

Petition Report

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OFFICE	CANDIDATE	BALLOT NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ALT PHONE	Party	ISSUED	QUALIFIED
No Petitions issued (Democratic)						Democratic		
Circuit Court Judge - 23rd Judicial District - DIV IV	Joshua Turnbow	Joshua Turnbow				Republican	12/22/2025	1/16/2026
County Mayor	Robert S. Beecham	Robert "Boo" Beecham				Independent	12/22/2025	12/23/2025
County Mayor	Luke A. McElroy	Luke "Lance" McElroy				Independent	1/16/2026	
County Mayor	Thomas J. Goerg	Thomas J Goerg				Independent	1/13/2026	
County Mayor	David R. Ross	David R. Ross				Independent	1/6/2026	
County Mayor	Billy Scott Shepperd	Scott Shepperd				Independent	12/22/2025	01/08/2026
County Commissioner District 1	Corey Etherton	Corey Etherton				Independent	1/9/2026	01/21/2026
County Commissioner District 1	Michael Allen Lorden	Michael A Lorden				Independent	12/29/2025	01/02/2026
County Commissioner District 1	Lane A. Page	Lane Page				Independent	1/15/2026	01/21/2026
County Commissioner District 1	Elijah Cayne Thomas	Elijah Thomas				Independent	12/23/2025	
County Commissioner District 2	Justin Dale Booth	Justin Dale Booth				Independent	12/29/2025	
County Commissioner District 2	William F Taylor	William Taylor				Independent	12/22/2025	12/23/2025
County Commissioner District 3	Richard Shane Keatts	Shane Keatts				Independent	12/22/2025	12/30/2025
County Commissioner District 3	Eric L. Watkins	Eric L. Watkins				Independent	12/22/2025	12/29/2025
County Commissioner District 4	Terry Y. Fitzhugh	Terry Y. Fitzhugh				Independent	12/29/2025	
County Commissioner District 4	Edward Vinson Williams	Edward Williams				Independent	12/22/2025	01/07/2026

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County Commissioner District 5	Leslie Elkins Bickford	Leslie Elkins Bickford				Independent	1/9/2026	01/13/2026
County Commissioner District 5	Archie L. Cryer	Archie L. Cryer				Independent	12/29/2025	01/14/2026
County Commissioner District 5	Melissa Fields	Melissa Fields				Independent	01/12/2026	
County Commissioner District 6	Bradley T. Jones	Bradley Jones				Independent	12/29/2025	01/09/2026
County Commissioner District 6	James Clint Mathis	Clint Mathis				Independent	12/23/2025	01/06/2026
County Commissioner District 7	Mark A. Dortch	Mark Dortch				Independent	12/23/2025	01/13/2025
County Commissioner District 7	Alexis Holley Taylor	Alexis Holley Taylor				Independent	1/12/2026	
Assessor of Property (Unexpired term)	Timothy L. Borens	Tim Borens				Independent	12/22/2025	12/22/2025
Assessor of Property (Unexpired term)	Vincent J. Gray	Vincent J Gray				Independent	12/22/2025	12/29/2025
Trustee	Laura L. Crain	Laura L. Crain				Independent	12/22/2025	12/22/2025
Sheriff	Jody L. Batton	Jody L. Batton				Independent	12/22/2025	12/29/2025
Sheriff	Charles Franklin Gray	Frankie Gray				Independent	12/22/2025	12/22/2025
Circuit Court Clerk	Ethan Fritz Gray	Ethan Gray				Independent	12/22/2025	12/30/2025
County Clerk	Natalie J. Hardison	Natalie J. Hardison				Independent	12/22/2025	12/22/2025
County Clerk	Monica Beth Shepherd	Monica Shepherd				Independent	12/23/2025	01/09/2026
Register of Deeds	Derek W. Earhart	Derek W. Earhart				Independent	12/22/2025	12/23/2025

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Road Superintendent	Ronnie L. Sumner	Ronnie Sumner				Independent	12/22/2025	01/05/2026
Road Superintendent	Donnie W. Wilson	Donnie W. Wilson				Independent	12/30/2025	
School Board District 1	Darrell J. Gillum	Darrell Gillum				Independent	1/5/2026	
School Board District 4	Gary W. Dacus, III	Gary W Dacus III				Independent	1/7/2026	
School Board District 5	Beth A. Elliott	Beth A. Elliott				Independent	1/21/2026	
School Board District 5	Lesa L. Fitzhugh	Lesa Fitzhugh				Independent	12/30/2025	01/20/2026
School Board District 6 (Unexpired term)	Mitchell Burkhart	Mitchell Burkhart				Independent	1/2/2026	
School Board District 6 (Unexpired term)	Eva Michelle Criswell	Michelle Criswell				Independent	1/20/2026	
School Board District 7	Lana A. Sanders	Lana A. Sanders				Independent	1/5/2026	