

VOTERS GUIDE

May 6, 2008 Primary

HENDERSON CO. COMMISSIONERS

District 2 (You may vote for one)

CHARLES MESSER

Email: None

Age: 54

Education: West Henderson High School

Occupation: Self Employed

Volunteer involvement in the community: 1999-2000 Meals on Wheels, volunteer in activities at Oak Forest Church, member of several boards in County .

The 3 pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

My last 7 ½ years in office I have seen bad times and good times. The last four years I feel that we have moved this County forward. We need to stay ahead of growth.

WALTER SHEPPARD

Email: None

Age: 78

Education: Accounting, GA State, Atlanta, GA.

Occupation: Self-Employed

Volunteer Involvement in the community: Attended several meetings in the last several months.

The 3 pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Reduction in taxes.
2. Looking at the Regulatory Process—Too Strict—Too Costly
3. Strictly abide by the Constitution of the United States of America—the supreme law of the land.

MARK BUCKNER

Email: markdeb65@hughes.net

Age: 47

Education: Graduated from West Henderson H.S.

Occupation: Self-Employed in Taxidermy.

Volunteer involvement in the community:

The 3 pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. I will diligently pursue schools that are functional and reasonable priced. Also getting projects competed in a timely manner. The schools need equipment and supplies for our teachers so they can do what they need to do. .
2. Property taxes-Work on alleviating the
3. burden we are putting on our elderly and fixed income residents so they don't have to sell family land just to pay their taxes.
4. Water system-Our reservoirs need to be updated so they are more efficient. We don't need more drought laws (meters on private wells) we just need to take better care of the systems we have.

COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 5

BRUCE HATFIELD

Email: bruce@brucehatfield2008.com

Age: 59

Education: BS
Biology/Chemistry 1970,
B.S. Pharmacy 1975
Univ. of TX, National
Security Mgt. 1990

Occupation:
Health Care Consultant
Volunteer Involvement in the community: Scottish games of the South, Antique Car Club, Henderson Co. Republican Party Vice-Chair. Pearl Harbor Day Commemorative Comm. Member of Elks and American Legion.

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Tax rate / lowering taxes.
2. Staying within revenues & budget.
3. Managing growth and protecting surroundings.

SAM LAUGHTER

Email: www.samlaughter.com

Age: 57

Education: High School, USN
Advanced Electronics, County
Administration I.O.G.

Occupation: Retired building services director.

Volunteer involvement in the community: Pres. Etowah PTO 1980's, Cub Scout Pack Master Etowah Pack 216, Jr. High Sunday School teacher Etowah United Methodist Church 1990's, Advisor Etowah UMYF leading mission teams in WNC., bowling for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Participated in fund raisers for M.S., American Cancer Society. Precinct chair in Etowah Valley.

Three pressing issues you would like to address while in office.

1. I will call for a review of all county services and determine the cost per capita and classify them into mandated public health, safety, and support for the private sector to pursue free enterprise. Programs will be prioritized and bench marks established to compare our efficiency of operation with other unit organizations.

2. Tax dollars saved will be used for schools and a law enforcement center construction.
3. Review the Capital Improvements Plan and include maintenance and utility cost as a scheduled item on newly proposed and existing buildings.

CHUCK McGRADY

Email:
www.chuckmcgrady.com

Age: 55
Education: B.A. (with distinction) Rhodes College, Memphis TN, J.D. (cum Laude) Mercer Univ., Macon GA

Occupation: Summer Camp Director/Henderson Co. Commissioner

Volunteer involvement in the community: Board Mem. Four Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, President, Muddy Sneakers, Inc., Member Rotary Club, Pres. Partners in Health Condominium Assoc.

The 3 pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Growth management and issues related.
2. Transportation
3. Aging issues. Housing, recreation, etc.

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
 DISTRICT 29B
 (You may vote for ONE)**

LAMAR GUDGER

Email:

Age:
Education:
Occupation:
Volunteer involvement in the community:

The 3 pressing issues you would like to address while in office;

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

PETER KNIGHT

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RONALD E. JUSTICE, JR

Email: rejusticelawyer@aol.com

Age: 45

Education: Hendersonville H.S. 1980, Mars Hill College, B.A. in History 1994, Univ. of S.C., J.D. 2000

Occupation: Attorney, The Justice Law Firm, P.A.

Volunteer Involvement in the

Community: I am an Assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 601. I am also a member of the Hendersonville Civitan Club and sit on the Board of Directors. I am the Legal Officer for the Asheville Squadron of Civil Air Patrol. I am entering my twenty-ninth year of service in the Army Reserve.

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Ensuring the resources of the court, to include time and court staff, are used wisely.
2. To ensure parties act in a courteous and civil manner to each other and the court staff
3. To ensure any judgment or ruling I make is based on the law and evidence presented and is made in a manner that is understandable as to why it was made.

Age: 52

Education: B.S. in Business Administration with Honors, 1977 UNC-Chapel Hill, J.D. 1980.

Occupation: Lawyer

Volunteer involvement in the

community: I've served as an active member of several boards of local Non-Profit entities and have provided Pro Bono legal services for these and many other Non-Profit agencies in our community..

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Rules of judicial ethics and the nature of judicial office limit the ability to respond to this topic.