

2020 Primary Voter Guide*

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* General Election Guide to be released following the Primary Election

U.S. SENATOR



Paul Jean Swearingen

A West Virginia native and a coal miner's daughter, Paula Jean is tired of the citizens paying the price for corporate greed. As a Senator, she will fight to end corruption in Washington and for decent paying jobs with benefits and a diverse economy.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Matt Hahn, Republican, 2nd District

A physician for over 10 years, Matt is frustrated by the gridlock in Washington. He will work to fix healthcare, raise the minimum wage, and end the opioid crisis. He will focus on ending the division that is tearing us apart.



Cathy Kunkel, Democrat, 2nd District

Working with West Virginians for the past 9 years, Cathy's been fighting utility rate hikes, advocating for safe water, and organizing in solidarity with striking employees. In Congress, Cathy will demand federal investment in the infrastructure, and grow diverse sectors of our economy.

GOVERNOR



Stephen J. Smith

Protecting the environment and addressing climate change are some of Stephen's core values. He regularly speaks of his opposition to heavy industry in the Panhandle without community consent. He has built a grass-roots campaign, entirely refusing corporate support.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE



Kent Leonhardt, Republican

Current Commissioner of Agriculture, Kent has fought to protect the agricultural economy in Jefferson County. This includes fighting the industrialization of the County which would negatively impact agriculture activities here.



Bob Beach, Democrat

A WV Senator, Bob knows that our greatest resource is our people. He believes our State Government should work for our folks and not against them. We must prioritize pipelines for access to state and federal grants and protect family farms from the pressures of monopolies.

MAGISTRATE



Carmela Cesare, Division 1

Carmela's 20 years of courtroom experience as both a criminal defense attorney and a prosecutor can benefit the Jefferson County judicial system. She has a firm understanding of the law and knowledge of how the courtroom should function.



Arthena Roper, Division 3

Currently serving as a Magistrate, Arthena's calm, thoughtful demeanor and experience as a Cultural Diversity Administrator for over 15 years serve her and the County well in the courtroom.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Erin Bajada, Shepherdstown District

As a farmer, Erin understands the importance of educating students for a range of careers and vocations. On the BOE, she would support funding school repairs, competitive pay for area teachers, and more wrap-around services for students.



Amanda Godlove, Harpers Ferry District

A local business owner and parent, Amanda supports measures to reduce teacher turnover, increase special education services, include science-based climate change education in the curriculum, and incorporate sustainable architecture into school buildings.



Donna Joy, Shepherdstown District

As a teacher with 30 years experience in education and mental health, Donna favors transparency and accountability for the BOE. She also supports a climate change literacy requirement for graduation and sustainability modifications in the schools.



Regina Kerrigan, Kabletown District

A native of JC, Regina experienced every aspect of the JCPS. As a BOE member, she would support sorely needed school renovations, climate change instruction, and an interactive, transparent relationship between the BOE and the community.



David Morreale, Shepherdstown District

As a teacher, David believes data-based decision making and best practices are the best way to educate our students. He also supports the implementation of successful sustainability projects, and the expansion of Vo-Tech.

JUSTICE, WV SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS



Richard Neely, Division 1

Serving as a Supreme Court Justice for 22 years, often as Chief Justice, Richard has a wealth of judicial experience. He has also litigated environmental class actions, including cases against corporate polluters. He has a history of protecting the interests of individuals.



William R. "Bill" Wooton, Division 2

Ten years as Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee gives Bill experience with business, commercial, and regulatory issues. He was instrumental in the defeat of both the "dirty secrets bill" (environmental self audits) and the deregulation of electric utilities in WV.



John A. Hutchison, Division 3

John currently fills a vacated Supreme Court seat. If elected, his goal is to restore confidence in the judiciary system. His experience of 24 years as a Raleigh County Circuit Court Justice serve him well in West Virginia's highest Court.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR



Daniel P. "Danny" Lutz

As the incumbent Conservation District Supervisor, Danny has a established history of protecting the Eastern Panhandle. A vote for Danny is a vote for the unique ecosystem that is Jefferson County.