



2020 GENERAL ELECTION GUIDE



VOTE FOR THESE CANDIDATES TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS



UNITED STATES SENATE

Paula Jean Swearingin – A West Virginia native and a coal miner’s daughter, Paula Jean is tired of citizens paying the price for corporate greed. She is not accepting any corporate funding. As our U.S. Senator, she will fight for a sustainable economy with jobs that pay a living wage, as well as stronger protections for clean water and air. <https://paulajeans.com>

WV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Sammi Brown (District 65) – Sammi is fed up with political apathy and inaction while West Virginians struggle to survive. As a current Delegate, she has sponsored and supported legislation that requires public hearings for industrial air permits, increased protections for drinking water, and the expansion of clean energy facilities in West Virginia. <https://www.sammibrown.org>

SECRETARY OF STATE

Natalie Tennant – In previous terms as Secretary of State, Natalie streamlined the SoS office to increase efficiency while improving services. Under her leadership, West Virginia emerged as a national leader in online and automatic voter registration. In her next term, she will continue to use technology to improve the accessibility and transparency of the WV government. <https://www.natalietennant.com>

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Bob Beach – Raised on a WV farm, Bob has spent 54 years involved in agriculture in the state. He will prioritize pipelines for access to state and federal grants, protect family farms from the pressures of monopolies, increase communication between stakeholders and support measures that protect the clean air and water necessary for a thriving agricultural economy. <https://beachforwv.com>

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Cathy Kunkel – An energy policy expert, Cathy’s been a tireless advocate for West Virginians from fighting utility rate hikes to advocating for safe water after the 2014 Freedom Industries chemical spill. In Congress, Cathy will demand federal infrastructure investment and support the development of a diverse economy that does not pollute our air, land, or water. <https://kunkelforcongress.com>

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Storme Frame (District 66) – Born and raised in Charles Town and a pivotal leader in the West Virginia teacher strikes, Storme is prepared to tackle the job of representing the people of Jefferson County. She recognizes the importance of developing our county while preserving the environment and protecting our thriving tourism, agriculture, and recreational economy. <https://stormethehouse.com>

AUDITOR

Mary Ann Claytor – Mary Ann is the only Auditor candidate with an accounting degree. Working as a state auditor for decades, she has a deep understanding of the office and its problems. As Auditor, she will use her extensive knowledge to increase efficiency and bring the office into the 21st century without burdening local governments. <https://mac4wv.com>

COUNTY COMMISSION

Lanae Johnson (Kabletown District) A retired Lt. Col., Lanae has worked with a variety of organizations as well as all levels of governments. As Commissioner, she envisions an inclusive, transparent Commission that works with county citizens to ensure public safety and expand sustainable economic activity in Jefferson County. <https://johnson4jefferson.com>

WEST VIRGINIA SENATE

Pete Dougherty – A Jefferson County native with years of experience at the county, state and national levels, Pete is a proven problem solver who knows what is important to local citizens. As our WV Senator, he will ensure that the interests of Jefferson County are represented in Charleston including infrastructure, employment, and environmental concerns. <http://www.peteforwv.com>

WV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

John Doyle (District 67) – A retired Army Lieutenant, John has served many terms as a WV Delegate. He has a strong record representing the unique interests of Jefferson County, particularly on tourism, government transparency, and environmental issues. Recently, he sponsored legislation requiring public hearings for industrial air permits, strict water standards, and a prohibition on building factories near schools. <http://doylefordelegate.org>

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sam Petsonk – A native of West Virginia and an attorney, Sam’s efforts have secured severance pay, black lung benefits, and healthcare coverage for individuals across the state. As Attorney General, he will firmly enforce the laws to protect the liberties, well-being and basic rights of all West Virginians as he combats fraud, corruption, and abusive practices. <https://www.samforwv.com>

COUNTY COMMISSION

Ralph Lorenzetti (Harpers Ferry District) A longtime resident of the Eastern Panhandle, Ralph believes that the Commission should consider public input in all decisions. He opposes the flawed process that brought Rockwool to Jefferson County and has worked to increase the transparency of the Commission. <https://www.facebook.com/lorenzettiforcommissioner2020>

GOVERNOR

Danny Lutz Jr. – Danny is the only gubernatorial candidate to prioritize the protection of the environment and sustainable development in his platform. As the Conservation District Supervisor, he has a history of protecting the Eastern Panhandle. Whether the issue is broadband access, environmental cleanup, renewable energy, or jobs, Danny will implement green solutions that will help WV thrive. <https://dannifyforwv.nationbuilder.com>

This 2020 Voter Guide is a joint effort between Jefferson County Vision and the Eastern Panhandle Green Coalition, 501(c)4 organizations dedicated to preserving the quality of life in Jefferson County. The guide is the result of an endorsement process that included extensive background research based on voting records, writings, anecdotal experiences, conversations and detailed candidate questionnaire responses. Find out more about our organizations at <https://jeffersoncountyvision.com> and <https://www.epgreenwv.org>

SHERIFF

John King – With over 30 years in federal law enforcement, John has a broad and deep understanding of the justice system. He believes the Sheriff should be nonpartisan and has the experience to ensure that the Sheriff’s Department has the best training, equipment, and personnel for which to operate with integrity, transparency, and accountability. <https://www.johnkingforsheriff.com>

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD