

2018 General Election

Voter's Guide

Editor's Note:

The General Election is November 6 and the Okmulgee Times has prepared information sheets for the candidates in the various races. In an effort to save space, if a question was not answered, it was omitted from the candidate information.

District Judge District 24, Office 3

Ken Adair

Hometown: Sapulpa
Current Town: Rural Okmulgee County near Wilson
Education: J.D. OU College of Law
Age: 58

Have you ever received any type of reprimand from the bar association? No

How long have you been practicing? 17 years and 8 years on the bench

What areas of the law do you practice in? Representing people; family, civil and criminal

How long have you been practicing in the district and in Oklahoma? 10 years in Okmulgee and 8 years as judge

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Six years U.S. Navy (Two Destroyers: USS Wm. Lawe DD-763 and U.S.S. DD-993); public defender four years; Oklahoma Dept. American Legion: two years Judge Advocate; two years Legislative Liaison; Salvation Army Board in Okmulgee.



handle criminal cases, family law cases (including divorce, custody, paternity, adoptions, and guardianships), juvenile cases, civil cases, estate planning matters, probate, and appellate matters.

How long have you been practicing in the district and in Oklahoma? 12 years in the district. 12 years in Oklahoma.

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I was a law enforcement officer for 10 years - much of which as a reserve officer. I began my career in Mounds, OK. I then went

to Pawnee County Sheriff's Office where I became a full time officer. I achieved the rank of Lieutenant and became the east side supervisor and a member of the Drug Task Force. I went to work as an intern with the Pawnee / Osage County District Attorneys office, which is where I tried my first jury trial. Soon after passing the bar, I became a solo practitioner and have maintained a general practice since that time. I have practiced in state and federal court and maintained a diverse practice - giving be a broad knowledge of the law. I have tried over a dozen felony jury trials and have tried almost every kind of case that could come before the state court bench.

District Judge District 24, Office 4

Kelly Hake

Hometown: Oskaloosa, Iowa
Current Town: Bristow
Education: BA in Philosophy from Iowa State University and Doctor of Jurisprudence from Tulsa University College of Law
Age: 62

Have you ever received any type of reprimand from the bar association? No, I have never received any type of public or private reprimand, ethical or otherwise, from the bar association or any other professional body.

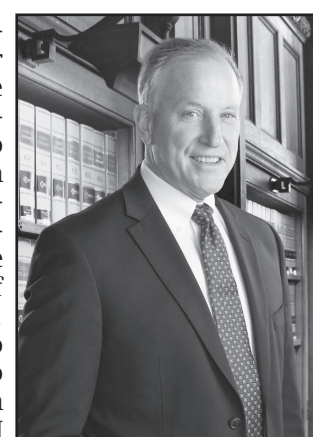
How long have you been practicing? I have practiced law in Oklahoma for 34 years. All of those years have been spent practicing within the district in which I am now running for office which covers Okmulgee, Creek, and Okfuskee counties.

What areas of the law do you practice in? I have three decades of multifaceted legal experience in a wide range of areas having tried cases at both the state and federal levels. As a sole practitioner, I handle matters ranging in diversity from criminal cases including misdemeanors and felonies to civil matters such as adoptions, guardianships, family law, wills, trusts, oil and gas leasing, title opinions, and real estate.

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

As the eldest of six children born to a Lutheran minister and a registered nurse, my siblings and I learned very early in life the value of hard work and education. Throughout my youth, when I wasn't working one of my many odd jobs, I could be found playing sports. I played golf, was a member of state championship winning baseball and basketball teams, and was the Golden Gloves Boxing Champion in 1975. I worked odd jobs to pay my way through Iowa State University where I studied engineering and philosophy and after graduating I made my way to Texas to take advantage of the oil boom where I spent quite a while truly roughing it sleeping in a

tent and working day labor jobs before having the opportunity to become an actual roughneck. I was accepted at the TU College of Law in 1981 and moved to Oklahoma to attend. Upon graduation, I moved to Bristow where I would build my practice and raise my family. I am the proud father of a son, a Marine Corps veteran and surgical technician, and two daughters, a legal secretary and a registered nurse. They and my three grandchildren are the absolute lights of my life. Giving back to society is something I believe that we should all strive to do and I have made volunteering a priority throughout my life. During my time as an attorney in Bristow, I have been very active in community events and volunteering. In the 80s and 90s, my love of my children and athletics led me to coach youth sports in our community for nearly two decades and I enjoyed those years immensely. I'm a member of the Lions Club, member and past president of the Bristow Historical Society, member and past president of the Creek County Bar Association, and serve on the Central Oklahoma Business Board. In addition to my successful private practice, I have served as both the city attorney and prosecutor for the City of Bristow for 25 years. My myriad positions and working conditions, education, life experience, and years of wide ranging legal practice have given me a unique perspective and an incredibly helpful administrative skill set along with a wealth of knowledge with regard to the types of matters that are specific to the district court system and I would be honored by the opportunity to further serve my district in a judicial capacity.



District Judge District 24, Office 3

Rod Wiemer

Hometown: I was born in Chicago but have lived most of my life in Okmulgee
Current Town: Okmulgee
Education: Okmulgee High School (Valedictorian - 1983)
University of Tulsa (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-1987; Juris Doctorate with Honors - 1990)

Age: 53

Have you ever received any type of reprimand from the bar association? Never

How long have you been practicing? 28 years

What areas of the law do you practice in? General Civil, Criminal and Domestic (divorce and custody) Litigation, Indian Law, Business Law, Adoption, Guardianship and just about anything else that my clients need.

How long have you been practicing in the district and in Oklahoma? I have spent my entire 28 year career in the private practice of law in Okmulgee.

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I graduated from Okmulgee High School as Valedictorian in 1983. I received a scholarship to the University of Tulsa where I was Intramural Athlete of the year in 1986, President of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and President of the Interfraternity Council. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1987 and my Juris Doctorate with Honors in 1990.

For the past 28 years, I have engaged in the private practice of law in Okmulgee. I have an extensive clientele in Okmulgee County and have likely represented many of you, your families and friends. I am also a certified mediator.

I served as General Counsel to Principal Chief A. D. Ellis of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for 8 years and served as Special Prosecutor of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for 2 years prosecuting over 50 bribery, embezzlement and public corruption cases. I am the former President of the Okmulgee County Bar Association (2000) and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association (2007-08).

I have had the privilege of serving my community and state in numerous leadership positions. I am the current President of the Okmulgee Public School Board hav-

ing served on the Board for the past 6 1/2 years. I was instrumental in raising the funds to refurbish Harmon Stadium and have worked diligently to improve all aspects of Okmulgee Public Schools including academics, facilities, and atmosphere.

In 2016, I was the Co-Chair of the Okmulgee Pecan Festival Committee that re-established the festival after an over 15 year hiatus. I served as Master of Ceremonies for Okmulgee Main Street's Big Brain Trivia Night in 2015 -16. For 4 years I served as the President of the Creek Council House Museum Board and was a founding Board member of the Okmulgee Education Foundation. I was a certified personal trainer who volunteered at the YMCA for five years and was awarded both national and local volunteerism awards.

I was appointed to the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System Board by Governor David Walters in 1993 and was reappointed by Governor Frank Keating in 1998. In 2003 and 2008, Governor Brad Henry appointed Mr. Wiemer as the Chairman of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System Board. The agency provides public defenders in 75 Oklahoma counties. As a result of my influence on the Board, Judicial District 24 is the only district on the east side of the state that is served by full-time professional public defenders.

I am well known in Okmulgee County as a youth baseball coach and I am an Accredited Interscholastic Coach with the National Federation of High School Associations. I currently serve as the Bench Coach and Pitching Coach of the Okmulgee High School Baseball team for the past 4 years. The 2017 OHS Baseball team won the 4A Academic State Championship. It has been my pleasure to coach multiple youth baseball teams from T-Ball to 18U in Okmulgee and Morris and I am a long time Board member of the Okmulgee County Baseball & Softball Association.

I look forward to continuing my service to Okmulgee County by becoming your next District Judge.



Okmulgee County Commissioner, District 1

Aaron Myers

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Pawnee
Current Town: Beggs
Education: Working on mechanical engineering degree from Oklahoma State University
Age: 49

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I graduated from Pawnee High School. I have credits from Northern Oklahoma College and Oklahoma State University.

I have worked in residential home construction and also as an iron worker in commercial construction. I have managed oil production fields and operated heavy equipment as part of field operations and lease road maintenance. I have spent the last 12 years in satellite installation and repair since moving to Beggs in 2006.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Accountability- The citizens of Okmulgee county deserve to know where the tax dollars are spent and for county leadership to be more responsible with spending of county revenues including how those tax dollars spent on county roads and city streets.
2. Economical Development- The county has been in an economical downfall for quite some time. I want to work with community leaders and Creek Nation leadership to bring more jobs to Okmulgee county. More money coming into Okmulgee county means more money for roads, streets, and other county services.



District Judge District 24, Office 4

John M. Dunn

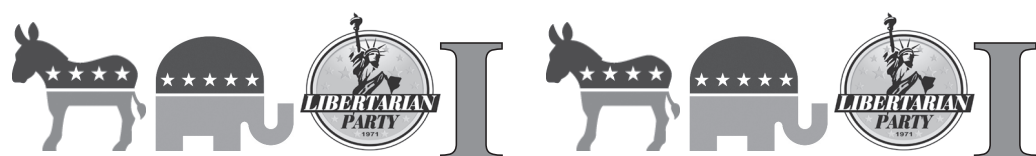
Hometown: Cleveland, OK
Current Town: Jennings
Education: BS Chemical Engineering (OSU 1995). Juris Doctor (University of Tulsa 2005)

Age: 45

Have you ever received any type of reprimand from the bar association? No

How long have you been practicing? 12 years

What areas of the law do you practice in? I am a general practitioner. I currently



3. Streets and Roads- I plan to take a proactive approach to road and street repairs and maintenance. Too long has the repair and maintenance been more of a reactive approach.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. One of the most pressing issues affecting rural Oklahoma and Okmulgee county is the decline of small towns and communities.

We need to bring more industry to the county which in turn brings jobs back to the county so citizens don't need to commute to large cities for work. It would also entice

more people to move here thus boosting our local businesses and economy.

2. Another pressing issue in Okmulgee county is county finances. I will do a full audit of all branches of the county government and eliminate mismanagement of county funds. I want to be as transparent as possible by publishing the findings.

3. I plan to take a proactive approach to repairing streets and roads. My plan is to start with the worst and most traveled streets and roads. Too often in the past it has been more of a reactive approach to repairs and maintenance of roads. If we are to entice people and businesses to Okmulgee County, the first thing they notice is the conditions of the streets and roads. It doesn't matter if you live in a humble abode or a mansion, we all have the same number of votes and we all should be treated with the same amount of respect.

- 1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
- 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- 1. I want to make changes to the way this office runs.
- 2. I want to revisit the budget of this office and cut waste and maybe get newer trucks.
- 3. Change the way the public views this office. Make it more transparent and admit when we are wrong and work to fix problems as soon as possible.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these

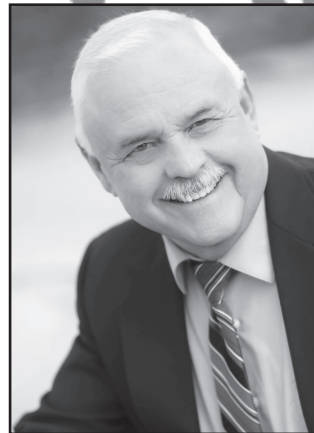
issues if elected?

- 1. Lack of industry - I would work with the state representatives in any way I could to bring some industry to this county.
- 2. Better roads - I would work with the commissioners to secure funding for roads and bridges.
- 3. Lack of employment - Again work with the state representatives to bring development to our rural areas.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

We need better economic development to lesson our dependence on oil and gas and target more Ag - Industry or even from retail industry. We have an interstate and Hwy. 75 that run through this county and sit in the middle of the country, just hours from major cities. I think we could boost Okmulgee's economy by taking full advantage of this.

Okmulgee County Commissioner, District 1
Ron Ballard



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Beggs
Current Town: Beggs
Education: Beggs HS to 12th Grade.
Age: 62

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Beggs Fire Department for 25 years with approximately 12 years as Chief, served as mayor of Beggs and City Council member.

- 1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
- 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- 1. I'm for county wide planning and zoning
- 2. Let me finish several projects that will come about in the next 2-4 years - road and bridge projects
- 3. I'm experienced at the job with 12 years' experience. Why start over with someone that has to start from the beginning. It takes 2-4 years minimum to even learn the basics.

What are the top three most press-

ing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

- 1. Lack of good paying jobs. We are working with several employers now to produce more jobs in Okmulgee County.
- 2. Poor or inadequate roads and bridges. I will continue working with ODOT and the legislature for more funding.
- 3. Rural broadband. I will make the legislatures aware and also the cell phone companies.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

I'm very interested in economic development. We must support our education system to produce quality people that can do the jobs in the new era of technology we are in.

County Assessor
Candice Gaither



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Morris
Current Town: Morris
Education: Morris High School 2004, OSU-IT 2017
Age: 32

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I have been employed with the Assessor's Office for 9 years, and currently serve as the head of the mapping department. In those 9 years I have been trained in many areas of the office including mapping, sales, business personals, mobile homes as well as training for the assessor position learning all monthly reports, handling informal and formal protests and working closely with the Oklahoma Tax Commission on the yearly audit to ensure our office stays in compliance. I am in my second year with the Okmulgee Service League. I have volunteered for the last 15 years with the local Relay for Life. I have received my associates degree in business management from OSU-IT and have my advanced certification from OSU-Center for Local Government Technology.

- 1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
- 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- 1. I have been training for 4 years for the assessor position to promote a smooth transition from the retiring assessor.

- 2. To ensure the office will be run in a professional, courteous and efficient way to better serve the tax payers of Okmulgee County.
- 3. Keeping the office in compliance with the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

The biggest issue Okmulgee County faces, as well as state wide, is keeping our schools funded. As your county Assessor I will make sure the schools of the county receive the appropriate amount of Ad Valorem taxes. To achieve this, I will make sure to keep our tax roll fair and correct.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

As the county Assessor I will be your go-to resource for anyone wanting to come in and place a business in Okmulgee County. I will assist them on what their taxes would cost for a new construction or on an existing building.

State Representative, District 24
Logan J. Phillips



Editor's Note: Mr. Phillips was unable to respond to the questionnaire by press time. Exhaustive searching could not locate any further information

Political Party: Republican
Current Town: Mounds
Age: 35

State Representative, District 24
Steve Kouplen



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Beggs
Current Town: Beggs
Education: BS in Agriculture, MS in Agricultural Education
Age: 67

Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

- 1. Education
- 2. Agriculture
- 3. Rural Health Care

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

We must have a knowledgeable and educated workforce to improve our infrastructure and quality of life for our citizens.

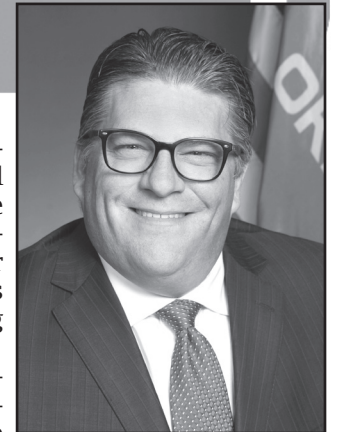
- 1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
- 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- 1. Education
- 2. Agriculture
- 3. Rural Health Care

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural

State Representative, District 16
Scott Fetgatter



Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Okmulgee
Current Town: Okmulgee
Education: Some College
Age: 49

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I have served on the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. I am also involved in several other events around the community that occur throughout the year.

I am the owner of Big Pappa Construction. I started this business 11 years ago. We focus on millwork and theming.

- 1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
- 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- 1. Public Education and how to properly fund it
- 2. Mental health and incarceration rates
- 3. Employer/employee education gap

dress these issues if elected?

- 1. Public Education. Will fight to make the best decisions for our rural schools regarding funding.
- 2. Rural economic development. We need to diversify industry in our community.
- 3. Infrastructure. With roads falling apart, I will make sure this remains a priority.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

In Okmulgee County alone, we have three higher education facilities. Our rural communities lack the ability to compete. We need to work on our area residents getting the best education possible to strengthen the workforce to incentivize certain industries to come. Also concerning our area's lack of adequate housing facilities and technology. Once we identify the problem, we can work on the outcome.

County Assessor
Ed Johnson

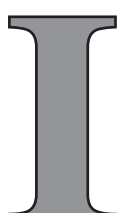
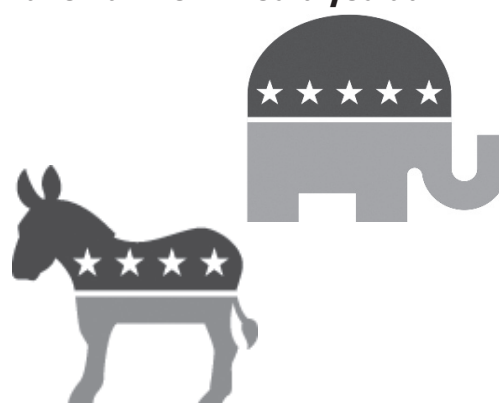


Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Okmulgee
Current Town: Okmulgee
Education: High School and Different classes for different trades
Age: 59

Candidate background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience: 20 years Cross-town Ministries, CMA, I have taken all sorts of classes, from oil well blow out, prevention, beverage and retail to C.L.E.E.T. and

gaming, oil and gas valuation (pipeline), commercial property and our state programs. I love working with youth and have been a part of Okmulgee's tax run for many years.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you ad-



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State Representative, District 16 Chandler Torbett

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Okmulgee
Current Town: Okmulgee/Morris
Education: High School, Morris High School
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Oklahoma State University - Stillwater
Juris Doctor - University of Oklahoma College of Law
Age: 26

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I am the President of the Okmulgee Young Professionals Organization. I serve as a Board Member of the Okmulgee Education Foundation. I also sit on the Board of Crosstimbers Rural Economic Development Organization. I am actively involved in numerous Community Organizations in and around District 16. My family ran Torbett Printing in Okmulgee for 90 years. I own and operate two small businesses in downtown Okmulgee: my Law Firm and the Lokal Okmulgee Coffee Shop. I am a practicing attorney, so I see the day-to-day effects of our laws every single day, and I believe that business and legal experience makes me the most qualified candidate for State Representative for House District 16.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Prioritize Public Education.
2. Invest in the future and stand up to lobbyists and special interests.
3. Fix the Budget mess in a way that strengthens the middle class and stops the corporate welfare handouts to multi-billion-dollar out-of-state corporations.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural

Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Public Education. I am the only candidate willing to do what it takes to fully fund public education in a way that does not ask the middle class to foot the bill for it.
2. Access to healthcare in rural areas. Fight to expand Medicaid, which would bring \$1 billion to the State to increase access to healthcare, especially in rural areas.
3. Job Development. I would fight to invest in education and invest in infrastructure, especially cyber-infrastructure in rural areas, thus making Oklahoma, particularly District 16, more appealing to businesses and thus spurring economic development.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

As stated above, there are various steps that must be taken to spur economic development in Okmulgee County. Economic Development is a multi-faceted issue that incentives alone will not address. We need carefully targeted incentives that will deliver a return on the investment to the taxpayers. I also believe we MUST address our education crisis as a step towards economic development. It is putting the cart before the horse to think that jobs are just going to appear if we don't have a well-educated and well-skilled workforce. We must develop a long-term vision to create prosperity in our state and to achieve the potential that I know Oklahoma and Okmulgee County is capable of reaching.



ever been convicted of a felony No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Education
2. Economic Development
3. Healthcare

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Sequoyah County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Rural Health care is a challenge. We must continue to fund rural health clinics and increase funding for uncompensated care

2. Economic Development. We need to make sure we are offering the right incentives to promote rural Oklahoma jobs.
3. Education that includes preparation for students to enter higher education/ Career Tech or be prepared for the job market.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular

We need jobs in rural Oklahoma. Our workforce numbers have been challenged over the past few years with many moving to the larger population areas. Manufacturing is a key to economic growth. I will continue working to bring manufacturing jobs to our area. It is my belief the retail follows manufacturing.

State Senator District 8 Shannan Tucker

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Okemah
Current Town: Okemah
Education: Master's in Public Administration, Juris Doctor, B.A. In English
Age: 50

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

English Teacher at Okemah High School, Oklahoma Bar Association Member, Private Practice Attorney

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Education
2. Responsible Administration
3. Health

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Responsible Administration
We must work together for Oklahomans. By building systems of accountability and bipartisanship among the legislature, state agencies, and constituents, we can foster change and ensure our state is making the best decisions for its citizens.
2. Education
Education greatly impacts economic

success for individuals. By working to create a more educated workforce, we can positively impact our district's local economies and decrease the number of citizens depending on state services.



Education and training can empower the citizens of our district to thrive, whether that be at the K-12 level, or through higher education and career technology training.

3. Health
We can't continue to ignore our core services. By increasing our health and education initiatives, we can positively impact incarceration and addiction rates, as well as increase the overall health of our state. By implementing early intervention programs, we can greatly decrease state taxpayer costs for incarceration, addiction, and health.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

I hope to rebuild our infrastructure and core services, so we can more readily help those in need and be attractive to outside investors. I treasure rural communities and want them to thrive. I will continue to push for funding of education for future generations, knowing education is key for a strong future and long-term community success.

State Representative, District 16 James Bo Delso

Political Party: Independent
Hometown: Schuler
Current Town: Schuler
Education: Some B.S. In Education
Age: 53

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I have lived and worked in Oklahoma almost all my life. I graduated from Dewar High School and then went to Northeastern State College and graduated with a B.S. In Education and have taught in Oklahoma for more than 20 years.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Education
2. Jobs
3. Healthcare

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Educate - Provide real world job experiences to prepare students for the work force.
2. Jobs - Ask companies what skills they want workers to have and then teach

those job skills. Make them a part of their requirements to get a diploma.

3. Healthcare - Our rural areas are losing doctors and hospitals. To keep and retain doctors by the state by paying doctor's education in the fields that are needed in rural Oklahoma in exchange for comparable years of service.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

Companies want well-educated, trained and skilled workers before they will invest in an area. Okmulgee County and Oklahoma should be focused on producing workers that can fill those positions.

Okmulgee County and the state have to provide job experiences that will prepare students for a career in a field of study that the industries need and Okmulgee should motivate its students to find a job in those fields.

Oklahoma should expand much more into alternative energy to compete with other countries so our state and country will not be so dependent on the Middle East.



State Senator District 8 Marlena Nobles

Political Party: Independent
Hometown: St. Louis
Current Town: Eufaula
Education: Associates degree, business management
Age: 64

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Eufaula area, I am a small business owner, operating M & M Taxi Service from the Eufaula area, I have worked in Oklahoma as a Rep for Glidden Paints, with Crossmark Inc., I do volunteer work for and am a lifetime member of the Auxiliary VFW, I have done many different services for residents here in Eufaula as an Entrepreneur. I donate time and resources to Hope Haven Animal Rescue here in Eufaula, and I am an active member of the community in many different ways. I drove for Uber, but branched out on my own as an Independent business owner when I seen the need to be more than what Uber would provide to the residents in our area also.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. If I am elected I shall be a strong advocate to get veterans the benefits and the help they need in medical care and determinations of disabilities. Every veteran who has served this country deserves the benefits they were promised upon entering the military, and they deserve much better, more simplified processing of medical and financial benefits they were offered at the time of enlistment than they are being give. Quality care at VA facilities needs to be addressed and improved on, and this will be one of my priorities if elected.
2. Small businesses are being strangled with regulations, and over taxation in

this state and this has to be addressed. We need reform at the state level of regulations, and taxation at the state level for small businesses. I have a plan in place to level the playing field for small businesses, eliminate a lot of the taxes and licenses that are required to operate within the state, reduce the amount of costly, time consuming paperwork required on small business owners, and save the state some money in the process by eliminating duplicating agencies that force draconian compliances of over regulated small businesses. Small business owners need less government interference in their lives, and they need to get the government out of the way so they can do what they do best, making their businesses grow and prosper.



3. Education costs are out of hand. The amount of school districts, the administrative costs in these schools, the quality of education are all out of hand. We have to consolidate, and eliminate a lot of the administrative costs from the top down, in our education system. It is time to get back to a better, more cost effective way of teaching our young people today. The entire curriculum needs to be addressed, and a lot of what is being taught today needs to be eliminated, while more of the basic education, life skills, and more trades being taught at the high school level so that when students leave high school some are prepared to go out into the workforce and become productive members of society. Classes that teach carpentry and mechanics and body shop work, and trades like that can help our students go out of school prepared to work in society. We need no common core, and more prep for our students to have opportunities to do what they want to do in life after leaving high

State Senator District 8 Roger Thompson

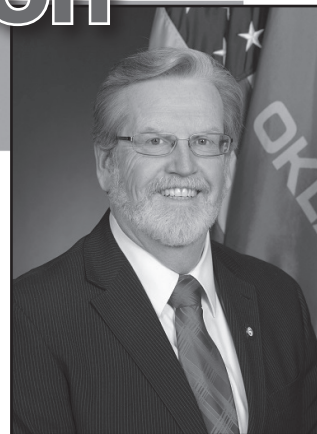
Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Okemah
Current Town: Okemah
Education: Thd. Theology
Age: 61

Candidate background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience:

President of Community Improvement Association
Past President of Rock Creek Youth Camp, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce.
My wife and I own the Okemah News-

leader
My wife owns Pamela's Flowers and Okemah Office Supply

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you



school.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Jobs, good paying jobs. Oklahoman's specifically are not well trained to get good paying jobs, and there are few good paying jobs. We need to increase the good paying jobs, and equip Oklahoman's to fill those needs. We have a income disparity in this state and the standard of living for all Oklahoman's needs to improve. By lowering regulations, lowering taxes, and raising the education level for skilled workers in this state and in rural Oklahoma we can improve the standard of living for rural Oklahoman's.

2. Healthcare for Oklahoman's in rural areas. We have a disparity in the healthcare industry for rural Oklahoman's that has to be addressed. We need good doctors and good community hospitals in rural Oklahoma so that when needs arise for rural Oklahoman's to get services needed they will be available in our rural towns and cities. We need more small town doctors and hospitals for rural Oklahoma, so they will not have to drive 25-50 miles or more to get the healthcare they need.

3. Education. We have a top heavy education system with a lot of waste going on within our state. Oklahomn's are not keeping pace with education in other parts of the nation. We have far too much administrative money being spent, and too little pay and teaching in our classrooms today. We need better education for all Oklahoma

children in the basics, we need better options for our children's education that are not being met. We need more parent involvement, and options for special needs children that are not currently available. Too much money is being spent of our tax dollars on top heavy administration that needs to get back into classroom instruction and preparing our students to become productive citizens that can earn a decent living in Oklahoma.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

There are many areas in rural Oklahoma where we have large tracts of land that could be utilized for manufacturing, and for commercial use for economic development that are sitting idle. We need to make land and tax credits available to businesses to develop industry and business in Oklahoma. By reducing corporate taxes, by reducing regulations, by improving the infrastructure in roads, bridges, water, and cyber infrastructure, making rural Oklahoma more technology capable, we will be more able to provide economic opportunities to development of a more vibrant economy so that Oklahoman's can stay in rural Oklahoma if they choose to do so. We need to devote more resources toward helping small businesses grow and thrive to provide economic development for rural Oklahoman's no matter what vocation in life you have. Infrastructure and reinvestment in Infrastructure is crucial to providing economic development back to Okmulgee County and to Rural Oklahoma. We need to do a better job of developing the infrastructure in Rural Oklahoma to attract and continue economic development in Okmulgee County and in Rural Oklahoma.

policy, health care, commerce, and manufacturing. He sits on three subcommittees: the Subcommittee on Energy, the Subcommittee on Health, and the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection. Additionally, Mullin is a member of a number of caucuses, and is a co-chair of the Men's Health Caucus and of the Regulatory Review Caucus.

During his time in the U.S. House of Representatives, Mullin has been a strong voice for business owners across Oklahoma, bringing their perspective into the national debate on many issues that directly impact the business community. As one of only two Native Americans currently serving in the House, Mullin brings a first-hand knowledge of Native American issues

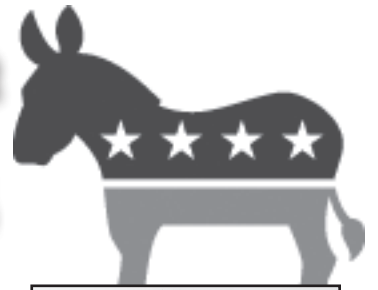
to Washington, D.C.

Mullin also serves as a member of the Republican Whip Team. Representatives who are members of this team work closely with Republican leadership to ensure every American's voice is heard in Congress.

Each of the committees and caucuses Mullin serves on aims to solve problems facing the constituents of Oklahoma's Second District. Mullin is dedicated to serving the people of his district with honesty and integrity, and fights each day to ensure his constituents' voices are heard in Congress. A family man grounded by a deep faith and love for his country, Mullin strives to serve the Second District with the same principles in which he leads his life.

U.S. Representative District 2

Jason Nichols



Political Party: Democratic Party
Hometown: Tahlequah
Current Town: Tahlequah
Education: Tahlequah High School (1994) Bachelor's Degree in History w/ a Political Science Minor
 Master's Degree in American Studies (both college degrees from Northeastern State University)
Age: 43

Candidate Background:

Jason's roots run deep in Oklahoma. He was born and raised in Tahlequah. He has lived his entire life in Cherokee County, as have multiple generations of his family. Before he entered education as a profession, Jason worked in technology.

Over the course of his professional career, he has worked for Tahlequah Public Schools and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. But, he got his start at the City of Tahlequah eighteen years ago as its first Information Technology Manager. He spent five years working hard to help modernize his hometown's local government. Soon, he realized that he would be able to have more of a positive impact on his community by running for the city council and solving the problems he'd seen while working for the city. He spent six years on the city council and was elected mayor in 2011. He is currently serving his second four-year term as mayor of his hometown.

Jason is currently a political science instructor at Northeastern State University, where he teaches courses related to American federal government and state and local government.

Jason has also served on many boards and committees for non-profit organizations and Tahlequah's First Baptist Church, where he and his family attend. He spent many years as a coach, the head referee, and president of the Indian Nations Soccer Club (now Tahlequah Youth Soccer Club) and was a member of Leadership Tahlequah Class XV. He is currently participating in the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance Leadership program and serves as a board member for that organization. He has also served on various committees for Northeastern State University, Tahlequah Public Schools, and other educational institutions. When needed, he has even helped unload the delivery trucks at the food pantry his grandmother, Rebecca, operates in Tahlequah.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. We need to restore a sense of compassion and civility to government and elect a representative who will stay focused on the needs of the people of eastern Oklahoma.
2. I am fully aware of, and will never forget, that I work for the people who elected me, not special interests, or the party leadership in Washington D.C.
3. I have the knowledge, training, background, and experience required to provide proper representation to, and be an effective advocate for, the 750,000 people who live in Oklahoma's Second Congressional District.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. The first and most important issue is that of the economy. Despite a national economy that is statistically doing well, our state often lags behind and many Oklahomans never even see the benefits of it. Many candidates and politicians talk about job creation, but they often overlook the effects of stagnant wages and fail to realize, or neglect to mention because it is an uncomfortable fact, that twenty percent of Oklahomans live below the poverty line. An emphasis must be placed on creating jobs that pay a livable wage and policies must be adopted that create an environment where everyone has a chance to improve their lives and those of their families. Improving our schools and infrastructure are two indispensable ways of accomplishing

that. Investing in better roads, bridges, ports, and other vital facilities will make it easier for larger and more varied employers to choose to locate in one of the twenty-six counties of our district. More importantly,

investing in our people through improvements in education creates a skilled workforce that those same employers desire and makes it much more likely that parents raising children will choose to live in Oklahoma to work for them.

You improve an economy by making it as easy as possible to business in it, and infrastructure and education are indispensable components in doing so. I would fight hard to reshape the infrastructure proposals currently being discussed in Washington so that the resources involved find their way to rural and small-town Oklahoma and not to big cities and the pockets of politically connected contractors.

More than half of nation's schools need significant maintenance and upgrades to be brought simply to good condition. Given our state government's neglect of education for the past twenty years, it is a good bet that Oklahoma's schools are in even worse condition. A national infrastructure proposal could help resolve that. Similar situations exist for our state's roads and bridges and Congress can, and should, help address that situation as well.

2. As a mayor, I played a role in providing public safety services through police, fire, and emergency management departments. At the national level, "public safety" has a broader scope. National security, from our armed forces that physically defend our country, to things like cybersecurity that involve the protection of things like our power grid and election process, must be at the forefront of the considerations of a new Congress. And, so must protections from other "enemies" that threaten people's lives such as disease, structural poverty, and changes in the environment that contribute to things like drought and severe heat and cold.

Inherent in improving our armed forces is making certain that we care for our veterans. Promises were made that once they were done taking care of us that we would take care of them. The United States relies on a volunteer force to defend itself and recruitment will suffer if the brave souls considering putting their lives on the line for our country start to doubt that the its government won't be there for them after their service is complete. The VA hospitals throughout the nation must be improved and the services they provide offered more effectively and fairly. It can be done, and without privatization, which I steadfastly oppose except as a very temporary measure to resolve some urgent issues. The Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee is, by almost all reports, one of the more effective VA hospitals in the country and we should provide the necessary funding and resources so that all VA medical facilities are able to be genuinely given such praise. Raising the standard of care for our veterans is both a moral imperative and a national security issue.

3. For the first time in half a century, the average American life expectancy has decreased, in part due to the number of overdose deaths related to opioids.

It is estimated that nearly 43,000 people died in 2016 from an opioid overdose. That number climbed from 33,000 deaths in 2015 -- a 28-percent increase. The number of deaths rivals, or has surpassed, the loss of life cause by breast cancer, guns and traffic accidents.

Congress compounded the problem with the passage of the Ensuring Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act in 2016. This law undermined the Drug Enforcement Agency's ability to prevent the shipment of obviously and undeniably exploitative shipments of prescription pain medications. Areas of the country with fewer than 3,000 residents saw more than 21 million pills shipped to them between 2006 and 2016.

The 2016 law that allows these kinds of situations to occur more easily should be repealed.

U.S. Representative District 2

Richard Castaldo



Political Party: Libertarian
Hometown: Grove
Current Town: Grove
Education: Associates in Liberal Arts, NEO
 Bachelors in Business Administration, Oklahoma Wesleyan University
 Masters in Biblical Counseling, Global Grace Seminary
Age: 36

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Retail management, writer, Christian worship leader, liberty activist.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. I want to protect your freedom to live, to love, and to worship or not to worship the way you believe is best, not the way the millionaire bureaucrats in Washington DC demand.

2. I will focus on criminal justice reform in Congress that includes cannabis decriminalization, stopping the prosecution of victimless crimes, and ending mandatory sentencing.

3. The USA needs to get our finances in order so I will lead for a Balanced Budget Amendment, responsible but meaningful spending cuts, and a continuous decrease in the size and scope of the federal government by keeping it strictly accountable to the Constitution.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How

would you address these issues if elected?

1 Education reform is a pressing issue because we believe those closest to each unique child can provide the best education. That experience should be based on each student's individual strengths, challenges, and interests.

2 We also believe that our veterans deserve the best opportunities and healthcare imaginable and that the people of OK-2 care deeply about this.

3. We stand on the principle that the life and liberties of every pre-born individual deserves protection. We need to pass a "Life Starts At Conception" Act in Congress.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

Vote for me and I promise your vote will count toward a candidate of integrity who understands how and why you should be set free to live and prosper. To create the greatest economic opportunities for every household in Okmulgee County we need to free farms and small businesses from excessive property taxes and federal regulations, abolish the IRS, and transition from the Federal Income Tax to the FairTax. In Congress I will lead to create a separation between corporation and State. The focus should be on you, not bailing out special interest groups and propping up corporate cronyism. Economic liberty provides the best opportunity for everyone to prosper, especially the middle class and families struggling in everyday life. Vote brave.

U.S. Representative District 2

Markwayne Mullin

Editor's Note: Mr. Mullin was unable to respond to the questionnaire by press time. The information below was taken from his website.

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Westville
Education: A graduate of Stilwell High School, Mullin attended Missouri Valley College on a wrestling scholarship. Shortly after, Mullin's father fell ill and the family's small plumbing company encountered financial troubles. Mullin left college to return home and take over his family's business, forgoing his wrestling scholarship and education.

Age: 40

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Congressman Markwayne Mullin was first elected to serve the people of Okla-

homa's Second Congressional District in November 2012. He is currently serving his third term in office. In 2010, Mullin completed his education and received his degree in Applied Science in Construction Technology from the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology.

Mullin currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee whose broad jurisdiction includes issues important to rural Oklahoma including energy



As we fight to control this epidemic of misuse and abuse of prescription opiates, and to minimize the deaths they cause, we must remain aware of the need for enforcement against the illicit manufacturing and sale of substances like heroin and fentanyl. As efforts to stem the tide against prescription pills becomes more effective, these non-pharmaceutical alternatives are taking their place and are often more dangerous. In fact, the most recent increases in opioid related overdoses are due to these types of substances. Funding for treatment and overdose prevention medications must also be a part of any plan that aims to reduce opioid addiction and deaths. Federal funding for the National Institute of Health and other agencies dealing with the epidemic must be protected. And, through all this, the availability of prescription painkillers for those who truly need them must be maintained. But swift action must be taken to keep Americans from dying easily preventable deaths.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and counties in particular.

As I explained in one of my answers above, economic development is extreme-

ly important to me. Companies do not locate in areas without a skilled labor pool, where their employees aren't safe. Employees won't come to work, or stay working, in facilities located in communities that lack access to health care and don't have good schools. And, obviously, businesses, farms, and ranches will be difficult to operate if they can't get their goods to market, or customers to their goods, on a solid highway system, over rail, or in a waterway like the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. It is difficult to make a profit providing a service if you can't get your employees to where they are supposed to provide it, or you can't connect with customers as well as your competitors, who are potentially from around the world, because of obsolete or under-built communication systems.

I strongly believe that significant investments need to be made in the transportation and communication networks throughout the district, including Sequoyah County. Improvements to Interstate 40, the surrounding roadways that connect to it, and the systems that allow for faster and cheaper Internet connectivity would be some of my top priorities. Each of those provides both immediate and long-term benefits to businesses, consumers, students, school systems, local governments, and the overall economy.

3. Bob has encouraged job growth throughout Oklahoma by helping keep our state's utility rates among the lowest in the nation, ordering the largest utility refunds in state history, and by reducing regulatory burdens to business.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Jobs. Jobs. Jobs. In business, Bob's family employed hundreds of people in Okmulgee County for more than half a century. (The C.R. Anthony stores opened in Okmulgee in 1927 and in Henryetta in 1941.) At the Corporation Commission, Bob has encouraged job growth throughout Oklahoma by helping keep our state's utility rates among the lowest in the nation, ordering the largest utility refunds in state history, and by reducing regulatory

burdens to business.

2. Jobs. Jobs. Jobs. Bob personally drew the largest toll-free calling circle in the United States around Tulsa, allowing citizens throughout Okmulgee County to call all the way to Tulsa, Claremore, Wagoner and Drumright toll-free. Eliminating those burdensome long-distance charges encouraged economic development throughout the region.

3. Jobs. Jobs. Jobs. Bob has incentivized the roll-out of high-speed Internet to more than 100 Oklahoma towns and cities, connecting businesses across Oklahoma, small and large, with markets throughout the world.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

See above.

U.S. Representative District 2

John Foreman

Political Party: Independent
Current Town: Park Hill

Education: College Courses, Graduate of East Central High School, Tulsa
Age: 53

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

He has taken college courses in business and religious studies. He graduated from East Central High School in Tulsa, in 1983. He has taught Bible classes, adult bible fellowships and Sunday school. He has taught various other work related courses.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

The Foreman for Congress campaign is all about the people of the State of Oklahoma especially the people of the Second Congressional district. This district encompasses the 27 counties of Eastern Oklahoma. The campaign is not about other candidates, but is about replacing the two major parties that currently have

control of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. These two parties seem to be working harder to oppose the other party than working for the people. We will not do opposition research on the other campaigns or candidates because quite frankly, we do not care what they are doing or not doing.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Veterans having to wait months, even years for the services that we promised for their service.
2. Opioid and other drugs running rampant across our nation.
3. We have underfunded education in the K-12 areas

Corporation Commissioner

Bob Anthony

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Oklahoma City
Current Town: Oklahoma City

Education: Bob Anthony holds a B.S. degree from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics, an M.A. from Yale University, and an M.P.A. from Harvard University. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve where he earned the rank of captain.
Age: 70

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Bob Anthony served as president of the C. R. Anthony Company from 1980 to 1987 when it was the largest privately owned company headquartered in Oklahoma. During his seven-year term as president, annual sales for the retail chain increased from \$256 to \$411 million and payroll, employment, and dollar profits reached all-time record levels. When Anthony was first elected to the Corporation Commission, he received more votes than any Republican since statehood. Later, Anthony became the first Republican incumbent in Oklahoma history to win reelection to a state office. He has also received more votes than any candidate for state office in Oklahoma history. In 2012 he won all 77 counties. Anthony has served six times as chairman of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. He is a member of the board of directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, a past chairman of the National Regulatory Research Institute, and a past president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. Anthony is a member of the National Petroleum Council, having been appointed four times by the United States Secretary of Energy, and a past board member of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce. In 1995 the Federal Bureau of Investigation honored Anthony with its highest

award given to a citizen who "at great personal sacrifice, has unselfishly served his community and the nation." Too extensive to list, Bob Anthony's civic and community activities have included service as chairman of the trust committee of the largest bank trust company in Oklahoma, president of the Economic Club of Oklahoma, board chairman of Crown Heights United Methodist Church and lay delegate to the 2008 and 2012 General Conferences of the United Methodist Church. Much more at BobAnthony.com.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. "Honesty. Integrity. Anthony." At the Corporation Commission, Bob has rooted out corruption, enforcing the toughest ethics code in state government and embedding regular performance, financial and operational agency audits.
2. "My only special interest is Oklahoma." Bob's record shows he stands up for Oklahoma consumers. He is not afraid to ask tough questions and hold big companies accountable. His record shows a commitment to the public interest, not the special interests. A national consumers group honored him for his "tireless efforts on behalf of Oklahoma consumers".

Corporation Commissioner

Ashley Nicole McCray

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Shawnee
Current Town: Norman

Education: I received my Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2010, my Masters of Arts in History and Geography from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2012, my Masters of Arts in History of Science, Technology, and Medicine from the University of Oklahoma in 2014, and was admitted to the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Ph.D program the same year.

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

She is part of the #RF100 campaign in Norman, which recently became the first city in Oklahoma and the 70th city in the nation to commit to a policy that will move Norman to 100% renewable energy by the year 2035. She is part of a watchdog collective that monitors extractive projects, advocates on behalf of Oklahomans impacted by eminent domain, advocates for local governments to protect constituents from eminent domain and environmental degradation, and educates the public about the impacts of excessive resource extraction on our health, economy, and environment.

Ashley was most recently recognized by the Oklahoma Sierra Club's Red Earth Group as their 2017 Distinguished Activist. In 2016, Ashley participated in the Protect Our Public Lands Act (POPLA) Caravan tour to the Democratic National Convention, where she keynoted the Climate Summit and led the March for a Clean Energy Revolution. POPLA would have protected millions from excessive resource extraction by banning hydraulic fracturing on public lands. Her testimony was included in the Permanent Peoples Tribunal on the Human Rights Impacts of Fracking. Ashley was a 2015 White House WHO: Champion of Change for Young Women Empowering Their Communities, she was the 2015 recipient of the Norman Human Rights Commission's and Norman City Council's Human Rights Award, she was selected to be part of the 2015 and 2016 pilot cohort of the Gloria Steinem and Wilma Mankiller School for Organizers at Smith College, and she was a 2015 CoreAlign Speaking Race to Power fellow.

She has appeared in documentaries about her work in Oklahoma, including "Awake: A Standing Rock Dream," "Protect: Indigenous Communities at the Frontlines of Climate Change & Fossil Fuel Extraction," and ViceLand TV's Hate Thy Neighbor "United States of Oil and Gas."

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. My position on hydraulic fracturing is to listen to Oklahomans and the science, both of which are loud and clear: hydraulic fracturing is bad for Oklahoma. The data not only indicates the link between fracking and earthquakes (available on

the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's website) - we also know hydraulic fracturing projects are bad for traditional oil well operations and our economy.

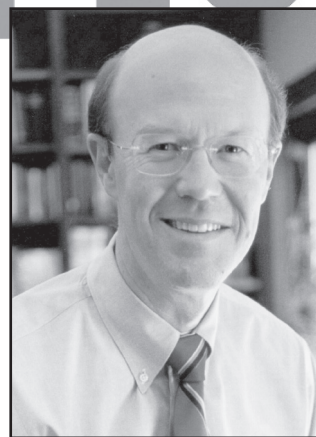
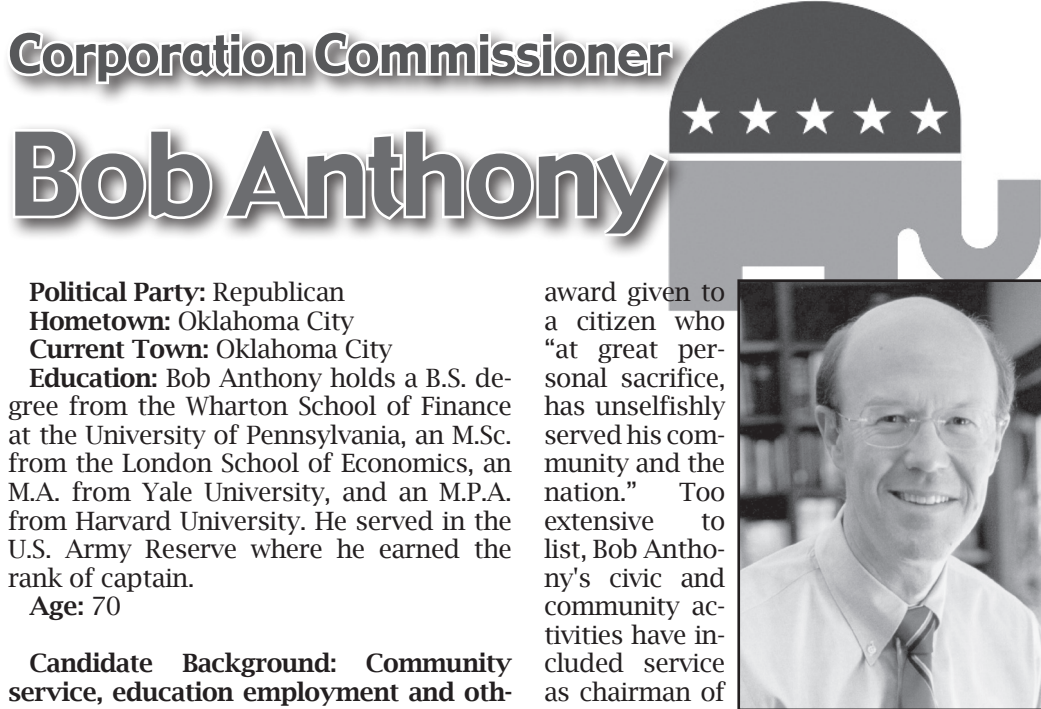
As a Corporation Commissioner, I will advocate for a statewide moratorium on hydraulic fracturing projects, a ban on interstate and intrastate frack wastewater dumping in Oklahoma, and a mechanism for recourse for Oklahomans who have been adversely impacted by the recent influx of earthquakes.

2. With cities like Norman committing to 100% clean energy, it seems the transition to wind & solar is inevitable - all signs point to renewable energy being the wave of the future. The harsh regulations currently imposed against wind and solar aren't just harmful for the environment, they also hurt Oklahomans who are seeking to produce their own form of sustainable energy. Wind energy creates jobs and is good for rural communities. As a proud member of the #ReadyFor100 campaign that was successful in Norman, I will continue to advocate for pathways to open up for renewable energy sources.

3. As a member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, I will advocate on behalf of Oklahoman citizens for a utility rate adjustment for all rate-payers. It is the mandate of the OCC to protect Oklahomans from corporations that are necessary to everyday living and it shouldn't be the case that utility companies monopolizing the industry are positioned to exploit our state's citizens.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general:

My platform of ACT: Accountability, Communication, and Transparency, are three qualities missing from the OCC - our state's only regulatory body regarding decisions related to oil and gas. As a member of the OCC, I will ensure vital information affecting Oklahomans and Oklahoman communities is dispersed to the public, stand up for Oklahomans facing potential eminent domain cases, and ensure OCC actions reflect science and the voice of the people. While I am best known for my advocacy work, I am not filing just as an advocate for communities and the environment. In fact, I know just how important the oil industry is to our state because my father, like many Oklahomans, has dedicated his life to a career in oil. My goal in this position is to create pathways for consent to take place between the industry and Oklahoman communities.



Corporation Commissioner

Jackie Short

Political Party: Independent
Hometown: Hennessey
Current Town: Oklahoma City

Education: Graduate of UCO, Master of Liberal Arts Degree from OCU, Juris Doctorate from BA, MLA, JD (law degree), Broker
Age: 66

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I have been a self-employed attorney for over 25 years. I am a long-time member of Toastmasters. I was in Lions Club for years and we have a number of programs to help

the less fortunate. I have served on the Lupus Board to help people with autoimmune disorders. My current passion is with Ambucs. We bring mobility and independence to people with physical and mental handi-



caps. I also raised a child with cerebral palsy. I have served as Chairman of the Oklahoma Senior Follies whose mission is to uplift and energize seniors.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Transparent and open government.
2. Government run within a budget that can survive being audited
3. Being the voice of reason between the citizens and the companies of Oklahoma that are overseen by the Corporation Commission.

What are the top three most

pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Cutting unnecessary spending
2. Enforcing the open records act and having open meetings
3. Allowing oil and gas companies to operate at a profit while protecting the environment.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

Corporation Commissioners may not have as much impact on rural development but they should closely scrutinize rate increase requests.

scorecards, territory analysis, client and market penetration.

Increase brand identity through e-Marketing, Trade Conferences, Distributor networks and Customer loyalty programs. Management/Operations

Managed Client/Customer service operations with P&L responsibilities for multiple business units including Individual Life & Annuities, Dental Call Center, Group Insurance Eligibility & Benefits and Institutional Employee Benefits Reporting & Data teams. Span included performance management & development, budget, expense, forecasting and performance delivery.

Managed internal & external vendor and partner relationships including SLA (Service Level Agreements); negotiation, problem resolution, resource management and strategic implementation.

Business Intelligence Reporting/Analytics
Advanced level use of Business Objects including reporting, data conversion, CMS administration and user management.

Experience with dashboard development, KPI reporting, advanced visualizations, data validation

Experience with business process analysis and design, including identification and implementation of "best practices", project management and process improvement.

Experienced knowledge of SAS, SQL and Power BI and PowerPivot

Experience with other BI reporting tools (Crystal, Business Objects WEBI, SAS, SPSS, QlikView, Tableau, HALO).

Managed strategic operations reporting team - issue & trend analysis. Developed and implemented a Business Intelligence data management strategy; applied single source data methodologies, improved data accuracy, and instituted standardized metrics, scorecards and measurement objectives.

Database administration, lifecycle implementation, requirements definition, UAT, business process redesign, customer management.

Lead project team to build business intelligence model for consolidated data management reporting platform.

Delivered customized business analysis, implemented corrective actions, and developed statistical models to improve customer, business and process quality metrics.

Quality/Process Improvement/Project Management

Successful project team lead - Institutional eligibility. Improved data match rate, cycle and frequency resulting in 4mm cost savings.

Successful data project team lead; defined requirements, guided vendor selection, and executed business strategy; EE as consumer, Sales and Service model.

Experienced ASQ (American Society for Quality) - certified quality auditor. Lead several project teams to implement and deploy effective Quality Management Systems (QMS), ISO9001 and audit effectiveness to increase competitive advantage, improving call center attrition, reducing unit cost and improving process efficiency.

Experienced Process Improvement Leader; effectively implemented, taught and affected change by using methodologies such as TQM, quality measurement & analysis, SWOT Analysis, PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act), correlation analysis, control charting and other statistical methods to analyze business drivers and deliver above-goal performance results.

Education & Training
University of Texas at Austin - A.E., National Merit Scholarship Winner, Texas Achievement Award Winner
University Of Texas at Austin Presiden-

tial & Engineering Scholarship Winner
LOMA (Life Office Management Association) I & II,
NASD Series 26, General Principal, NASD Series 6 Registered Representative (Inactive)

Skillssets

MDX, SQL Process Improvement / Quality Management Systems (QMS Quality Auditor), MSOffice, (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Project, Access, Visio, Outlook), Adobe & StatSoft, (Statistica 7-Regression Analysis, Modeling, Forecasting, Histograms, etc.), SQL Query/DBA Cognos/Impromptu, Crystal 8+, MAS 200, Microsoft CRM 4.0, Visual Studio /SSRS (SQL) Reporting Services, Adobe Creative Suite 5.5, KPIs, Dashboards, HALO, Business Objects

Public Service / Civic Responsibility / Volunteerism

Chairwoman - TCDP - March 2017 - Present

Advisory Board Member - Smart Growth Tulsa - 2016 to Present

State of Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission Term: 2009-2013

Reading Partners - Literacy Program - 2013 - current

Starlight Civitan Member - Broken Arrow YWCA of Greater Tulsa - Supporter

Tulsa Area United Way - Loaned Executive & Fundraising

Junior Achievement - Elementary Classroom Teaching "Introduction to Economics"

Tulsa Community Food Bank Volunteer
Magic Empire Girl Scout Volunteer

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

Each and every citizen in Oklahoma is a consumer that I am here to protect and for whom I will advocate.

As your next Insurance Commissioner, I will fight to ensure that policies that affect your life will be fair and accessible to you.

The duty of the Oklahoma State Insurance Commissioner is to regulate your policy coverage for home, car, business, and health insurance and most of all, to protect your wallet, not those of special interests.

As a small business owner, I know firsthand the challenge of having good health-care and protecting hard earned dollars. It's time we have an Insurance Commissioner that stands on the promise to make sure insurance companies follow the rules and get people the affordable coverage they need in every aspect of their lives.

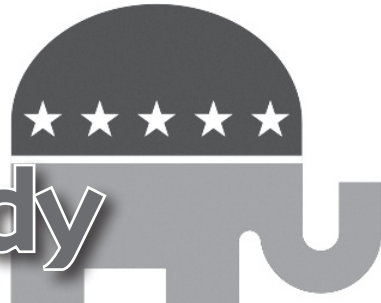
I will inform our legislators about preventing laws crafted by lobbyists to promote their own agendas and fight to simplify the language of basic policies; making sure families, businesses, farmers and ranchers can get and afford coverage.

Insurance is BIG BUSINESS in Oklahoma—which has led to big opportunities to game the system and take advantage of our most vulnerable.

As Oklahoma's next Insurance Commissioner, I offer a variety of ways for you, the consumers and workers of insurance companies, to report fraud and abuse of insurance companies, agents, brokers or other consumers that abuse the insurance system in any way. Investigating fraud starts with citizens and workers who are protected for reporting such issues. We are even considering a monetary fee when funds are recovered as a reward.

Insurance Commissioner

Glen Mulready



Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Tulsa
Current Town: Tulsa

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Glen Mulready is a long-time insurance professional and private sector businessman who has worked with businesses of all sizes. Mulready spent 13 of his 33 years of experience in the insurance industry working on the executive teams of Oklahoma's two largest health insurance companies.

Principled Republican Legislator

Glen Mulready has fought for our families in the public sector as well, serving in the Oklahoma House of Representatives today as the Majority Floor Leader. Mulready previously served as chair of the House Insurance Committee and led numerous efforts to reform our state's insurance laws for the better.

Proud Family Man

Glen and his wife, Sally, are celebrating 29 years of marriage and are the proud parents of three sons, Sam, 17, Jake, 15, and Will, 14. Glen is an active member of the Tulsa community, where he serves on numerous boards and committees. Glen and Sally were honored as recipients of Leadership Tulsa's Paragon Award for their work with Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2008.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- Safeguard Consumers
Oklahomans want to know their insurance will always work and that their claims will be paid in a quick and fair manner. Oklahomans don't want to worry about their insurance company being financially

solvent or worry about what would happen should their insurance company leave the state.

As Insurance Commissioner, Glen will make certain Oklahoma's insurance industry is stable, provides choices for consumers, and does so at a cost competitive with the rest of the nation.

Expand Insurance Options

Oklahomans want more choices when it comes to buying insurance. As a legislator, Glen authored legislation that resulted in more insurance companies offering service in the state and he will continue to work tirelessly to make certain consumers have even more options to choose from to provide their coverage.

Improve Our Business Climate

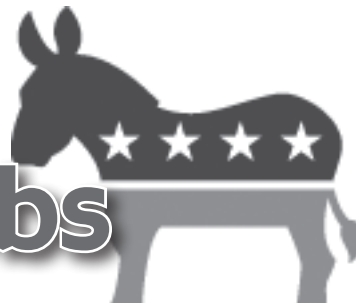
Oklahomans want government to be part of the solution, not the problem, when it comes to creating a business-friendly environment. Glen's guiding principles will include a free-market approach that creates more competition and transparency within the industry. Glen also believes that states, not the federal government, are the best place for regulation of an industry to take place.

Combat Fraud

Oklahomans want the peace of mind that if tragedy occurs, their insurance company will deliver the coverage they have promised. Glen will work tirelessly to ensure that those selling insurance in the state are honest brokers.

Insurance Commissioner

Kimberly Fobbs



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Ohio
Current Town: Tulsa

Education: University of Texas at Austin - A.E., National Merit Scholarship Winner, Texas Achievement Award Winner

University Of Texas at Austin Presidential & Engineering Scholarship Winner

LOMA (Life Office Management Association) I & II,

NASD Series 26, General Principal, NASD Series 6 Registered Representative (Inactive)

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Marketing, Business Intelligence, and Strategic Analytics professional with key abilities to translate complex metrics and analysis into actionable and strategic information to guide organizations through change management, growth initiatives and realization of competitive advantage through increased market share, brand loyalty, and process improvements.

Practice areas include: Insurance & Financial Services, Outsourced Service Delivery and Power Generation industries. Demonstrated ability to achieve business objectives while cultivating collaborative relationships with key internal and external partners and stakeholders.

*State of Oklahoma, Judicial Nominating Commission - Gubernatorial Appointment 2009-2013.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Blackhawk Industrial, 2014-2016

Business Intelligence Analyst - IT Team member focused on ERP conversions, SSRS, HALO, SSMS, Business Objects reporting and analytics solutions.

Luxa Enterprises,
2007 - 2013

Marketing Director - Supporting Luxa clients and parent company, Clifford Power Systems, Inc.
FCG Group, Business Consulting, HUBZONE

WOSB 2006 - Present

President/Managing Consultant - Providing marketing support, website design, campaign management, candidate development and business process/customer analysis, research and analytics for startup and small to mid-size companies.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
1990 - 2006

Strategic Data Manager - Accomplished career progression through various supervisory and management opportunities in individual and group life insurance, consumer relations, call center and institutional product portfolios.

FUNCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Marketing Director /Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Leader

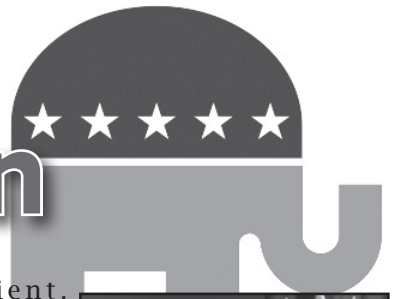
Manage advertising, promotions, web strategy, demographic targeting, market analysis, brand awareness, content and collateral design, & customer satisfaction programs.

Lead strategy, requirements, testing and implementation of Microsoft CRM 4.0.

Develop and manage sales effectiveness through campaign design and execution,

Commissioner of Labor

Leslie Osborn



Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Mustang
Current Town: Mustang

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Leslie Osborn is no stranger to hard work and tough decisions.

A successful small business owner for more than 22 years, Leslie has been in the trenches of the Oklahoma workplace, solving problems and making things work.

In 2008, she heeded the call to serve the people of District 47, winning election to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. And she has delivered, making state history as the first female to chair the Judiciary Committee where she authored a sweeping workers' compensation reform bill, which lowered costs by more than 30% for Oklahoma businesses. It has been a priority for the business community for decades. Leslie got it done!

Her gutsy work on behalf of Oklahoma families has not gone unnoticed:

Recipient, Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Businesses;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, District Attorneys Council;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Farm Bureau;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, State Chamber of Oklahoma;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Freedom Oklahoma;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Association for Justice;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Credit Union Association;

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office; and

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Dental Association

Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Medical Association

For speaking her mind, she earned the ire of the good ol' boys

In 2016, she was named the first Republican female chairman of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee. Until she was ousted.

Leslie was pushed from the influential post after she called for real solutions to the budget crisis, and for an end to political pandering. She publicly contradicted party leadership about program and service cuts at the Department of Human Services and got fired.

"Being relieved of my duties as chair only reinforced my desire to fight the good fight for Oklahomans who want to see destruc-

tive partisan politics, bickering and pettiness replaced with constructive conversations, fresh ideas and bold initiatives," Leslie says.

"Oklahomans are calling out for leadership, and I intend to answer their call."

Leslie has proven she'll take a stand against the good ol' boys and insiders, even when it means standing alone.

Now this mother of two is ready to fight for all Oklahomans as State Labor Commissioner, championing for both small and large businesses and their employees.

"Together we will set a new agenda for strengthening our economy and improving our quality of life," she says.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

A vision for Oklahoma's future. "In my view, it starts with a trained and educated workforce," Leslie says of her aim to ensure safe workplaces and strong companies.

"That said, I have opened a conversation with the citizens of Oklahoma to discuss their aspirations and ideas. I love this state, and I want to be part of a state government that serves its people by putting their interests above all else."

Leslie, who graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in business, says she is a firm believer that moving forward will take a village of citizen-advocates and elected statesmen.

"We have serious problems in Oklahoma, but with leaders who put people over politics, I am convinced we can solve them."

Commissioner of Labor

Fred Dorrell



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Broken Arrow
Current Town: Broken Arrow
Education: Tulsa Junior College - Associates Degree: Labor Studies; Northeastern State University - Bachelor's Degree: Industrial Supervision; University of Oklahoma - Master's Degree: Human Relations
Age: 63

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Professional Affiliations
 City of Broken Arrow Planning Commission (2006 to present)

Board of Directors, Bluelincs HMO (May 1985- April 1996)

Past Member, Goals for Tomorrow Health Care Task Force - Tulsa Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Past Member, Projects with Industry Tulsa Speech and Hearing Association
 Mentor, Youth Services of Tulsa

I have three (3) adult children and five (5) grandchildren. I have been married to my wife and best friend Maggie for twenty-three (23) years.

I retired from Ford Motor Company after thirty-four (34) years and the Tulsa Glass Plant for thirty-eight (38) years total. In my early years at the Ford Glass Plant I worked as a Glass Handler & Transport, Batch Unloading and as a Float Control Operator.

I was elected in May 1983 as the President of UAW Local 1895 and served six (six) years. I was appointed by the National Ford Department to serve as UAW Benefits Representative for eighteen (18) years. In May 2007 I was again elected as UAW Local 1895 President/Chairman and served until the Plant closed in September 2012. As Labor Commissioner I have first-hand experience when a major employer and middle-class jobs leave a community and the ripple effect that it creates.

In addition, I am an Adjunct Professor at Tulsa Community College where I have taught various Business classes and Human Resources related class for the past twenty-one years.

Currently I am employed at Spirit AeroSystems as an HRBP/Labor Specialist, where I have worked for the past six years.

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2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Workplace Safety
 Workplace Safety is not an option but an OBLIGATION! An obligation for all parties involved.

Education, training and awareness are essential. I believe the good business/corporate citizens should be incentivized and as well as the wage earners.

Workplace safety has a direct correlation on other matters as well, such as productivity, Workers Compensation, morale and contributes to rising insurance rates.

Advocate and work to provide and ensure a living wage. Increasing the minimum wage is not just good for the wage earner but is good for the economy!

2. Livable wage
 Advocate for business to look at and explore new and/or different incentive opportunities that would be advantageous to all.

It is my belief open dialogue with and clear and visible actions, will foster long term health and growth of any organization. I believe the same applies with government. We are not elected (or shouldn't be) for the benefit of just one group or organization but for the citizens we represent, Oklahomans. There must be a balance: a win-win is essential, otherwise it's fruitless.

3. Education, Training & Development in

the Workplace.
 Rural communities are the backbone of our state.

An educated and well-trained workforce benefits both the employer and the wage earner. Partnering with local and regional Technical Institutions (i.e. Okmulgee Tech) in developing and training for general and specific business needs, both current and future is essential and will stimulate growth in our rural and suburban areas.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

I believe the Labor issues/concerns across the state are universal. In addition to carrying out the laws enacted by the legislature relating to labor I believe it is critical to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of workers while working to improve the working conditions of workers and more importantly to advance opportunities of workers for profitable employment.

My personal experience is that Business and Workers' Groups tend to make the relationship more difficult than it needs to be. If neither side invests the time to understand each other, inherent conflicts fester and cause an unnecessary divide. There must be a balance to achieve a win-win situation.

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I will work to ensure that there is a balance between business and the wage earner.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

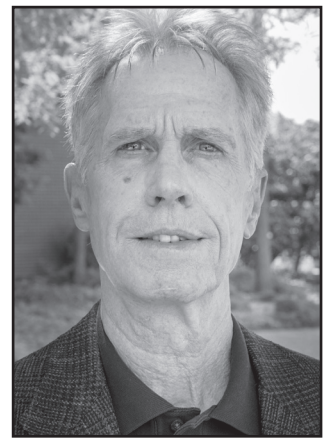
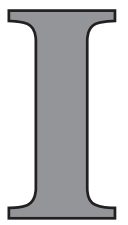
I believe that rural communities are the backbone of our great state. Although the Commissioner of Labor is an enforcement/advocate role I support efforts and opportunities for all rural Oklahoma.

Executive Order 13790 established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. The USDA recently published a summary, outlining the purpose and function of that task force as a result of, identifying legislative, regulatory, and policy changes to promote in rural America agriculture, economic development, job growth, infrastructure improvements, technological innovation, energy security, and quality of life.

Rural Oklahoma has lagged in almost every indicator and I fully support a pathway to these areas and citizens to be taken seriously and be given opportunities for growth.

Again, I believe that education, training and development is paramount in any future growth, for both business, the wage earner and the community. I am an advocate of partnering with local businesses and all community stakeholders to achieve common goals for the citizens and the community.

Commissioner of Labor
Brandt Dismukes



Political Party: Independent
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: Master's in Public Administration, Juris Doctor, B.A. In English
Age: 50

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Working for various businesses and my family business.

Lastly working as Assistant Director of the Lupus Foundation of Oklahoma.

What is your priority while in office?

I will be a working Labor Commissioner with an open door policy where all workers will feel free to visit with me about their concerns.

I will open offices throughout the state so workers will not have to drive to Oklahoma City to take care of their business.

To make sure Oklahoma workers have the opportunity to find jobs that will provide them livable wages while working in a safe environment.

When faced with a specific situation that puts your personal viewpoint at odds with a great many of your constituents, what decision do you make and why?

If my personal viewpoint is different than a majority of my constituents I will have open meetings to discuss our differences. I will keep an open mind and always take the views of my constituents into consideration. However, by having open meetings in advance of making important decisions this problem should never occur.

Where do you stand on communication with your constituents while in office?

Having good communications is the most important factor in having a successful Department of Labor. Again, my door will always be open to my employees and they will feel free to visit with me at any time . I

will be available because I will be in the office as a "Working Labor Commissioner".

What are three things you plan to change while in office?

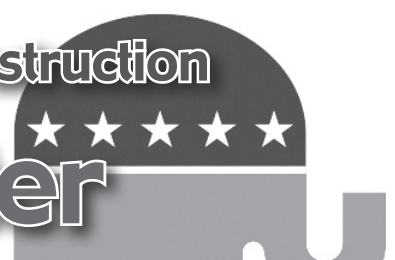
- Three things I would change:
1. Open labor offices throughout the state so Oklahoma workers won't have to travel long distances to receive help.
 2. Actually putting the workers interests first.
 3. Making it a top priority that Oklahoma workers have the skills to find jobs in a safe environment and being paid adequate salaries.

What is your stance on partnerships across party lines to address hot-button issues that affect the state?

The reason I decided to run for Labor Commissioner as an Independent candidate is because of both parties fighting each other. As an Independent I will ask the voters who elected me to put pressure on the legislature and Governor to help me provide Oklahoma workers with the skills to find a profitable job in a safe environment. This is what the labor department is supposed to do and it has not been done during the past eight years under Republican Labor Commissioners.

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Joy Hofmeister



Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Current Town: Tulsa
Education: Texas Christian University (BA in education), University of Oklahoma (MA)
Age: 53

Candidate Background:

Joy Hofmeister is a former public school teacher and small business owner. As an appointee of Gov. Mary Fallin, she served on the Oklahoma State Board of Education from January 2012 through April 2013. In the private sector, Hofmeister spent 15 years as a business owner of Kumon Math & Reading Centers, which utilizes parent partnerships to ensure high academic achievement for children. At Kumon, she personally worked with more than 4,000 students to improve their educational outcomes.

Hofmeister serves on dozens of commissions and state boards, chairs the State Board of Education and State Board of Career and Technology Education, is a regent for the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) and serves the Board of Equalization, Commission of the Land Office, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, and Oklahoma Partnership for School Read-

ness/Smart Start Oklahoma, among others.

The mother of four graduates of Oklahoma's public school system, Hofmeister maintains a residence in Tulsa with her husband of 31 years, the Honorable Gerald L. Hofmeister.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Lowering remediation
2. Raising graduation rates
3. Lifting educational achievements for all students

Superintendent of Public Instruction

John Cox



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Education: Doctorate - Educational Administration, OSU; EDS - Specialist in Education, OSU; Masters - Counseling, NSU; Bachelors - Mathematics Education, NSU; Associate of Arts - NEO & A&M; Jay High School Valedictorian.

Candidate Background:

32 years - Oklahoma Public Schools; 24 years - Peggs Public School Superintendent; 9 years - Adjunct Professor of Education; Math/Computer teacher & coach at Wyandotte, Jay and Locust Grove; Lifetime member - NSU & OSU Alumni Association. President - Organization of Rural Elementary Schools (ORES); President-Elect - Oklahoma Association of School Administrators (OASA); Chairman - Oklahoma Schools Assurance Group (OSAG); Treasurer - Oklahoma Schools Insurance Group (OSIG); NSU Alumni Board; Co-Chair - OSSBA/CCOSA Vision Committee.

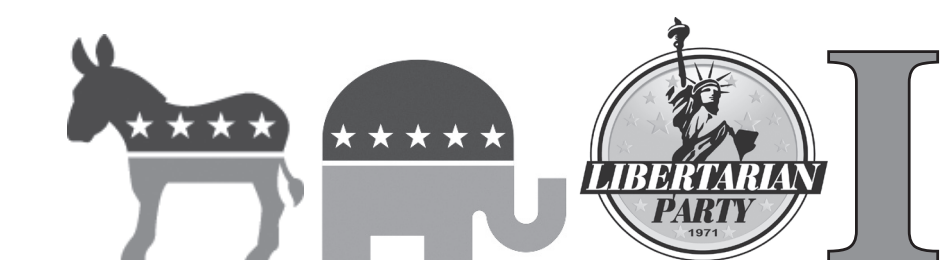
What are the top three messages of your campaign?

As state superintendent, I will be in the office to lead and to serve. I will only be in that position to take care of our public schools and be a strong advocate for our teachers and support staff. When I am elected in November, the OEA will have a seat in my

office and I expect that the OEA members will be active to help me guide public education and advocate for the much needed resources it takes to help our children become successful. All teachers and public school employees across the state will have a seat at the table. Winning the title of state superintendent is not important to me; finally having someone in that position who shares the same values and experience as a public educator is of importance. One year in the classroom over three decades ago does not make a career educator.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

Advocating for Public Schools. Supporting curriculum and flexibility in schools. Supporting local control through locally elected board members. Valuing Public Education and working together to improve the public education system.



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Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Larry Huff

Political Party: Independent
Hometown: Keota
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Master's Degree, Doctorate Degree
Age: 76

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I have been a school teacher, a coach, and an administrator in Oklahoma Schools. I was employed for over 30 years with the Oklahoma State Department of Education as a Special Education Administrator, Director of Gifted and Talented Education, Director of Instructional Television, Accreditation Officer, and Oklahoma State Director of the North Central Regional Accrediting Association. I taught education courses at Oklahoma City University, East Central Oklahoma State University, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. I have personally supervised scores of student teachers and entry year teachers in the public schools of Oklahoma. I have successfully guided hundreds of Oklahoma schools, schools in the North Central Region of the United States and the Department of Defense Schools overseas through school improvement activities.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

The Oklahoma State Department of Education must be more proactive in planning for public schools. Public education in Oklahoma is in a vacuum. With proper leadership, Oklahoma can do better. As leader of the Oklahoma State Department, I will ensure

- (1) the evaluation and projection of financial and efficacy needs,
- (2) the development and articulation of realistic yearly and mid-term budget proposals,
- (3) the establishment and implementation of school improvement efforts,
- (4) the creation and maintenance an effective working relationship among administrators, teachers, patrons and stakeholders,
- (5) that every child is given the opportunity

I to receive a free appropriate education. I have the education, qualifications, and experience to accomplish these worthwhile goals. Nothing is more important to Oklahoma than the capabilities of our children. It will not just happen. It must be planned and executed by those who care. I care!



What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Education.
2. Education.
3. Education.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

If we are to ensure economic development in Oklahoma, including rural areas, we must ensure that all children are afforded the opportunity to reach their maximum potential and are prepared to compete in a twenty-first century world. (1) The challenges of urban and rural education are different in some aspects, but they are the same in many aspects. Certainly basic education must be provided, but because of the diversity of needs in Rural education, schools must provide a variety of programs that meet the unique, diverse interests and abilities of rural students. To accomplish this task, we must select, project and develop a variety of delivery systems. Distant learning, concurrent enrollment, cooperation with other schools, and career center courses and programs must be utilized.

State Treasurer

Randy McDaniel

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Oklahoma City
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: Institute on Business and Government Affairs, Georgetown University Certificate, Public Treasury Management, National Institute of Public Finance Masters, Land Economy, Cambridge University, 1992; BA, Economics, University of Oklahoma, 1990
Age: 51

Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.

Oklahoma State House of Representatives, 2006-Present; Former Assistant Majority Whip, Oklahoma State House of Representatives. Current legislative committees: Banking and Business, Chair; Business, Commerce & Tourism, Member; Elections & Ethics, Member; Transportation Subcommittee, Member. First Vice President, Investments. Engineer Officer/Field Artillery Officer, Oklahoma Army National Guard, 1988-1999. Trust Officer/Investment Officer, City Bank and Trust, 1992-1995. American Red Cross Board Member. City Arts Board Member. Crossings Community Church Member. Downtown Rotary

Club member. Kiwanis Club member. Former participant in Leadership Oklahoma City. Rotary Club 29 member. St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation Board member. Young Men's Christian Association member.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

It is critical that our tax dollars are managed effectively. My education and investment experience are well-suited for the responsibilities of this important job.



State Treasurer

Charles de Coune

Political Party: Independent
Hometown: Bastogne, Belgium
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: Northwestern State University, University of Central Oklahoma (studying Finance), Internship with Merrill Lynch and Northwestern Mutual Life while attending UCO

Age: 46

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I was educated in Belgium before deciding to move to the U.S. as an exchange student in Kansas. During that year, I fell in love with this great nation and its people. I moved to Alva in 1994 to go to Northwestern Oklahoma State University. After two years I transferred to the University of Central Oklahoma to study Finance. As a UCO student, I had the opportunity to in-

tern with Merrill Lynch and with Northwestern Mutual Life. I graduated Summa Cum Laude, and went on to become a Financial Analyst at MidFirst Bank.

After my career at Mid-First, I became the Chief Operating Officer for an Oklahoma City charter school. Two years later, I found a way to combine my two passions of finance and community service: I joined the Oklahoma Water Resources Board as its Lending Manager. We provide low interest loans to cit-



ies and communities throughout the state to assist with the construction of water infrastructure. To date, these loans have saved more than one billion dollars to the residents of Oklahoma.

My wife, Eileen and I met at UCO in 1997 and were married in 2000 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help where we continue to be active parishioners and teach children about God. We live on the outskirts of Oklahoma City and have three children; Chloe, Christian, and Max.

I have over 21 years of experience in Finance.

I am the former chair of Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Central Oklahoma and an advisory board member for the Community Literacy Centers. I have had the opportunity to co-chair the United Way's Community Investment subcommittee and am a member of Leadership Oklahoma, Leadership Oklahoma City and Community Leadership Development.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

Reclaiming our credit rating and credibility. Investing in Education and Core Services, serving ALL Oklahomans - not special interests as well as bringing jobs back to Oklahoma and planning for the long term. The people of Oklahoma deserve an independent voice to manage and safeguard their money. I am not a politician, but a finance professional who believes that, with a focus on integrity and transparency, we can bring accountability back to the capitol. As your State Treasurer, I will be in a great position to continue my two passions of finance and community service. As a political independent, my loyalty is to you

and the good of Oklahoma.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

Our teachers, state workers and laborers math. We need to attract business and show we care about education in order to progress. We need to keep jobs, businesses, teachers and workers here in Oklahoma. A firm believer that long-term financial success begins with funding education and core services, I believe we must also identify targeted, capped incentives to attract new business and industry. A focus on integrity and transparency, bringing accountability back to the capitol.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

Currently, I serve on the Oklahoma Water Resources Board as a Lending Manager. My group holds the responsibility of providing below-market rate loans to cities and communities in Oklahoma to assist with construction of water infrastructure. I will work hard to bring the state's General Obligation Bonds to a level that will reduce Oklahoma's borrowing costs. Visit: Charles4OK.com for more information about the campaign.

Attorney General

Mike Hunter

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Garfield Co.
Education: Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma School of Law
Age: 61

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Raised with conservative values on a Garfield County farm, Mike Hunter holds degrees from both Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Mike has always been committed to public service. In the 1980s, as a young private practice attorney focusing on energy and real estate law, he ably served six years as a Republican member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives where his efforts led The Daily Oklahoman to name Mike one of "Oklahoma's Best Legislators" - an honor bestowed upon only eight legislators. He also received the Oklahoma District Attorneys' Legislative Appreciation Award for his work on criminal justice issues.

After leaving the legislature, Mike continued in public service as the general counsel at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and thereafter was tapped by Congressman J.C. Watts to be his Chief of Staff. During this time, Mike also served as Watts' legal counsel for both the National Security and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committees.

In 1999, Governor Frank Keating persuaded Mike to become Oklahoma's Secretary of State and the governor's chief liaison to the legislature, the judiciary, and the state's federal delegation. He later became

Secretary of Oklahoma's Commissioners of the Land Office where he was instrumental in putting new security measures in place and professionalizing the agency after decades of controversy and investigations. Mike also put new guidelines in place to allow more funding for both common and higher education protecting this entity's mission of using public lands to benefit Oklahoma's public education system.

Mike also brings national experience in running large organizations. For eight years, he served as COO of the American Council of Life Insurers and oversaw its 135 member staff. He later held the same position with the American Bankers Association for four years.

In 2015, Mike became then Attorney General Scott Pruitt's first assistant attorney general, where he oversaw the staff of more than 180 lawyers, investigators and support staff. Mike briefly served again as Oklahoma's Secretary of State. Upon Scott Pruitt's confirmation as EPA Administrator, Mike's experience and conservative credentials made him both the obvious and best choice to fill the remainder of Pruitt's term, a role he began on February 20, 2017.



Attorney General

Mark Myles

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Lawton
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: B.A. ECONOMICS, OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, Stillwater; J.D., UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, Norman; Certification in English Legal Systems by the Oxford Centre for International Law and Justice, Oxford, England.

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

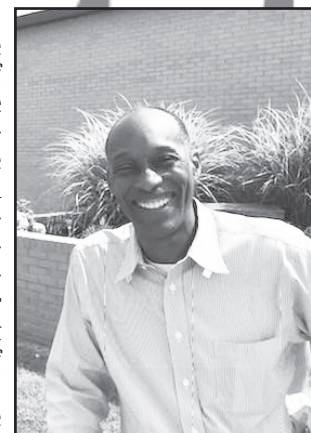
Myles is the proud son of Major Maurice Myles (Ret.) USA, and Delores Myles (deceased) who was a career classroom teacher. The family settled in Lawton where Mark attended high school, was President of National Honor Society, in FCA, and he was the Outstanding Athlete of the Year and the recipient of the Glen Dosser award.

He attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a B.A. in Economics. He started his career working for International Business Machines in Oklahoma City where he sold information technology to solutions to large and small companies around the state. He also officiated basketball for 31 years including 12 state championship finals and also called every level of college basketball before he retired. Mark

also taught the principles of free enterprise and economics to middle school and high school students as a volunteer consultant for Junior Achievement for a number of years.

After the Oklahoma City bombing, Mark volunteered for the Red Cross for two solid months which rekindled his desire to attend law school. He left IBM to attend law school at the University of Oklahoma where he received his J.D. in 2008. He also attended Oxford University for a summer where he received a certification in English Legal Systems.

As an attorney Mark started his career as an associate of Al Hoch, Jr. & Associates and worked as an Oklahoma Indigent Defense System subcontractor providing public defender to people who could not afford an attorney. Mark successfully tried a number of jury trials as a defense attorney before



he became a prosecutor Assistant District Attorney in Logan County in 2013. He also successfully tried jury trials as a prosecutor before he returned to private practice in 2015.

Mark is licensed to practice in the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of the United States District Courts of Oklahoma, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the United States Court of International Trade.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Protect Oklahomans from the criminals, internet predators, consumer scammers, threats to our air, land, water, and soil, while addressing the opioid crisis and performing the watchdog function as the people's attorney.

2. Advocate for transparency and open government, and elevate the public interest over special interests while ensuring that special interests are held accountable.

3. Enforce the rule of law, upholding the constitutions of Oklahoma and the federal government while working to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and equally under the law.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Threats to the health of rural Oklaho-

mans posed by drugs including not just opioids but meth, cocaine, and heroin, and the lack of availability of good healthcare in much of Oklahoma with the continued closings of rural hospitals. I will continue the pressure on illicit drugs which is where people turn when they cannot get legal prescriptions. I will advocate for treating drug addiction as a public health problem instead of a public safety problem which means treating people as if they have an illness instead of treating everyone as a criminal. I will advocate for more prevention, treatment, and recovery programs so we can stop wasting taxpayer money on sending people to prison who do not belong there.

2. Threats to the livelihoods of rural Oklahomans from the lack of good jobs coupled with the increased pressures from big corporate and transnational businesses. I have been endorsed by Family Farm Action which is a group dedicated to supporting family farmers from the economic threats to their livelihood posed by big corporate and transnational interests who wield tremendous pricing power over individuals in rural Oklahoma. I will step up the antitrust division in the Attorney General's office to protect rural Oklahomans from the monopoly power of economic bad actors.

3. Threats to the health and environment of rural Oklahomans from people who threaten the safety of our land, air, water, and soil. I will reemphasize the environment protection unit of the Attorney General's office to defend our land, air, water, and soil, working hard to ensure that environmental bad actors do not shift the burden of cleaning up their pollution to taxpayers while working to make them stop. Residents of Stilwell have the lowest life expectancy in the nation in large part due to the confluence of pollution from multiple sources and issues like that must be addressed to help people in rural Oklahoma.

her husband, Steve. She provides training across the state for county officials, school-district personnel, and auditors on a host of issues to help ensure public funds are safeguarded.

Cindy has more than 20 years of experience in auditing and has planned, conducted, and trained in various types of audits.

"I have first-hand experience, across the state, effectively administering audits to identify wasteful spending and create more responsive government at every level. I have also traveled from county to county, performing audits and helping county officials have the tools they need to do their jobs more effectively and efficiently."

Cindy eliminated the five-year backlog of county audits and oversaw 304 of the 411 audits published in Fiscal Year 2017.

"Without the money to make additional hires, I stretched limited resources and designed an alternative audit program so that, at the end of two years, not only were we caught up with county audits, but we also trained, encouraged, and built trust with county officials so that we have great working relationships moving forward."

Cindy has led local-government audits that have uncovered millions of dollars in fraud and waste.

"My teams have performed audits that have uncovered \$5 million in misuse of FEMA funds and led to criminal charges against county commissioners and sheriffs as well as county employees. There are bad people in every line of work, and when it comes to our elected officials, we strive to root out the few who give the rest a bad name."

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

Cindy Byrd is at the forefront of ensuring that audits produce real results at the local, county, district, and state government

levels.

"My team and I are dedicated to personnel-training for counties, district attorneys, emergency-medical services, school districts, etc., so that those government officials and employees are prepared and ready for their audits and annual financial statements and so that, most importantly, taxpayer funds are safeguarded."

Cindy knows that good auditing requires not only thorough examinations of our government officials' work but also proactive measures to help them improve their future work.

"I've trained county officials and employees across our state on financial reporting to help them get in compliance with federal and state standards. I have become a resource on which they rely when serving us, the taxpayers, after we entrust them with our tax dollars."

Cindy will reintroduce our elected officials to the State Auditor's Office to help financially turn around our State.

"Taxpayers are tired of the never-ending state-budget problems. We will continue to be a resource for improving where state funds are allocated and how our tax dollars are being utilized. County officials see the value in the solutions the State Auditor's Office can bring to them, and we can do the same for our state legislators."

Cindy's dedication and solution-oriented mind-set will bridge relationships, balance books, and bring efficiency to state government.

"The Auditor's Office is best qualified to analyze and offer solutions concerning our state government's economy, efficiencies, and effectiveness. We can assist our legislators in being effective decision-makers in order to preserve the public trust and improve the efficient delivery of government services. We know cost savings, improvements, and implementation. I intend for the State Auditor's Office to be utilized to its full capacity."

State Auditor and Inspector

John Yeutter



Political Party: Libertarian
Hometown: Born in Michigan; Oklahoma resident since 1978.

Current Town: Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Education: PhD in Accounting from University of Oklahoma

Age: 64

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I am a CPA licensed to practice in Oklahoma. I also hold a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) Certificate. I have taught accounting and auditing at Northeastern State University for the last 23 years. While at NSU I was selected to leadership positions as President of the Faculty Council and Chair of the Department of Finance and Accounting. As a professional, I have served my community by coordinating a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, preparing free income tax returns for the public. A native of Michigan, I moved to Oklahoma in the 1970s and worked in the building trades before returning to school and completing a PhD in Accounting at the University of Oklahoma. During that time, I worked as a staff accountant at The Williams Group, CPAs in Norman.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. I am independent of the political process. Whether the County Treasurer is a Democrat or a Republican, and whether the Governor is a Democrat or a Republican, citizens can be assured that I will be able to audit their records free of any political bias.

2. I am qualified. I teach auditing and government accounting, and I have the knowledge and experience to perform and audit of the State of Oklahoma and of each Oklahoma County. As a faculty member at NSU, I frequently consult to assist former students working as CPAs. Thus I am connected with both the theory and the practice of accounting and auditing.

3. I have supervisory experience. I acted as chair of the department of Accounting

and Finance at NSU. There I had responsibility of hiring new faculty, and supervising their performance.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. From a financial perspective, residents need transparency from their county government. As an auditor, I will provide an independent check on county government spending.

2. The State of Oklahoma has a complicated income stream. Counties and schools have many different sources of income. As someone who has taught accounting for over 20 years, I can communicate to the public clearly about state income and spending.

3. Citizens are concerned that funds meant for roads and bridges are not spent where they should. I can independently determine and communicate where these have been spent.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

An auditor does not develop policy. I would have no direct influence on economic development. My sole focus would be to provide an assurance about where funds meant for economic development are actually spent. Providing transparency is key to understanding whether economic development initiatives are working.



Lieutenant Governor

Matt Pinnell

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Tulsa
Current Town: Tulsa
Education: Bachelors in Public Relations/Advertising from Oral Roberts University
Age: 38

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Matt Pinnell is a proud Oklahoman who has devoted his professional career to advancing conservative causes and principles. In addition to his work advancing conservative causes, Matt and his wife, Lisa, own a small baby product manufacturing business in South Tulsa, growing from an idea in their kitchen to shipping product across the country and around the world.

In 2013, Matt was appointed by the Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus to be the new RNC National State Party Director. In that capacity, Matt served as the chief liaison between the RNC and state parties. Since that time, the Republican National Committee has produced two of its most successful election cycles, 2014 and 2016, in history. The culmination of which was the election of Donald J. Trump in November 2016.

Prior to joining the RNC, Matt served as Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party during the 2010 and 2012 election cycles. At the time of his election, Matt was the youngest State Chairman in the country. When he left that post for the RNC, the Oklahoma GOP held all five Congressional seats and every statewide elected office simultaneously; the first time that had happened in Oklahoma history.

The Pinnell family has served as foster parents and will continue to help promote foster programs in the future. Matt additionally serves on the board of a supportive foster foundation.

Matt is a graduate of Oral Roberts University and lives in Tulsa with his wife Lisa and their four children.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Helping diversify our economy with private sector job growth in all 77 counties, not just two. Without more private sector jobs, Oklahoma's volatile revenue issues will continue to harm the core services we desperately need such as education, roads and bridges, and health care.

2. Developing a brand and promoting the great tourism assets our great state has. 200 lakes, 38 tribes, more miles of Route 66 than anywhere in the country, and the potential to far surpass the \$650 million in recurring state and local tax revenue we currently bring in. Additionally, we need to boost and

promote small town tourism, which is vital for towns like Okmulgee.

3. Addressing the skills gap in this state is incredibly important. There are jobs open across the state, but employers either can't find anyone to pass a drug test or anyone actually trained to do the job. OSUT there in Okmulgee is doing a great job helping address workforce development and I will continue to champion those efforts.



What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Access to quality health care services (Doing a better job incentivizing physicians to open their practices in rural Oklahoma). This will take working with the governor and the legislature on incentives and other solutions.

2. Making sure we have a stable education budget is critical to rural Oklahoma. From addressing four day school weeks, to crumbling infrastructure, and continuing to invest in teachers, I will work with the next governor and legislature to turn around our education system in all 77 counties.

3. I hope to continue to serve as the small business advocate on the next governor's cabinet, working to make sure there is a level playing field for "Main Street" brick and mortar stores who are competing now in a digital and global market.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and counties in particular.

Currently, Oklahoma has been jumping from crisis to crisis with no plan on how to address our economic development issues across the state, especially in rural communities. I will be a champion for great institutions like OSU-IT right there in Okmulgee as they contribute to solving our workforce development issues, work with the governor and legislature to fix our issues with delivering quality core services such as education, and advocate for brick and mortar businesses across rural Oklahoma as the next small business advocate on the governor's cabinet. I look forward to working with the citizens and leaders of Okmulgee County as your next Lieutenant Governor.

State Auditor and Inspector

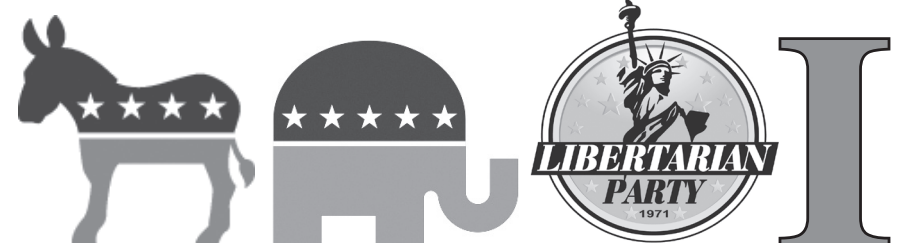
Cindy Byrd

Political Party: Republican
Education: East Central University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Cindy Byrd, CPA, is the Deputy State Auditor for Local Government Services. Cindy graduated from East Central Uni-

versity in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and she became a certified public accountant in 2003. She lives in rural Oklahoma with



Lieutenant Governor

Anastasia A. Pittman

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Spencer
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Oklahoma, Master's degree in Urban Education and Behavioral Science from Langston University
Age: 48

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

She is a member of Northeast Church of Christ, Leadership Oklahoma - Class XXII, Downtown Rotary Club, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., American Council of Young Political Leaders Alumni, Rose State College Foundation Board of Trustees and Board of Governors, Advisory Board Member of the Oklahoma City University Meinders School of Business, Close Up, Red Earth, Junior League of Oklahoma, the Commission on the Status of Women, NOBEL Women, Women in Legislators' Lobby, Urban League Young Professionals, and is a life member of the NAACP.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Promise to fight to quality education in Oklahoma

2. Promise to fight for affordable and accessible healthcare
 3. Promise to fight for the elderly and vulnerable adults

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Sequoyah County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Economic development
 2. Education
 3. Health care

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular:

Support jobs, low property taxes, and quality housing for working class citizens. I fought for the boathouse district in Bricktown, the completion of the new American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, and praised the completion of the #6 Fire Station.



Lieutenant Governor

Dr. Ivan Holmes

Political Party: Independent
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: Ed.D in education and public relations

Age: 46

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

Married for 25 years with one son; Gregory Holmes, who was murdered on the Illinois river.

What do you think are the three biggest challenges facing our state?

1- Open records, meetings and open audits in all state-wide offices.
 2- Solving our education issues.
 3- Environmental/ Health of Oklahoman's.

What is your priority while in office?

Open government, solving our nursing home crisis and proper educational funding.

When faced with a specific situation that puts your personal viewpoint at odds with a great many of your constituents, what decision do you make and why?

Being an independent candidate I will represent Independent voters not a political party or lobbyist.

Where do you stand on communication with your constituents while in office?

I will be accountable only to the voters who put me in office; not big money.

What are three things you plan to change while in office?

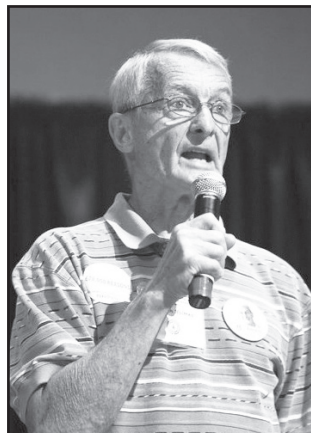
Stopping nursing home abuse, stopping our earthquakes and water pollution, and having master teachers who are properly paid and allowed to do their jobs.

What is your stance on partnerships across party lines to address hot-button issues that affect the state?

The reason I am running on the independent ticket is because partisan party politics has ruined our democratic process. As Oklahoma's Independent Lt. Gov. I will be accountable to those who put me in office.

For Lt. Governor: What is your proposed plan for tourism and parks service throughout the state?

For tourism and our parks service to be successful we must first have a good educational system, a clean environment and taking care of our senior citizens so that companies will be drawn to our state. Studies show that major companies want to locate in states that have an outstanding public school system, a clean environment and a safe place for their employees to live.



Governor

Chris Powell

Political Party: Libertarian
Hometown: Choctaw, OK
Current Town: Bethany, OK
Education: Choctaw High School, Rose State College, Oklahoma City Community College
Age: 46

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I am a life-long Oklahoman, a combat veteran of the Marine Corps, and a believer in individual liberty. I joined the Libertarian Party in 2000, served as the state chair, and am the party's most successful candidate, winning over 89 thousand votes for Oklahoma County Clerk in 2016 (more than LP presidential candidate Gary Johnson's statewide total). I served as a board member of Youth Cornerstone, an organization that worked to reduce truancy in Oklahoma City Public Schools, and am a foster and adoptive parent. My employment history is reflective of the experiences of most regular Oklahomans, I've sold safety-toe footwear in workplaces across the state, had a soda route, and been a 911 dispatcher among other things that are outside of the scope of experience of most if not all of the estab-

lishment party candidates.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
 2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

Authority and responsibility for education needs to be refocused at the local level, within reach of parents and teachers, rather than being concentrated in the hands of the politicians at the state Capitol.

We have the highest incarceration rate in the nation and must enact criminal justice reform. It does not just cost too much in terms of the state budget, but it costs in terms of damaging and destroying the lives of every person who is put into the prison



system unnecessarily.

Recurring shortfalls in our state budget are clear evidence of a failure to prioritize spending. We need to eliminate the waste, cut hundreds of millions of dollars in corporate welfare handouts, and adequately fund core services.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

Economy - we need to reduce barriers to entry and growth for individuals and small businesses and refocus education on the local level to better prepare young people to be ready to enter the labor market.

Health care - protecting and expanding the ability to access healthcare outside of an unworkable insurance system as well as expanding providers through granting nurse practitioners full practice authority will begin to help address the massive failure of federal healthcare policy.

Education - my proposals will not only affect preparing young people for adulthood but by increasing local control we will also work to keep rural Oklahomans engaged in their communities.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

Economic development is usually short-hand for politicians using taxpayer dollars to buy jobs for their constituents, a process that fails to account for the opportunity costs of taking those taxpayer dollars from the people while the politicians get their picture in the paper with claims that they accomplished something. The fact is that real economic growth occurs from the ground up. Thus, we need to remove barriers to entry into the labor market by reducing or eliminating occupational licensing requirements and getting rid of mandates that make it difficult for small businesses to get started, expand, or hire new employees. We need to empower individuals to offer goods and services to their community, not use public money to subsidize large out-of-state corporations to come take whatever they can use and then move on to the next place to do it again. This approach, focused on allowing individuals the freedom to succeed through perseverance, energy, and innovation, will over the long term create a stronger and more stable economy and do the same for our local communities.

Governor
Kevin Stitt

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Norman
Current Town: Tulsa
Education: Norman High School and Oklahoma State University graduate.
Age: 45

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

An Oklahoman entrepreneur and businessman who founded Gateway Mortgage in 2000 with \$1,000 and a computer. By delivering strong leadership and vision, Stitt has grown Gateway into a nationwide mortgage company that today employs 1,200 people, has 164 field offices in 41 states, and holds a loan servicing portfolio of more than \$16 billion. Stitt is promising to bring his proven business experience to state government where he will put Oklahoma's checkbook online, apply performance metrics, and audit every state agency.

Stitt is a fourth-generation Oklahoman, raised in Norman where his dad was a pastor and spent many summers as a youth in Skiatook where his grandfather owned a dairy farm. Stitt graduated from Norman High School and worked his way through Oklahoma State University by selling books with the Southwestern Company. Stitt is a man driven by faith and family. He has been married to his wife, Sarah, for nearly 20 years and together they have six children and live in Tulsa.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Prioritizing Government Efficiency - The success of state agencies shouldn't be just about bigger budgets. Success is when the state consistently delivers core services to Oklahomans in a cost-efficient manner. Without line-item budgeting, it's impossible to know which agencies steward their resources well, which is why I will fight for accountability and transparency. Reduce and streamline the 400 agencies, boards and commissions. Give the governor more accountability. Audit all agencies. Budget all state funds. Require a line item budget.

2. Reforming Our Education System - Oklahoma leads the nation in cuts to education funding. Our teachers are underpaid and leaving the state in droves. Too much money fails to reach the classrooms and some school districts have resorted to four-day school weeks. Our leaders are failing our students, our families, and jeopardizing our future. Enough is enough. I will prioritize students and funding for the classroom and invest in the teachers that make a difference every day. It's time to restore respect to teachers! Raise teacher pay so that it matches the pay of teachers in our six-state footprint. With 95 percent of Oklahoma children attending public schools, we must en-

sure those on the front lines of teaching our children receive the support they need to succeed. Require line item budgeting for the Education Department. With added transparency and accountability, we will be able to better force more education dollars into the classroom from the \$2.5 billion that goes to the Department of Education.

Review ways to empower local communities to best fund the needs of their local schools. I love what we are seeing in Western Oklahoma where energy development is taking schools off the state funding formula and allowing for higher teacher pay. But we still have many counties without these commodities. I like the policy proposed by a conservative group of House legislators to give schools the flexibility to use part of their current property tax revenue on teacher pay instead of being restricted to buildings and infrastructure. Expand the use of video technology to deliver AP classes across our state, especially in rural areas where we have bright, hardworking youth but not enough certified teachers. Our farmers and ranchers should not be faced with putting their children on a bus for more than an hour just to access quality education opportunities. Technology must play a stronger role in how we look to the future of delivering our state's basic, vital public services. Recruit, train and retain great teachers. In a Stitt administration, Kevin will call for the Legislature to create a temporary program to provide \$5,000 bonuses to certified teachers who are teaching in Oklahoma for the first time. This will help to incentivize the 400 students graduating from our Oklahoma universities with education degrees to stay and boost our state's recruitment efforts. A recent survey shows Oklahoma has 536 vacant teaching positions for the next school year. We have gone from 32 emergency certifications six years ago to nearly 2,000 today. Kevin is ready to help lead the state in reversing the trend.

3. Expanding Economic Prosperity - As I travel the country visiting my 165 field offices for Gateway Mortgage, I see firsthand the growth and momentum many of the other states are experiencing. In 2016, Oklahoma had -3% GDP growth. In 2017, our state faced a \$900 million budget deficit. Too many of our children and grandchildren are leaving the state for better opportunities. I refuse to sit back and let this continue. As governor, I will be committed to growth and prosperity for our entire state. How are we going to do this?



Governor

Drew Edmondson

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Muskogee
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Education: Northeastern State University, B.A. and Tulsa University School of Law, J.D.
Age: 71

Candidate Background: Community service, education employment and other relevant experience.

I earned a B.A. from Northeastern State University and a J.D. from the University of Tulsa School of Law. I served three years in the United States Navy with a tour of

duty in Vietnam. I worked as a teacher at Muskogee High School, served a term in the Oklahoma Legislature and was later elected to Muskogee County District Attorney. I served ten years as the Muskogee



County District Attorney and in 1994 I was elected to the Oklahoma Attorney General's office. I served in that position for 16 years and have recently been practicing law.

I have served on executive boards for Oklahoma City University School of Law, the Palomar Family Justice Center, the Oklahoma Mental Health Association, Bacon College and Rainbow Fleet, a private non-profit servicing parents and childcare facilities across the state. I am also a member of Rotary Club 29 and the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals and a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, Class IV.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

It is time we start investing in education again. Education budgets have been cut repeatedly in the last eight years and our children are suffering for it. I told the teachers before the walkout that if they walked out, I would walk with them. We were there with the teachers every day of the walkout. The funding that was passed is a step in the right direction, but our students and teachers need more.

Oklahoma needs teacher salaries that are competitive nationally, but we also need schools holding class five days a week and enough textbooks for every student that are in good condition. Per-pupil spending in Oklahoma lags behind because we haven't been investing in our children. We can't expect others to invest in Oklahoma if we aren't investing in ourselves.

2. Rural hospitals are closing and our life expectancy has gone down. Oklahoma needs to accept the Medicaid expansion money and bring our federal tax dollars back here to work for Oklahomans. The expansion will cover around 150,000 Oklahomans who don't currently have healthcare coverage. Those funds will primarily benefit rural hospitals and provide an influx of money to rural Oklahoma. These funds will provide for the needy including single parents and their children, veterans, and the under-employed.

3. The people of Oklahoma deserve to know how their elected representatives run their government. Our Legislators have exempted themselves from the Open Meetings and Open Records Acts. Our budget process happens behind closed doors and our Legislature is controlled by party caucuses. I have called for an office of Open Government in my administration to help citizens access public records. I have also called for an end to the Legislature's exemption from Open Meetings and Open Records.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How

would you address these issues if elected?

1. Expanding Medicaid will bring in hundreds of millions of dollars into Oklahoma, which will predominantly go to rural Oklahoma. Hospitals in rural Oklahoma are going bankrupt, and many of the hospitals that are surviving are barely hanging on. Hospitals are anchors for small towns and serve large areas. Mental health facilities have long waiting lists; our life expectancy has gone down; and a majority of Oklahoma's veteran population lives in rural communities that often lack adequate health facilities - we need to do more. A single doctor can bring millions of dollars of revenue into a town. Expanding Medicaid makes it easier for doctors and all health facilities to stay in business.

2. Rural schools are as much an anchor for a town as a hospital. I am not for forced school consolidation. Often times losing a school means losing a town. We need to pay teachers competitively so they can reinvest that money locally. We need educated students that can spur economic growth by returning to rural communities to work and start businesses.

3. Oklahoma's rural communities have been neglected for decades. It is time to give rural Oklahoma the attention it deserves. Under my administration, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce will commit its focus to rural Oklahoma. Tulsa and Oklahoma City are doing better, so the state needs to focus its attention on rural economic development. Unemployment in rural counties is high. Unemployment in Okmulgee County is higher than the state and national average. Oklahoma needs economic diversification. We need targeted incentives that are required to show their success by bringing in new business, but also helping existing businesses to expand.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

Economic development in rural Oklahoma and Okmulgee County will need to focus on diversifying our economy, increasing broadband internet access, protecting family farms, improving our infrastructure and funding the core services that create a safety net for Oklahoma's residents. We need to provide incentives that do what they promise, which is creating jobs. We need to encourage local businesses to expand, not just national businesses to move in. Increasing broadband access will give entrepreneurs access to the world market. Expanding Medicaid will help hospitals stay in business. Protecting family farms will keep local communities strong economically. Funding infrastructure improvements will increase economic integration. Funding our state health services will better care for our veterans and keep our veterans' centers open. The needs of rural Oklahoma are clear, what is needed is the attention of our state leaders.

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 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

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FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

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FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

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FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES
 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO

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(Vote for One)

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DEMOCRATIC 

STATE OFFICERS

FOR GOVERNOR
(Vote for One)

CHRIS POWELL
LIBERTARIAN

KEVIN STITT
REPUBLICAN

DREW EDMONDSON
DEMOCRAT

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for One)

MATT PINNELL
REPUBLICAN

ANASTASIA A. PITTMAN
DEMOCRAT

IVAN HOLMES
INDEPENDENT

FOR STATE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR
(Vote for One)

JOHN YEUTTER
LIBERTARIAN

CINDY BYRD
REPUBLICAN

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for One)

MIKE HUNTER
REPUBLICAN

MARK MYLES
DEMOCRAT

FOR STATE TREASURER
(Vote for One)

RANDY McDANIEL
REPUBLICAN

CHARLES de COUNE
INDEPENDENT

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
(Vote for One)

JOY HOFMEISTER
REPUBLICAN

JOHN COX
DEMOCRAT

LARRY HUFF
INDEPENDENT

FOR COMMISSIONER OF LABOR
(Vote for One)

LESLIE OSBORN
REPUBLICAN

FRED DORRELL
DEMOCRAT

BRANDT DISMUKES
INDEPENDENT

FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
(Vote for One)

GLEN MULREADY
REPUBLICAN

KIMBERLY FOBBS
DEMOCRAT

FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER
(Vote for One)

BOB ANTHONY
REPUBLICAN

ASHLEY NICOLE McCRAY
DEMOCRAT

JACKIE SHORT
INDEPENDENT

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICERS

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 02
(Vote for One)

RICHARD CASTALDO
LIBERTARIAN

MARKWAYNE MULLIN
REPUBLICAN

JASON NICHOLS
DEMOCRAT

JOHN FOREMAN
INDEPENDENT

LEGISLATIVE, DISTRICT, AND COUNTY OFFICERS

FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 8
(Vote for One)

ROGER THOMPSON
REPUBLICAN

SHANNAN TUCKER
DEMOCRAT

MARLENA NOBLES
INDEPENDENT

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 16
(Vote for One)

SCOTT FETGATTER
REPUBLICAN

CHANDLER TORBETT
DEMOCRAT

JAMES DELSO
INDEPENDENT

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR
(Vote for One)

ED JOHNSON
REPUBLICAN

CANDICE GAITHER
DEMOCRAT

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 1
(Vote for One)

AARON MYERS
REPUBLICAN

RON BALLARD
DEMOCRAT

JUDICIAL OFFICERS

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 3
(Vote for One)

KEN ADAIR

ROD WIEMER

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 4
(Vote for One)

JOHN M. DUNN

KELLY HAKE

JUDICIAL RETENTION
Vote separately on each justice or judge; they are not running against each other.

JUSTICES OF THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT

DISTRICT 2
Shall PATRICK WYRICK of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 3
Shall NOMA D. GURICH of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 4
Shall YVONNE KAUGER of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 7
Shall JAMES E. EDMONDSON of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

DISTRICT 1
Shall DANA KUEHN of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 4
Shall SCOTT ROWLAND of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 5
Shall DAVID B. LEWIS of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

DISTRICT 4 - OFFICE 1
Shall BARBARA GREEN SWINTON of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

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Shall KENNETH L. BUETTNER of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 5 - OFFICE 2
Shall ROBERT BOBBY BELL of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 6 - OFFICE 1
Shall E. BAY MITCHELL, III of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

DISTRICT 6 - OFFICE 2
Shall BRIAN JACK GOREE of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

STATE QUESTIONS

STATE QUESTION NO. 793 INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 415
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STATE QUESTION ANALYSIS

Five state questions will appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. Legislative Referendums are placed on the ballot by the Oklahoma Legislature. Initiative Petitions are placed on the ballot by gathering signatures from citizens. Each question is reprinted here as it will appear on the ballot followed by a brief summary.

STATE QUESTION 793

Allow Optometrists & Opticians to Operate in Retail Stores

INITIATIVE PETITION 415
STATE QUESTION 793

This measure adds a new Section 3 to Article 20 of the Oklahoma Constitution. Under the new Section, no law shall infringe on optometrists' or opticians' ability to practice within a retail mercantile establishment, discriminate against optometrists or opticians based on the location of their practice, or require external entrances for optometric offices within retail mercantile establishments. No law shall infringe on retail mercantile establishments' ability to sell prescription optical goods and services. The Section allows the Legislature to restrict optometrists from performing surgeries within retail mercantile establishments, limit the number of locations at which an optometrist may practice, maintain optometric licensing requirements, require optometric offices to be in a separate room of a retail mercantile establishment, and impose health and safety standards. It does not prohibit optometrists and opticians from agreeing with retail mercantile establishments to limit their practice. Laws conflicting with this Section are void. The Section defines "laws," "optometrist," "optician," "optical goods and services," and "retail mercantile establishment."

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

SUMMARY: This measure, which was placed on the ballot after a successful initiative petition and Supreme Court challenge, amends the state Constitution. It precludes the state from stopping an optometrist or optician's ability to practice within a retail establishment or discriminate against optometrists or opticians based on the location of their practice. External entrances for optometric offices within retail establishments would no longer be required. The Legislature could pass laws to restrict optometrists from performing surgeries within retail establishments, limit the number of locations at which an optometrist may practice and maintain optometric licensing requirements. It also requires optometric offices to be in a separate room of a retail establishment and imposes health and safety standards. Current law bans eye clinics from operating inside retail stores. **SUPPORTERS OF THE CHANGE SAY** it gives Oklahoma consumers more choices in eye care and the purchase of prescribed glasses and contact lenses. If passed, Oklahoma would join 47 other states that allow optometrists and opticians to work inside stores like Wal-Mart and Costco. **OPPONENTS SAY** it gives large retailers too much power and will eventually drive smaller, independent optometrists out of the market. That eliminates competition and could raise prices. Also, they say putting retail optometry in the Oklahoma Constitution limits the legislature's ability to make changes quickly if there are unintended consequences from the amendment.

STATE QUESTION 794

Marsy's Law Crime Victim Rights Amendment

LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM 371
STATE QUESTION 794

This measure amends the provisions of the Oklahoma Constitution that guarantees certain rights for crime victims. These rights would now be protected in a manner equal to the defendant's rights. The measure would also make changes to victim's rights, including:

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SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

SUMMARY: The amendment, known as Marsy's Law, requires state courts and prosecutors keep crime victims informed of proceedings on their case. It is often done informally or through victim assistance programs. It adds to several other crime victim rights added to the Constitution in 1996. Lawmakers voted to put the measure to a vote of the people. Six other states — California,

Illinois, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Ohio — have similar measures although Montana's law was struck down by its Supreme Court. **SUPPORTERS OF THE CHANGE SAY** defendants should not have more rights than crime victims. Victims and their families should be heard in matters such as plea bargaining and sentencing, they argue. **OPPONENTS FEAR** overburdened courts and prosecutors will have to hire additional staff to keep up with cases. In addition, allowing victims and family members to testify at every stage of a court hearing could interfere with a defendant's right to a fair trial or parole hearing. The legal challenge in Montana involved including too many separate issues on a single ballot vote.

STATE QUESTION 798

Governor and Lieutenant Governor Joint Ticket

LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM 372
STATE QUESTION 798

This measure will add a provision to the Oklahoma Constitution to change the manner in which the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected. Currently, voters cast one vote for their preferred candidate for Governor and a separate vote for their preferred candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Under this measure, if approved, candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the same party will run together on a single ticket and voters will cast one vote for their preferred ticket.

The measure requires the Legislature to establish procedures for the joint nomination and election of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. If passed, this new election format will be used beginning in the 2026 general election cycle.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

SUMMARY: Lawmakers put this issue on the November ballot. Occasionally, the state's Governor and Lieutenant Governor belong to different political parties. That scenario could lead to officials working against each other. Oklahoma would not be alone in such an endeavor to prevent this scenario. The governor and lieutenant governor run on the same ticket in 26 states. Seventeen states have separate votes similar to Oklahoma. The other states do not have a lieutenant governor or the position is designated as a top legislator. If voters approve, it will be up to the legislature to come up with a procedure for the joint nomination and election of the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Some states hold separate primaries and others require Governors to pick their running mates, much like a President picks a vice presidential running mate. **SUPPORTERS SAY** it gives the state's top leaders a unified vision and better coordination. Combining the two, they argue, would draw more media attention to the secondary office and better inform voters. **OPPONENTS FEAR** combining the ticket gives the Governor too much power. In addition, a governor forced out of office, they say, should be replaced by a lieutenant governor more independent of the outgoing administration.

STATE QUESTION 800

New Reserve Fund for Oil and Gas Revenue

LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM 373
STATE QUESTION NO. 800

This measure would create a new fund called "The Oklahoma Vision Fund" in the Oklahoma Constitution. Money could be appropriated to the Fund. Beginning July 1, 2020, five percent (5%) of gross production taxes on both oil and gas would be deposited into the Fund. After that fiscal year, the percentage would increase by two-tenths percentage points each year. Other monies could be deposited into the Fund if provided by law. The State Treasurer would deposit four percent (4%) of the principal amount of the Fund into the State General Revenue Fund each year. The Fund would be subject to an investment standard known as the prudent investor rule. The Fund could be invested in stocks and similar securities. Not more than five percent (5%) of the monies in the Fund could be used for payment of debt obligations issued by the State of Oklahoma, state government entities or local government entities.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

SUMMARY: The Oklahoma Vision Fund, put on the ballot by lawmakers, would set aside 5 percent of oil and gas gross production taxes into a trust fund beginning July 1, 2020. That percentage would increase each year by two tenths of a percent. Earnings from the fund's investments and other appropriations directed there by the leg-

islature would also remain part of the fund. Four percent of the average annual amount in the fund over the preceding five years would flow into the state's General Revenue Fund. Up to five percent of the fund's balance could be used to pay state debt or local government debt. If approved, the Oklahoma Vision Fund would be the state's third budget reserve fund, behind the Constitutional Reserve (Rainy Day) fund and the legislature-created Revenue Stabilization fund. No more than five percent of the fund could be used to pay off state or local government debts. **SUPPORTERS SAY** by creating such a trust fund, the state is preparing for anticipated declines in oil and gas production and helping to meet future budget needs. A well-invested fund will grow over time and create a revenue stream that future legislators can appropriate, they say. **OPPONENTS SAY** creating yet another trust fund diverts too much state tax money away from Oklahoma's current needs. They also argue the state should not be paying debt obligations that belong to local governments.

STATE QUESTION 801

Allow Building Fund Revenue for School Operations

LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM 374
STATE QUESTION 801

This measure amends Section 10 of Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It expands the uses permitted for certain ad valorem taxes levied by a school district. Currently, tax revenue is placed in a building fund. The fund is changed to allow use for operations. The operations would be those deemed necessary by a school district.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO

SUMMARY: This question was placed on the ballot by lawmakers. Public school districts in Oklahoma are allowed to use five mills (\$5 for every \$1,000 of assessed value) of property tax dollars for building funds, which can include such expenses as repairs, maintenance, upkeep and construction on district property. State Question 801 removes that Constitutional restriction and gives individual school districts the authority to use more property tax dollars for day-to-day operations such as teacher salaries or additional employees. It would not increase revenue for schools since all Oklahoma school districts tax at the maximum 44 total mills allowed. **SUPPORTERS SAY** the change would create more district competition and give them greater spending flexibility. Districts with lower property values could raise teacher salaries to attract highly-qualified teachers. **OPPONENTS SAY** the proposal could lead to more disparity and inequity among rich and poor districts. They say it does not create any more tax revenue and is merely a way to shift more of the burden of teacher salaries from the state Legislature to local school boards.

For more information about State Questions, see the Oklahoma State Election Board website at www.ok.gov/elections/Election_Info/State_Question_info.html

or the Oklahoma Secretary of State website at www.sos.ok.gov/gov/state_questions.aspx

