:

The County Treasurer is responsible for investing county funds, issuing county bonds and safeguarding county unclaimed property. What skills do you have to perform this job?

As I am currently serving as the Treasurer, I have already gained the skills and knowledge necessary to perform the job. I am someone who combines the best of the worlds of academia, business, and finance. I received a world class education from the University of Missouri in understanding the bond markets, world of banking, and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board or GASB Accounting. By running a business for over two decades I’ve gained real world experience in managing cash flows and projecting out budgetary needs. With my business, I was responsible for investments and safeguarding our financial resources, so now I’m doing the same thing but only in the public sector.

What are your priorities to improve this office?

Kay Murray is a local legend at getting to office from 1980 to 2010 and creating an amazing work environment. Nicole Galloway modernized the office by adding new technology to how we receive money. Tom Darrough created an excellent team of professionals to work with on investments. From this history, I do believe the office is in a really good position. My main priority would be to keep investment brokers as local as possible. Over the years, we’ve used national brokers from Detroit and DC who don’t appreciate Boone County the same as you and I do. As a locally grown and locally rooted man myself, I love this community and I know we have professionals here in Columbia that can do the same brokerage job. I would love to see as much public investment business kept as local as possible.

The current policy for investments is from 2013, should this policy be updated? If yes, how? If no, why do you think it is still good?

The policy for investments is currently set by the Missouri constitution. Only Missouri and South Dakota are set by statutes in the constitution. The other 48 states are determined by their respective state legislative assemblies. This puts Missouri County Treasurers at a disadvantage for updating investment policy. For us to make any major changes, it would need to be voted on as a statewide amendment for that respective change or we would need to vote on a statewide amendment to give the state legislature the authority to change our county policies. Our current investment policies were set by former Treasurer, Nicole Galloway, and based on the current restrictions set forth by the Missouri state statutes, I think Boone County has the gold standard for other counties to follow.

Candidate for Boone County Treasurer – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Jenna Redel (D)

Qualifications for office: I have a law degree, a Master's Degree in Business Administration, and nine years' experience as Boone County's Director of Risk Management and Human Resources. I've also served as a police officer and Assistant Attorney General. My broad experience in public service has prepared me to lead the Treasurer's Office at a critical time in Boone County's history when we are undergoing significant losses of institutional knowledge and experience due to the retirements of long-tenured officials. I also meet all of the statutory qualifications for the office, as described in section 54.040 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.jennaredel.com www.facebook.com/Jenna4Treasurer

Questions and Answers:

The County Treasurer is responsible for investing county funds, issuing county bonds and safeguarding county unclaimed property. What skills do you have to perform this job?

The Treasurer must invest county funds and issue county bonds in accordance with the options that are allowed under Missouri law. I have spent most of my career interpreting and implementing Missouri law. I know where to look for answers in our statutes. I have many years of experience staying on top of changes in legislation and regulation. I also know how to spot areas where changes in the law can put our organization at higher risk.

I have experience investing large sums of money in an industry where there are a lot of restrictions on investments and protecting assets is critically important. I sit on the Board of Directors for a local public service credit union, and my responsibilities include selecting investments for our deposits that will protect our members' account balances while growing our assets enough to cover our operational costs and pay interest on our accounts.

I have been through 9 county budget cycles with the outgoing Boone County Auditor, June Pitchford, and through that process I have learned a tremendous amount about best practices for government financial officers, the importance of checks and balances, and the complexity of the county's multiple dedicated funding sources. Public finance is very different from private enterprise accounting, and I have learned how to conduct public financial activities with transparency and accountability.

What are your priorities to improve this office?

Develop robust internal controls within the county's new finance software system.
Identify areas of risk in the county's cash handling and improve our related processes.
Review and improve the transparency and checks and balances between the Treasurer's Office and the Auditor's Office.

Ensure that the county invests taxpayer funds in conformity with best practices established by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), a neutral professional organization with a code of ethics.

The current policy for investments is from 2013, should this policy be updated? If yes, how? If no, why do you think it is still good?

I believe all policies should be reviewed on a regular schedule to determine if any updates are necessary due to changes in the law or to conform with current best practices. The current Investment Policy, written by Nicole Galloway, after review, is consistent with current Missouri law and I believe remains a good policy document. However, on the November ballot there is a statewide question that seeks to expand the current investment authority of the state treasurer and to allow the legislature to pass laws further expanding the state treasurer's authorized investments in the future. Those changes will impact the county treasurer's authority and may not align with industry best practices. If that ballot issue passes, changes to the Investment Policy will likely be needed.

Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 44 – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Cheri Toalson Reisch (R)

Qualification for office: I have been the State Rep for District 44 for the past 6 years. I am running for my 4th and final term. I was formerly the Mayor of Hallsville. I am a small business owner and work as a Legal Assistant at a busy law firm.

Website/Facebook page for candidate:

Questions and Answers:

If you are elected, what are your three top priorities and how will you accomplish them?

Education – by working with community members and contemplate new legislation to improve test scores

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs – I have passed legislation to help expand job opportunities and will continue to make sure our workforce is trained with skills, that anyone who wants a job, will have a job.

Constituent Services – I will continue to assist Constituents with issues that relate to the State of Missouri. It is great to help facilitate a resolution between citizens and the State whether it is with the Department of Revenue, Social Services, Mental Health, etc.

Education is very important in central Missouri. What are your priorities to support both higher education and public schools?

I am a big supporter of MU and public education but we can always improve on the education of our citizens. I sit on the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. We must improve test scores and get back to basics.

How will you work to assure that Missouri voters have access to free and fair elections?

I have always been a strong advocate of free and fair elections. Photo ID is now the law. If someone needs an ID, the State will provide them one for FREE. I passed a law that voter rolls can be audited. We need to insure that the voter rolls are accurate and that only ELIGIBLE people are on them.

Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 44 – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Dave Raitel (D)

Qualification for office: I am a citizen of the United States of America, and of the State of Missouri. I am otherwise legally qualified. I do not know a finite list of qualifications for making a good representative in the Missouri Legislature. I can only cite facts: I am 67 years old before the election, and apart from the time I spent in the Army, I have lived in Missouri all my life; most of those in Boone County. I left home when I was 17. I know something of life as a husband, a father, a grandfather. I have been a musician, a teacher, a farm hand, a truck driver. Should it matter, I mostly studied social/political philosophy, ethics, and economics as a student. I have a Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Missouri-Columbia. I am also a proud law-school drop out. I believe I speak just enough the *lingua franca* of various disciplines to ask reasonable questions, and to sense B.S. when I hear it. I have never held office; I have been politically active various ways in various amounts since my first campaign for “Walking” Joe Teasdale in 1972.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: <https://daveraitelforthe44th.com>

<https://Facebook.com/Raitel.For.The.44th>.

Questions and Answers:

If you are elected, what are your three top priorities and how will you accomplish them?

My first priority is to prove the viability of representative democracy. I will look for Republicans who wish to divorce themselves from trumpism and work on specific concrete issues. I am more certain of the THREE proximate causes of our circumstances than I am of what first to fix: The Hancock Amendment, Term Limits, and the absence of effective Campaign Finance Reform. If something is broke we cannot fix it because of Hancock. Because of term limits, there is little to no institutional memory, lobbyists run the legislature, and politicians seek further advancement rather than building relations over successive terms. The flood of money sustains the churn.

Education is very important in central Missouri. What are your priorities to support both higher education and public schools?

Missouri can either choose to appropriately fund its public schools and pay its teachers – regardless of their location – salaries that invite them to stay in teaching, or Missouri can leave poorer districts to flounder even as richer districts – grounded on their property values – give a minority of students first rate educations. The quality of education offered to a student ought not vary according to the wealth of the particular district – so the Missouri legislature needs to resolve that inequity. I have no particular funding scheme in my mind. I do not deny the problem that others simply choose to ignore.

How will you work to assure that Missouri voters have access to free and fair elections?

If at all possible, the newest hurdles the legislature set up should be toppled. The particulars I would offer follow from my belief that voting should not be a burden to a citizen such that citizens choose not to vote. Vote-by-mail is my preferred method, as I believe it least inconveniences voters. Republicans who erect hurdles really mean to deter voting. I also believe that Ranked-Choice or Approval Voting would more accurately register voters’ preferences. I oppose efforts to hobble initiative petitions. I supported The Clean Amendment, and favor non-partisan commissions for drawing both state and federal representative districts.

Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 47 – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: John Martin (R)

Qualifications for office: local business owner (Pro Pumping & Hydrojetting) and former pastor, Boone County native, raised on a family farm, member of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Boone County Farm Bureau, and an investor in Regional Economic Development Inc, seeking to bring growth and jobs to our local economy. My wife, Lisa, and I have four children. Three of them are graduates of Hickman High School, and two have graduated from the University of Missouri with degrees in Education and Civil Engineering. The third is currently a Junior at University of Missouri, studying to be an educator. Our youngest attends Middle School. I have been active as a volunteer coach for Daniel Boone Little League as well as Boone County 4-H and Russell Blvd. Elementary Outdoor Garden Committee. We are members of Midway Heights Baptist Church.

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Questions and Answers:

If you are elected, what are your three top priorities and how will you accomplish them?

Thriving Economy: Since all are struggling under high fuel prices and inflation, I want to keep our State Taxes low and efficiently use those funds for needed services. Invest in the essentials: schools, safety, and infrastructure—leave the rest to the private sector. Missouri families and small businesses know how to best use their money. I will work to keep spending in check and foster an environment that rewards hard work and personal responsibility.

Strong Schools: Holding our schools to the highest standards and supporting quality teachers that focus on the basics in education. This prepares our youth for continued education at the University of Missouri, area colleges, community colleges or trade schools. Funding for the University of Missouri and its mission is vital, as well as support for community colleges and trade schools to help build careers as mechanics, building trades, health care workers, etc. A good education leads to good jobs, which also supports businesses with good employees.

Safe Communities: Public safety is essential to maintaining a high quality of life for everyone. I will always support our law enforcement officers, stand strong against violent crime, and ensure every Missourian has the right to defend their lives, their families, and their property. I will gladly support our Veterans, and their commitment to the freedoms granted to us in the Constitution.

Education is very important in central Missouri. What are your priorities to support both higher education and public schools?

Keeping state economy growing through common sense leadership of business development, lower taxes and less regulation, which in turn grows income in our state, thus providing a healthy state budget to fund education priorities. I will have a priority to meet with school superintendents and university leaders regularly to access needs, performance, as well as communicate to House Education Committees on needs. Areas such as testing, funding, teacher retention, pay, etc. always needs evaluation.

How will you work to assure that Missouri voters have access to free and fair elections?

A basic tenant in voting is proving who you say you are so that elections are fair. Citizens can register to vote, provide a photo ID to prove who you are, and can vote for their candidate. They can also do absentee ballots. I am in agreement with no drop boxes and requiring all voting machines to be air gapped or not directly connected to the internet. All good safeguards for election integrity.

Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 47 – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Adrian Plank (D)

Qualification for office: As a small business owner for 10 years and union carpenter I have a unique perspective on how to legislate.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: <https://www.adrianplank.com/> plankfor47

Questions and Answers:

If you are elected, what are your three top priorities and how will you accomplish them?

I will push to limit the influence of SuperPACS in our state. We must curb the purchase of our elections by our politicians and our policies.

I will work to protect Missouri farmers from the corp. monopolization of our farming industry from foreign owned corporations.

I will work to move our state to a clean energy state.

Education is very important in central Missouri. What are your priorities to support both higher education and public schools?

My goals for public education are to be a leading state in funding for teachers pay, new technology and making sure our schools are teaching our children how to grow their own food. I will also be fighting the expansion of the for-profit system of education and the diversion of our tax dollars to this type of system. I hope to work with the Governor to expand our trade schools through the union training facilities.

How will you work to assure that Missouri voters have access to free and fair elections?

Democracy is the cornerstone of our nation. Being a United States citizen means that we have a right to vote in a free and fair election. Funding for our election process is key to a free election. This funding will secure ample polling places to alleviate any wait times. Making sure that no excuse absentee voting stays in place. Requiring the state to use resources to promote voting registration programs for college students that first register for classes at any Missouri college.

Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 50 – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: James Musgraves (R)

NOTE: Candidate did not respond to the LWV Questionnaire.

Qualification for office:

Website/Facebook page for candidate:

Questions and Answers:

If you are elected, what are your three top priorities and how will you accomplish them?

Education is very important in central Missouri. What are your priorities to support both higher education and public schools?

How will you work to assure that Missouri voters have access to free and fair elections?

Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 50 – Nov. 8, 2022

Name: Douglas Mann (D)

Qualification for office: Education: Bachelor's Degree in history, Master's Degrees in Education and Public Policy, Juris Doctor. Volunteer with Planned Parenthood and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Boone County Democrats Central Committee member and former Secretary

Website/Facebook page for candidate: Website: www.mannformo.com, Facebook: MannForMO

Questions and Answers:

If you are elected, what are your three top priorities and how will you accomplish them?

Education: Education is the cornerstone of a functioning society and democracy. We need to invest in our education system like our future depends on it. This means fixing the funding formula, paying teachers fair wages, and ensuring schools/teachers have the resources they need to make sure our students have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Healthcare: Healthcare should be both affordable and accessible. We need to invest in the infrastructure necessary to make this happen. This includes recruiting, training, and retaining the best providers possible. We must also protect the rights to reproductive healthcare including access to contraception.

Workers' Rights: Everyone deserves a good paying job where they can work with dignity. To ensure this we must protect the rights of workers to unionize, while strengthening the laws already which already protect workers from discrimination. This includes making it easier for employees to hold abusive employers accountable for their actions.

Education is very important in central Missouri. What are your priorities to support both higher education and public schools?

Funding: We must fund our education systems. This includes both the K-12 system and the University system. The funding formula needs to be fixed, teachers and staff deserve fair wages/benefits, and our schools need the resources necessary to help students reach their full potential.

Curriculum: Right now, schools are under attack for what they are teaching. This includes anti-CRT legislation, book banning, and overall attacks on "wokeness." These are merely attacks meant to divide us and weaken the public school system. We must protect our teachers who are working daily to help our students grow.

How will you work to assure that Missouri voters have access to free and fair elections?

The right to vote is the foundation on which our democracy is built. We need to make it easier to vote, not harder. This means eliminating unnecessary roadblocks, increasing voter education, and giving elections officials the resources they need to make the ballot box accessible to all.

Information on Supreme Court Judges on the Ballot for a Retention Vote

Zel M. Fischer, Judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri

Position: Judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri

Evaluation year: 2022

Background

Hon. Zel Fischer was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 2008. Fischer's judicial assignments have included sitting with the Missouri Court of Appeals and numerous circuit courts.

Fischer served as associate circuit judge in Atchison County. Fischer graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1988.

Fischer is a current or former member of 4th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Platte County Bar Association, Clay County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Fischer previously served on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices and is currently president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Courts and Sciences Institute. He also serves on the national advisory board of the University of North Carolina – Bryson Center for Judicial Education.

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=27084>

Robin Ransom Judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri

Position: Judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri

Evaluation year: 2022

Background

Hon. Robin Ransom was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 2021.

Ransom was a Missouri Court of Appeals-Eastern District judge, circuit judge, juvenile family court commissioner for St. Louis, and prosecutor and public defender for St. Louis County. Ransom graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1992.

Ransom is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Lawyers Association of St. Louis, and Mound City Bar Association.

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=57484>

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Information on Missouri Court of Appeals – Western District Judges on the Ballot for a Retention Vote

Alok Ahuja

Position: Judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District

Evaluation year: 2022

Background

Hon. Alok Ahuja was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals in December 2007. He served as chief judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District from 2014-2016.

Ahuja worked in private legal practice at Shea & Gardner in Washington D.C. from 1989-1992 and at Lathrop and Gage in Kansas City from 1992-2008. Ahuja was a law clerk for Hon. Richard D. Cudahy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in Chicago from 1988-1989. Ahuja graduated from Yale School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1992.

Ahuja is part of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, North American South Asian Bar Association, and Asian American Bar Association of Kansas City.

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=8585>

Karen Mitchell

Position: Judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District

Evaluation year: 2022

Background

Hon. Karen Mitchell was appointed as a judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District in 2009. Mitchell's judicial assignments included serving a two-year term as chief judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District from 2018-2020.

Mitchell was assistant attorney general and chief deputy attorney general for the Office of the Missouri Attorney General, as well as director of the Missouri Department of Revenue. Mitchell graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1984.

Mitchell is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Trial Judge Education Committee, and Supreme Court of Missouri Civil Rules Committee. Mitchell previously served on The Missouri Bar Board of Governors, Supreme Court of Missouri Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases, and Supreme Court of Missouri Appellate Practice Committee.

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=35267>

Mark Pfeiffer

Position: Judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District

Evaluation year: 2022

Background

Hon. Mark Pfeiffer was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District in 2009. His judicial assignments have included hearing appeals in a rotation of one of the four divisions of the court and serving as chief judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District from 2016-2018.

Pfeiffer's public office positions included being chair of the Boone County Board of Jail Visitors. Pfeiffer graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1992.

Pfeiffer is a member of the Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal, Boone County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and National Board of Trial Advocacy. He previously served on The Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=32862>

Doug Thomson

Position: Judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District

Evaluation year: 2022

Background

Hon. Doug Thomson was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District in 2020.

Thomson served as associate circuit judge for Nodaway County. Thomson graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1989.

Thomson is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, 4th Circuit Bar Association, and Missouri Association of Associate and Probate Judges.

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=506>

(Information from the Missouri Court Plan funded by the Missouri Bar Association)



GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8, 2022 BALLOT ISSUES

AMENDMENT 1- MUNICIPAL SECURITIES

Official Ballot Title:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- *allow the General Assembly to override the current constitutional restrictions of state investments by the state treasurer; and*
- *allow state investments in municipal securities possessing one of the top five highest long term ratings or the highest short term rating?*

State governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of \$2 million per year. Local governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of at least \$34,000 per year.

Fair Ballot Language

A “**yes**” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to grant the General Assembly statutory authority to invest state funds and also expand the state treasurer’s investment options. Currently the Constitution grants the General Assembly no statutory investment authority and limits the treasurer’s investment options. This amendment will allow the General Assembly by statute to determine investment avenues for the state treasurer to invest state funds, as well as allow the state treasurer to invest in municipal securities.

A “**no**” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution and limit the treasurer to investing state funds only in those investment options currently approved by the Constitution. If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Summary

This initiative would authorize the state treasurer to invest state funds in highly rated municipal securities. It would also allow the legislature to pass laws allowing the treasurer to invest in "other reasonable and prudent financial instruments and securities".

This is a legislatively referred constitutional amendment (LRCA), which only required a majority of the house and senate to be placed on the ballot. As an LRCA, this measure saw nearly universal bipartisan support, approved 156-1 in the House and 32-0 in the Senate.

Proponents of Amendment 1 Say...

Proponents believe that this measure would give the state treasurer greater flexibility to invest funds held by the state of Missouri.

Opponents of Amendment 1 Say...

Opponents say if passed, the Missouri legislature would have too much control over state investments.

AMENDMENT 3 - MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION INITIATIVE

Official Ballot Title:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- *remove state prohibitions on purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, delivering, manufacturing, and selling marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of twenty-one*
- *require a registration card for personal cultivation with prescribed limits*
- *allow persons with certain marijuana-related non-violent offenses to petition for release from incarceration or parole and probation and have records expunged*
- *establish a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates*
- *issue equally distributed licenses to each congressional district*
- *impose a six percent tax on the retail price of marijuana to benefit various programs?*

Fiscal Note: State governmental entities estimate initial costs of \$3.1 million; initial revenues of at least \$7.9 million; annual costs of \$5.5 million; annual revenues of at least \$40.8 million. Local governments are estimated to have annual costs of at least \$35,000 and annual revenues of at least \$13.8 million.

“Fair Ballot Language” – A “Yes” Vote

A “**yes**” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to remove state prohibitions on the purchase, possession, consumption, use, delivery, manufacture, and sale of marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of twenty-one.

The amendment would also allow individuals with certain marijuana-related offenses to petition for release from prison or parole and probation and have their records expunged; along with imposing a 6 percent tax on the retail price of recreational marijuana.

“Fair Ballot Language” – A “No” Vote

A “**no**” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution and the sale and use of marijuana for recreational purposes will remain prohibited under current law. Medical marijuana would remain unchanged.

Background information

Missouri voters approved the citizen initiated constitutional amendment on medical marijuana in 2018. That amendment: legalized marijuana for medical purposes; set tax on marijuana sales at 4%; allocated tax revenue to healthcare services for veterans. It passed with more than 65% of the vote.

This is a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment.

Summary

If approved, it would:

- Legalize recreational marijuana use by those 21 and older
- Create regulated marijuana industry
- Remove from public record convictions for non-violent marijuana related offenses
- Allow persons with marijuana-related non-violent offenses to petition for release from incarceration or parole. (When a record is expunged, it means that the record of a conviction is deleted from public record.)
- Missouri would become the 20th state to legalize recreational marijuana use.
- If passed, this measure will impose a 6 percent tax on the retail price of recreational marijuana.

Proponents of Amendment 3 say...

- The public wants to have a safe and legal market.
- The public wants decriminalization of recreational marijuana-related activities.
- Expungement of criminal records for past marijuana offenses is long overdue.

Opponents of Amendment 3 say...

- The amendment limits the number of licenses to commercialize marijuana. This would restrict new businesses from participating in the industry and give an unfair advantage to companies that currently commercialize marijuana. Minorities and low-income Missourians would not be able to get into the industry.
- Minorities and low-income Missourians would face difficulties getting legal resources to expunge records. In addition, fragmented Missouri state drug offense databases make the process difficult.
- Civil penalties that allow fines up to \$100 for smoking marijuana in public would become part of Missouri's constitution and would continue to be a burden on law enforcement.

AMENDMENT 4 - KANSAS CITY POLICE SPENDING

Official Ballot Title:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?

State and local governmental entities estimate no additional costs or savings related to this proposal.

"Fair Ballot Language" - A "Yes" Vote

A "yes" vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to allow the general assembly by law to increase the minimum funding for a police force established by the state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities. Currently the only police force established by the state board of police commissioners is found in Kansas City, Missouri.

“Fair Ballot Language” – A “No” Vote

A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding the funding for a police force established by the state board of police commissioners.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes

Summary

Amendment 4 is a constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature. It only required approval of a majority of House and Senate to be placed on the ballot.

Background Information: Kansas City Police

History shows us that the state took local control away from Kansas City in 1939 because of corruption related to organized crime. Currently, Kansas City is the only city in Missouri, and the largest city in the United States, that does not have locally elected control of its police force.

Instead, the Kansas City police force is controlled by a five-person Board of Police Commissioners made up of four Kansas City residents appointed by the governor, and the mayor of Kansas City.

Missouri law currently requires that Kansas City spend at least 20% of its revenue on the police force. It currently operates above that threshold at about 24%. Oversight of the police budget, including decisions on equipment purchases, hiring of new police officers and police salaries, is controlled by the Board of Police Commissioners, not the Kansas City Council.

In May of 2021 the Kansas City Council voted to re-allocate part of the police budget to include a separate budget for crime prevention and community policing. After allocating those funds, the remaining funds for the proposed police budget was approximately 20%, down from the prior 24%.

The action taken by the City Council prompted members of the state legislature to introduce legislation that would require Kansas City to spend more than the current funding requirement of 20% of its revenue on the police budget. This proposed Amendment 4 (Senate Joint Resolution 38) requires voter approval as a ballot measure and seeks to create a special exception to the Missouri Constitution’s prohibition of unfunded mandates (the Hancock Amendment).

Proponents of Amendment 4 say...

- The amendment is necessary to prevent the Kansas City Council from reducing police funding.
- The amendment is necessary to ensure that the Kansas City police force has the resources to keep Kansas City safe.
- The Kansas City police department should not be controlled by the City Council.

Opponents of Amendment 4 say...

- The citizens of Kansas City should decide how tax revenue is spent, not the Missouri State Legislature.
- Kansas City should have elected local control over its police force and how crime is fought, both through policing and crime prevention.
- Amendment could have a negative impact on other city services that could see budget cuts.

AMENDMENT 5 – MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD

Official Ballot Title:

Shall the Missouri National Guard currently under the Missouri Department of Public Safety be its own department, known as the Missouri Department of the National Guard, which shall be required to protect the constitutional rights and civil liberties of Missourians?

State governmental entities estimate no savings and ongoing costs of \$132,000 annually. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Fair Ballot Language – A “Yes” Vote

A “**yes**” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to create the Missouri Department of the National Guard as a new state agency, headed by an adjutant general appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

Fair Ballot Language – A “No” Vote

A “**no**” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding the National Guard.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Summary

This bill would create an executive department for the National Guard reporting directly to the governor, rather than the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

This is a Legislatively Referred Constitutional Amendment (LRCA), which only required a majority of the house and senate to be placed on the ballot. As a LRCA, this measure saw nearly universal bipartisan support, approved 126-2 in the Missouri House and 32-0 in the Missouri Senate.

Proponents Say...

Proponents believe that the National Guard will be more responsive if it reports directly to the governor.

Opponents Say...

Opponents believe that the normal chain of command would be broken, and that the governor would have too much power over the Guard.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION QUESTION

Question: *“Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the constitution?”*

- *Voters vote “Yes” to support a constitutional convention*
- *Voters vote “No” to reject a constitutional convention*

“Fair Ballot Language”

- A **“yes”** vote will require the governor to call an election of delegates to serve at a convention for the purpose of revising or amending the Missouri Constitution. Any revisions or amendments will then be put to a vote of the people for their consideration.
- A **“no”** vote will mean no constitutional convention will be held.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Background: Constitutional Convention

The Missouri constitution gives the voters the ability to call a constitutional convention every 20 years. (Proposed by Article XII, Section 3(a), Missouri Constitution).

The last time the voters were asked to consider calling a constitutional convention was in 2002. In that election, voters chose not to call a constitutional convention. Voter approval by a simple majority of votes is needed for passage.

If Voters approve:

The Governor calls an election to select 83 delegates.

Delegates’ qualifications: If voters approve the ballot measure, the Governor will call an election to select 83 delegates. A delegate must possess the same qualifications as a state senator, including: being at least 30 years old, a Missouri voter for 3 years and a resident of their district for at least 1 year. A delegate cannot hold another public office.

How delegates are chosen:

Voters in each of the state’s 34 Senate districts would choose two delegates in a special election. The 5 political parties would each be allowed to nominate one candidate for each of the state’s 34 Senate districts. The top 2 vote-getters in each district go to the convention.

This process chooses 68 delegates. Also 15 at large delegate positions elected on a nonpartisan ballot. At-large delegates represent voters in the entire state.

The 15 candidates receiving highest number of votes statewide would be seated.

Convention Rules

The Missouri constitution is not specific on the rules of the convention. There is one requirement that "The sessions of the convention shall be held with open doors". Any proposed changes to the constitution submitted by the convention, must be approved by voters.

Proponents of a Constitutional Convention say...

- A constitutional convention would be an opportunity to eliminate changes to the constitution made over the last twenty years
- A constitutional convention would allow citizens to enact new reforms without the approval of the governor or the legislature. No veto can block its work and no sanction is needed from lawmakers.

Opponents of a convention say...

- If a Constitutional Convention is approved, it could set off a potentially heated fight - financed by special interests - to shape convention's outcome in elections that will choose the convention delegates.
- The current political atmosphere is not right for a convention, A constitutional convention in the middle of a culture war would attract extreme ideologues across the political spectrum.

**Information on voting from the Boone County Clerk's website.
For additional information go to**

<https://www.showmeboone.com/clerk/>

Changes for the November 8, 2022 General Election

Photo ID Requirements

To vote in person, voters will need to show one of the following forms of ID:

- A Missouri Driver license that is not expired;
- A Missouri Nondriver's license that is not expired or does not have an expiration date;
- A U.S. Passport that is not expired;
- A Military ID that is not expired or does not have an expiration date; or
- A document issued by the United States or state of Missouri that includes your photograph and name that matches your voter registration record. This document must not be expired or, if it is expired, it expired after the date of the most recent general election

If you don't have one of these IDs, you **can still vote** a blue provisional ballot, which will be counted if you come back to your polling place on Election Day with your ID or if your signature matches the signature on your voter registration record.

If you need help getting a photo ID, the [Secretary of State's Office can help you](#).

New No-Excuse Absentee Voting Period

Any registered voter can vote in person at the Boone County Clerk's Office between October 25th and November 7th.

Note: These changes are part of a new law, House Bill 1878. There are several court cases challenging the new law. The Clerk's Office will keep all voters informed of any potential changes.

Absentee Voting and Central Polling Locations Information from the Boone County Clerk:

ABSENTEE VOTING (NO EXCUSE)

[Absentee Voting – Oct. 25 to November 7](#) Available to ALL Voters with Photo ID:

At the Boone County Clerk's Office at 801 E. Walnut Street

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AND

[5 Weekend Absentee Voting Locations](#) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

- Oct. 29 – Centralia City Square Park
- Oct. 30 – Douglass High School
- Nov. 5 – Southern Boone Library
- Nov. 6 – Como/Boone Health Dept.
- Oct. 29, Oct. 30, Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 at the County Clerk's Office

Photo ID required! See statement on acceptable photo IDs. No Blue provisional ballots available for in-person no excuse Absentee Voting.

[Election Day Central Polling Places \(any Boone County voter can vote at a Central Poling Place\)](#)

- Hearn Center
- Friendship Baptist Church
- Woodcrest Church
- Boone County Government Center