



VOTER REPORT

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Candidates Respond to Important Questions Impacting Local Businesses

November 5, 2024: General Election

The Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board invited the following candidates to respond to a questionnaire in order for you, the business community, to vote pro-business. Learn why the candidates chose to run and their top priorities should they be elected. These candidates were asked to respond, up to 195 words, to each question below. Those responses are listed exactly as they were received, and those that exceeded the required word count are stopped at 195 words.

Q: Could you share with us the primary motivations and driving factors that inspired you to run for this public office? What personal experiences or professional goals influenced your decision to seek this position?



Jeffrey L. Hunker: Candidate for Hancock County Commissioner
 I have had an interest in local government for a long time. I truly believe that we are all called to contribute to our community in some way. Service in local government started for me 11 years ago when first elected as a Liberty Twp. Trustee. Every group or organization I have ever gotten involved with has been based on my having questions about how it was run and/or my belief that I could contribute to it in a positive way. I have approached the commissioner race in the same way. Over the last 11 years serving as a local elected official I have had the opportunity to build relationships with the county commissioners and other elected county officials. I was encouraged to run for office of commissioner due to my understanding of many of the duties and responsibilities of the county commissioners but also because I had invested in building some valuable relationships with many individuals who work with the commissioners on a daily basis. Make no mistake, even though my belief is that I have a good understanding of the office, there is always much more to learn.



Sheila M. Coressel: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

I decided to run to be your next state representative because it is another way I can give back to the community. I believe that my experiences as a member of the Ada Village Council (I'm in my second term) and as a college administrator have prepared me to serve as the voice for the 83rd constituents at the statehouse. I want to be that voice. I want them to know that they are being heard and their concerns are being considered. Giving back and helping others is what gets me up in the morning.



Ty Mathews: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

As was my desire and motivation that compels me to serve our country as a military officer, I have a strong resolve to serve my local area citizens and communities. I believe there is a great need and opportunity to restore peoples' trust and confidence in government and state institutions. As a U.S. Army officer in the Ohio National Guard, I routinely see firsthand how a servant leadership commitment and practice earns the trust and confidence of the American people. That same level of trust and confidence can also be earned and achieved with our state institutions.



Phillip A. Riegle: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

I did not initially think I would run for Common Pleas Court Judge. I have enjoyed my time as County Prosecuting Attorney. I enjoy working closely with law enforcement on cases and investigations, so it was not a priority. However, I reconsidered. Common Pleas Court Judge is one of the most important positions in our community. This position is critical due to the immense power bestowed upon that office and the key role a judge plays in criminal justice. Having judges who want to protect our community, show humility, are grounded in our values, and will treat everyone equally is critical. This is a position that as a community we have to get right. As I thought about that, I felt my experience as a consensus builder, my knowledge of county government, my relations with law enforcement, and my belief in accountability made me uniquely situated to serve as judge in our community. I've made the tough decisions, worked through crisis and kept a steady hand. I am ready to put in the work to keep our community safe.



Alex K. Treece: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

My primary motive for running for Judge of the Hancock County Common Pleas Court is that I believe I am the most qualified individual to serve Hancock County as Judge. I have spent most of my career practicing in the Hancock County Common Pleas Court, almost 20 years. I have prosecuted and defended every type of felony offense. No one has spent more time in Hancock County Common Pleas Court as I have. My ten years as an Assistant Prosecutor equipped with the tools to effectively run a courtroom. My time in private practice, further expanded my skill set, in the fields of both Civil Law and Domestic Relations. As an Assistant Public Defender, I continue to practice, on a daily basis in that Court. In addition, I have a serious concern that some of the developments that Judge Routson has achieved over the years, such as Drug Court, will not be continued, should I not be elected.

Q: What are your main priorities or concerns for our community, and how do you plan to address them if elected?



Jeffrey L. Hunker: Candidate for Hancock County Commissioner

Relationships, County Infrastructure and Fiscally Conservative Mgt. As I stated in question 1, I am a firm believer that good relationships make a difference. To build good relationships it takes time and much effort. I am well aware that the relationship in Hancock County between city and county government needs to improve for all of Hancock County to prosper. Hancock County will also have a new Sheriff, County Prosecutor and one new Common Pleas Judge in addition to the one new County Commissioner. Expenses in regards to county infrastructure, primarily buildings, has been an ongoing challenge with many unanticipated expenses over the years. Moving forward voters may be asked about possible new facilities. One topic of discussion could be what to do about the aging Hancock County Jail. The commissioners work with many different agencies/departments on budgets. I will do my best to stress the importance of wise use of funds especially since the revenue streams vary based on the economy. As many of you know the county is very dependent on sales tax revenue so the county goes as the economy goes.



Sheila M. Coressel: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

As your representative, I will fight to ensure accessible and affordable healthcare, invest public money into all levels of public education, and support our local businesses and family farms. Personal experience tells me that our healthcare system is slowly becoming less accessible to those who need it. I am a product of quality public education, at all levels, and want public education and training for all Ohioans. I grew up surrounded by the beauty of the farmlands and know that agriculture shaped our district. I will seek guidance from senior general assembly members and work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to write legislation that will protect healthcare, public education, and local agriculture and industry in the 83rd.



Ty Mathews: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

As outlined above, I am focused on restoring peoples' trust and confidence in our state government and institutions. I also hope to inspire and challenge others to serve our communities within the 83rd District with volunteerism and engagement. Additionally, I intend to help government and law enforcement become proactive in ensuring the safety, protection, and privacy of 83rd District (and Ohio) citizens related to numerous emerging dangers and threats presented by nefarious use of drones and AI (artificial intelligence). Furthermore, I would like to facilitate initiatives and legislation to phase out state income taxes over the next eight years and eliminate school district taxing for Ohioans who have retired.



Phillip A. Riegle: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

On the criminal side, the biggest priority is holding people accountable for their actions with an eye on protecting the public every step of the way. Accountability can mean different things for different defendants. For some, its simply providing oversight on probation or through a program to monitor the individual while also trying to get to the root causes of the behavior to begin with. This can include working with private agencies like Welcome to a New Life to facilitate a change in behavior. For others, accountability means prison sentences-in some cases long prison sentences. For some individuals, the criminal acts are so serious that only a long period of incapacitation is acceptable. Still others need a prison sentence with release eventually on some sort of monitoring plan. The most important thing is that whatever the sentence, protecting our community must be considered as an important factor in fashioning a sentence no matter who the defendant is.



Alex K. Treece: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

My main priority as Judge, will be to keep our community safe. While there are certainly times where an individual will need to be separated from the rest of society, if our goal is to lower the crime rate in Hancock County, incarceration isn't always the answer. Often times addiction and mental health need to be addressed, as they are the most common forces underlying criminal offenses. Another priority, as Judge, will be to treat any individual with dignity and respect, regardless of what they are facing or why they're appearing before me.

Q: How will you ensure that you listen to and address the concerns and perspectives of constituents who hold differing opinions from your own, and how will you incorporate diverse viewpoints into your decision-making process?



Jeffrey L. Hunker: Candidate for Hancock County Commissioner

This question is one that is of great interest to me. As many of you may have seen on my campaign signs during the primary my campaign slogan was "A Voice for ALL residents of Hancock County." We currently live in a country that is divided on many issues and unfortunately many individuals are not even willing to talk to someone who has a different view than themselves. With the exception of my religious beliefs I am usually more than willing to have a discussion with someone who has a different view than myself. Why wouldn't I want to have this discussion? If someone has a different viewpoint than me and presents the topic in a persuasive manner that makes sense I may be convinced to change my stance. Especially, if we truly want what is best for Hancock County residents that I will potentially represent as commissioner. I encourage good dialogue and will do everything to make myself available for these discussions. The best conversations are those that take place face to face because you are able to see them and their passion for the topic to be discussed.



Sheila M. Coressel: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

As your representative, I would offer opportunities at various times in order to listen to constituents' concerns. In fact, I recently had similar experiences at the Hardin County Fair. I listened to constituent concerns, only asking questions to seek clarification. From my own experiences, I know the value of spending time listening and understanding others' concerns and suggestions. I commit to taking these concerns to the statehouse and working with my staff to determine the best way forward.



Ty Mathews: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

A State Representative serves everyone in the District and listens to all, not just those of a particular political party. Furthermore, good decisions are made when input is welcomed from many different viewpoints. I will be accessible and invite communications from the citizens of the 83rd Ohio House District as well as be visible and engaged with activities and events throughout the District.



Phillip A. Riegle: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

A Common Pleas Court Judge must be scrupulously fair to everyone. Political affiliation, nor a person's religion, nor someone's race or nationality can ever be part of any factor in handling a case. This is the bedrock of our judicial system-fairness. I will be fair and impartial no matter the defendant. Now, that does not mean defendants would not face potentially serious consequences upon a finding of guilt, but everyone is entitled to a fair trial. As County Prosecutor, I don't ask if the victim is a Republican or Democrat before we review the case. Honestly I could not tell you the political views of defendants we charge with crimes. It's a matter of right and wrong, not red or blue. I would apply that to cases as judge as well.



Alex K. Treece: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

A big reason as to why I am running as an Independent is to ensure that any individual appearing before me will be treated consistently, regardless their race, age, national origin or political affiliation. In addition, I am willing to meet with anyone to discuss any concerns they may have with the Hancock County Common Pleas Court.

Q: How do you plan to actively engage with the business community to understand their concerns and incorporate their feedback into decisions that may affect their operations and growth?



Jeffrey L. Hunker: Candidate for Hancock County Commissioner

I have been fortunate enough to be appointed and currently serving on Regional Planning made up of a cross-section of city and county representatives. My experience on Regional Planning will continue to be beneficial as it relates to our role in community planning which at times specifically impacts economic development initiatives. Obviously, as Commissioner my role will expand to hopefully serving within the various Chamber Boards directly with business members who volunteer their time to strengthen economic development at all levels. Also, we know staffing continues to be a challenge for employers but would welcome having quarterly meetings with Large, Mid-size and Small business to listen to how County Government can better support their concerns. Finally, it is important to listen and work towards building a consensus, but decisions must be made at the end of the day that ultimately are in the best interest of our community as a whole.



Sheila M. Coressel: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

I will work on becoming involved in the Chambers of Commerce in the district. When it is possible, I will attend chamber events, along with union events. I am interested in hearing the owners and the workers of our local businesses to see how I can support them at the state level. I welcome local businesses to reach out to me with questions and to share their experiences so I can better concerns their concerns and determine the ideal way to incorporate their feedback.



Ty Mathews: Candidate for State Representative (83rd District)

As stated above, I will be accessible and invite communications from businesses throughout the District as well as participate in business activities and events. I will also be available to visit businesses throughout the District, tour facilities, and interact directly with business owners and employees.



Phillip A. Riegle: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

I have a very good rapport with members of the business community. While our paths do not always cross, if I am seeing issues that would potentially cause problems for a business or sector of the business community, I would communicate that. For our community to be successful, every area must be successful. Judges cannot pick winners and losers in the market, but judges can work with business to ensure areas of concern are shared with stakeholders. We are all in this together. As judge, I pledge to work with our business community to solve problems and deal with issues before they fester into bigger issues.



Alex K. Treece: Candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

I continue to be active in the community. I have served on numerous boards and own a small business myself in our community. I am always willing to meet with anyone and address their concerns. That includes other business leaders.

Please be informed and carefully review all the candidates and issues on the November 5th ballot for Hancock County. A complete list (and ballot text) can be found at HancockBoardofElections.com.

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