

election preview 2020

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Michael Mueller
Lincoln County
Associate Commissioner
District I
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

My ability to communicate effectively with all members of the community and listening to any suggestions, questions or feedback that they may have. I also have a lifetime of experience working with the environment and have the knowledge of how roads should be handled.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

Not only was I born and raised in Lincoln County and feel a great commitment to our community, I also have been the Lincoln County District I Commissioner for the last four years and have dedicated much time and effort to the progression of our county.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

During my term if re-elected I would like to continue to improve our roads and bring broadband to our rural communities.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

Economic development of our county through expanding current businesses and adding new ones.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

By reassuring the community that they can always contact me with any questions or concerns and that everyone's feedback will be taken into consideration before making our final decisions.

C. Henry Burkemper
Snow Hill Township
Committeeman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

I am a life long resident of Lincoln County and have strong beliefs that are based in conservative values.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

I have never held public office. I have no connection to other politicians.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

My goal, if elected, is to help the central committee continue to vet candidates to ensure that candidates make it to the ballot for the voters to potentially elect those who share similar beliefs and goals as the Republican population of this country.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

We need to come together as a community and keep a level head to make solid decisions based on reliable information to ensure that the most correct course is chosen.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

I would be open and available outside of my work and family to discuss my views, goals and beliefs, as well as listen to the same from anyone who wanted to take the time to share that information with me.



Lisa F. Seely
Lincoln County
Associate Commissioner
District II
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

I have business entrepreneurial experience having co-owned an automotive and residential glass replacement company here in Lincoln County for two decades.

This experience has given me the insight to budgets, logistics, inventory control, accounts receivable and payable, contracts with insurance companies, employee practices, etc.

I have corporate experience have spent over 15 years in the real estate and home building industry. This experience has given me insight to effective pricing negotiations, quality workmanship, cycle time, management practices, training of new employees, etc.

I have succeeded in both careers, and now want to dedicate myself to the citizens of Lincoln County.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

As the first female commissioner in Lincoln County history, I will bring a fresh new perspective.

Anyone that knows me, will tell you that I work hard and I have the drive, ambition, and tenacity to get things done.

I will bring a common sense approach to whatever issues shall arise.

I will dedicate myself to making Lincoln County the best place to live, work, and enjoy life.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

As your County Commissioner I have three top priorities:

1) Fiscal Responsibility of Budgets- and to prevent wasteful spending.

2) Proper maintenance of county buildings, maintenance and improvements of the county roads so that the citizens of Lincoln County may travel safely to and from home, school, and work.

3) Expanding Broadband Internet to rural areas.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

With the unknown future of Covid-19 many citizens are scared, and don't know what to believe, because there is so much conflicting information coming out in Media.

I believe that we need to encourage safety practices to avoid the spread, but not have the government mandate the individual people and take away their freedoms.

Our community is made up of all types of small businesses and they need to stay open, keep people employed, and keep the economy going.

I like the idea of the choice to keep your children at home via online learning, but I feel that children will benefit their education the most with in classroom learning.

Which brings the point of bringing quality Broadband Internet to as many rural homes as possible.

Children learning via on-line classroom that do not have proper access to internet will lag behind. It is imperative that children be able to access their teacher, schoolwork, and online learning classes.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

Communication is key to keeping the citizens involved. I would encourage residents to come the weekly Commissioner meetings and to bring their concerns to us.

As commissioners we should be out in the community and interacting with the residents.

I will always respond timely to your questions.



Gary Grunick
Snow Hill Township
Committeeman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

I am a lawyer and retired JAG US Air Force Colonel. I have served eight years on the Lincoln County Republican Central Committee. During the past six years as Chair of the Central Committee, I helped to expand a growing conservative resurgence in Lincoln County. As a Conservative Constitutional life-long Republican, I believe we need to preserve the traditional values of Faith, Family and Freedom. Issues I hold dear include: strong economy, lower taxes, reduced governmental regulations, sovereign borders, sanctity of life, strong military, protection of religious and personal freedom, and preservation of our right to bear arms.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

The Lincoln County Republican Central Committee needs leadership, and it cannot be accomplished by someone who has never done anything for any Republican candidate nor ever helped the Republican Party of Lincoln County. The Republican Central Committee is the true GOP grassroots of Lincoln County. I have worked hard to enhance conservative principles by assisting local, regional, state and national candidates and their staffs.

During the 2016 and current presidential campaigns, I organized and chaired the Lincoln County Presidential Caucus leading to the Missouri State Convention. Our State Convention helped to nominate and elect President Trump. Whether working to put up signs, a parade, fair booth, selling Trump hats, or hosting a candidate dinner event, I enjoy the opportunity to motivate local voters and help them express Republican values.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I will continue to recruit and encourage candidates who are faithful Republican standard bearers, and who possess the competency, character, and courage needed in government. Working Republican issues and representing Lincoln County requires energy, ex-

perience and knowledge.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

This fall is the most important national election in our lifetime. We must re-elect President Trump. The greatest challenge we face is to stop the chaos of creeping socialism into society. Preserving public safety with the Rule of Law and not mob rule is vital.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

I will continue to give the residents of Lincoln County the opportunity to experience and participate in Republican events like parades, meetings, fair booths, candidate forums/debates and dinners. Giving them an opportunity to meet and question candidates. I will continue to expand and grow the conservative Republican resurgence in Lincoln County.



Carol Wessel Boyer
Clark Township
Committeewoman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

Currently- Vice Chair Lincoln County Republican Central Committee.

Missouri 10th District State Committeewoman representing six counties.

Vice Chair 3d Congressional District.

Treasure First Capital Republican Women's Club.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

I have faithfully served the Republican grassroots of Lincoln County for years in a variety of legislative, congressional, and local political leadership positions.

Elected to attend the national convention.

Endorsed by President Trump has a convention delegate.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

Continue in these challenging political, economic, and cultural times it is important on a local, state and national level to be unified behind the candidates and platform values that are distinctively republican.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

Like most Americans Covid 19 and the effect is has on Lincoln County.

In my position with the Missouri GOP, appointed to serve on Platform Committee which comes up every four years worked extensively on the Republican Party Platform. I have been diligent to assure the platform reflects traditional conservative values of Right to Life, protection of the 2nd Amendment, sov-

ereign borders, lower taxes, decreased regulation, full employment and support of our military and law enforcement.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

Keeping them informed and answer question of upcoming events and most important elections. What's going on in local, state and national government.



Kevin Bishop
Lincoln County
Assessor
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

I have over 30+ years of county government experience and have served as County Assessor since late 2006.

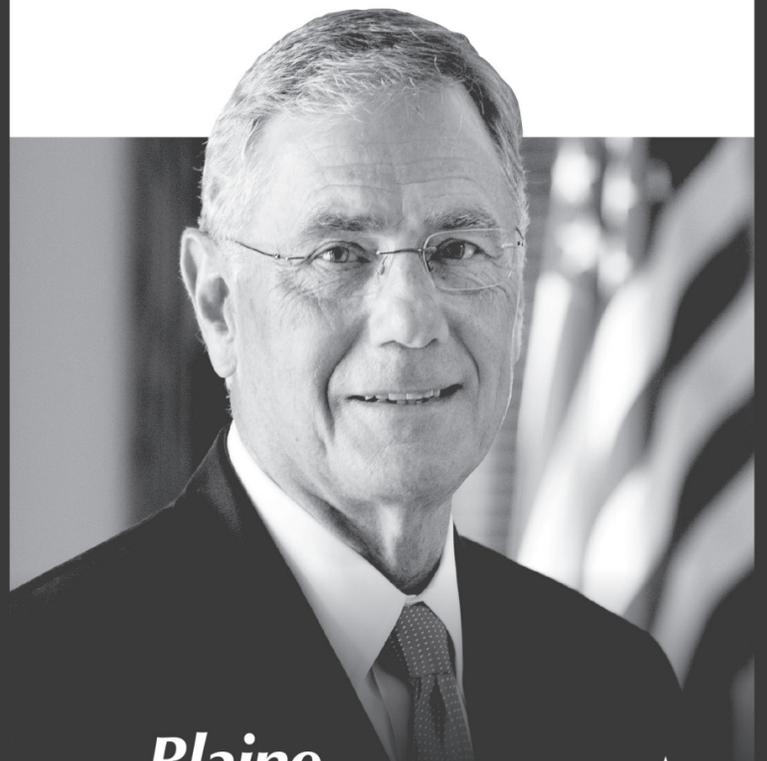
2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

If I were opposed my overall experience within the office would be my strongest asset.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

As always, keep the lines of communication

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Appoint Conservative judges.
Build the wall and support police.
Hold China accountable.



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open to all citizens. Our goal is to be fair and honest with everyone concerned. Keep the office up to date with the most current and effective procedures.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

Our county is growing more and more each day. Having infrastructure in place or planned is the most important thing right now. Attracting more industry or commercial jobs to the area is a valid thing that should be high on the counties to-do-list.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

As taxpayers in the country, they have every right to express concerns, faults to all elected officials in the county and they should not be discounted. Communication is key!



Matt Bass
Lincoln County
Associate Commissioner
District II
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

Being elected in 2008, in the middle of the recession made me quickly realize how much running the counties business was like running my own business. I had to make decisions that were hard to make such as cut budgets and freezing employee wages, etc. I feel as if with my 12 years experience I am trained to keep the county solvent in this uncertain future.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

My experience working inside county government over my last 12 years, there is a lot of responsibility. My restaurant experience helps me understand the importance of making good financial decisions. I am very accessible to the public.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

Taking care of the money through these uncertain times, continue to make improvements to our road and bridge department, continue to work on projects such as broadband and bringing water to unserved parts of the county. Complete projects that I am presently working on such as bridge projects and the new Rankin Technical Facility.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

That the local elected officials continue to work together through these uncertain times. That we, as elected officials, use common sense measures to ensure good growth. Continue paving roads and making our county buildings more efficient.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

As I have for the last 12 years, by being available to the public. Plus I hope the community becomes more involved. I am always open to suggestions and enjoy

meeting the residents and working with them.



Christine Miller
Clark Township
Committeewoman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

I am a lifelong resident of Lincoln County and have supported the Republican platform since becoming a registered voter at the age of 18. I have strong, proven leadership and administrative skills. I have supported many Republican candidates over the years, worked on various campaigns, walked in many parades and handed out lots of literature. However, I have found over the years that there are some Republican candidates that are Republican in name only. I'm an avid advocate for candidates who truly support the pure Republican platform.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

I am a member of Missouri Right to Life, NRA, True Republicans United and VFW Auxiliary #7560. I have worked with Oasis Resource Center serving on their first annual fundraising banquet dinner committee, first annual clay shoot and led the first Baby Bottle fundraising campaign at my church. I have participated in the Lincoln County & Warren County Missouri Right to Life Chapters. I have spent time on the sidewalk in front of St. Louis Planned Parenthood in prayer for the unborn and their mothers and spent many hours in Jefferson City during legislative sessions fighting for right to life issues.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I want to assist Lincoln County in keeping true Republican candidates on our ballots and help educate Lincoln Countians of the Republican Party's platform. I want to be the voice for my township's residents.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

2020 has been a year of unknowns, twists and turns. I believe transparency is of utmost importance. Our county has been in

the news over the last few years plagued with lawsuits being filed against elected officials and an elected official being removed from office. Our current elected officials should be held accountable and our duly elected officials should be allowed to serve in the capacity they were elected. I want to be a part of helping promote and retain the Republican platform in our local community and state.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

I welcome all persons in my township (Clark Township) to contact me with their concerns so that I may pass them along to the Central Committee for review and action. If we do not promote Republican activism in our community then I believe we lose our voice and leadership accountability.



Robert Bruce
Lincoln County
Associate Commissioner
District II
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

Owner of RDB Construction for 33 years. Advisory Board Pike/Lincoln Tech School. First Christian Church Board - President 2009-2014. Chairman of Building Committee at First Christian Church.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

Work Ethics - Leading by Example. Communication in Transparency with Citizens of Lincoln County. Active Listener, Responsible, Involved in the Community.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

Live within the means - Lincoln County citizens have to live within their means and Lincoln County government should do so as well.

Responsible smart growth to match the capacity of our infrastructure.

Limited government intervention of personal liberties.

4. What do you feel is

Vote YES on Amendment 2 - August 4th

After more than 30 years helping at-risk youth and their families, I've seen how Medicaid can help Missourians access the mental health and addiction services they need to... As well as how families can't get the care they need. Fortunately, on August 4th, Lincoln County has the opportunity to save lives and strengthen families by expanding Medicaid to ensure we have healthier kids and healthier families.

2020 marks my 31st year in the profession of helping at-risk youth and their families. In 1993 I accepted a position as a Lincoln County Deputy Juvenile Officer. Later I worked at Camp Avery in the Cuivre River Park as well as Not for Profit agencies helping at risk families.

Medicaid expansion gives us another opportunity to save lives and improve the health and well-being of our neighbors. We are already paying for Medicaid expansion, and Missourians deserve the benefits of health insurance coverage. Presently, over \$1 Billion of Missourian's tax dollars are sent to Washington DC each year and go to other States (New York, California, Arkansas, etc.) to help pay for their citizen's healthcare.

Now is the time to make a stand and keep Missouri tax dollars helping Missourians. By voting YES on Amendment 2 on August 4th, you will be voting for strengthening and ensuring a stronger future for Missouri's youth and families. By voting YES on Amendment 2 - 230,000 additional Missourians will have a chance at a brighter, healthier future.

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most important for your community at this time?

To have a public servant instead of a politician. A person to be an active listener, problem solver and truthful to a fault.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

Live video feed of meetings so everyone who wants to view their tax dollars in action.

Constant communication - face to face, answering emails and phone calls.

Participating in community service.



Alexandra Salsman
Bedford Township
Committeewoman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

The Republican Central Committee has the stated purpose of fostering loyalty to the Republican Party, promoting its principles and recruiting, assisting, and electing Republicans. I've been serving in this role as committeewoman for Bedford Township since 2014. I'm currently the Political Director for the Missouri Firearms Coalition, a no-compromise gun-rights advocacy group whose sole purpose is to pass good gun bills, smash liberal gun-grab attempts in Jefferson City and expose politicians who betray our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. We're trying to repeal Gun Free Zones and pass the Second Amendment Preservation Act here in Missouri, if

you'd like to sign the petition you can see all the information at missourifirearmscoalition.org, or catch me for updates on 97.1 FM on Saturdays for "The Second Amendment and the Great Outdoors Show" with Tony Columbo. In addition to my work in Jefferson City on gun rights, I've facilitated the legal sale of tens of thousands of firearms to law abiding citizens with Militia Armaments Gun Shows. I've also been the State Field Director for Republican gubernatorial and Senatorial candidates and have taken a very active role in community organizing for local Republican campaigns in Lincoln County. In 2016 I campaigned for our Public Administrator and worked with State Committeewoman Carol Boyer to secure most of the large Trump signs for Lincoln County. I also made sure each polling location had Trump yard signs on election day. I was the Election Director for Young Americans for Liberty's campaign for the District 63 State Representative race here in Lincoln County and worked to help elect our new Prosecutor in 2018. I'm currently volunteering for Rick Harrell for Sheriff, a great fiscal conservative who I believe will work well with the new prosecutor and other law enforcement agencies in our community. I've mentored the Lincoln County Young Conservatives, a conservative teen group dedicated to teaching the importance of conservative principles and community service and have raised my children as critical thinkers. I spend my life defending gun-rights, promoting the conservative agenda, and electing strong Republicans with strong conservative values. I'm unapologetically Pro-Life and fiercely dedicated to defending and preserving the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.

2. What sets you apart

from your opponent(s)?

There isn't a lot that separates my opponent and I, as far as volunteerism is concerned. We're both strong conservative women raising strong conservative children. She has focused her energy on protecting the unborn, and I have focused my energy on defending the Second Amendment. Both of our children were members of the Young Conservatives. We both organize events for candidates when they come to town and I believe we both share the same fundamental conservative belief that government should be limited and held accountable to the people. I follow a very direct and aggressive style of politics, but overall the level of involvement and dedication to the cause I'd say are fairly equal. I'm not running against my opponent, I wish her well and if she has the honor of being elected as your Republican Central Committeewoman I will continue to support, promote and defend the conservative agenda regardless of the election results.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I'd like to see us host more events with candidates and speakers, and informational town hall-style gatherings in the future. We host an annual dinner/fundraiser every year, but I think Lincoln County conservatives are hungry for more activities and involvement. I'd also like to see us promote businesses and services with established conservative core-values. I love shopping local, and I love supporting conservative businesses. I think the community may like having that information as well. Our main focus for the rest of 2020 though, will be re-electing President Donald J. Trump. We will need as many volunteers as possible to help us organize Lincoln County and Get Out The Vote. He

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Lisa F SEELY
COMMISSIONER District II

Robert Seely Treasurer / paid for by Citizens For Seely 2020



Choose the
REPUBLICAN TICKET
On August 4th

VOTE FOR
LISA F. SEELY



Lisa and her husband Robert own Tri County Glass

They donated over 3000 gloves to the Lincoln County Ambulance District & Mercy Lincoln Hospital when Covid-19 pandemic hit

Lisa supports the Second Amendment to protect the individual rights to bear arms.



Lisa organized 2020 TBHS Senior Prom when the official school prom was canceled

If elected I'll be the
FIRST FEMALE COMMISSIONER
In Lincoln County History

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will win in Lincoln County, but we need to get as many votes as we can to offset the liberal votes coming out of St. Louis and Kansas City. I'd like to see us hold the line and deliver a powerful win for President Trump in Lincoln County.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

There are many important issues facing Lincoln County, it's the main reason I'm so passionate about our local elections. The most important thing we can do right now is our own research. Primaries matter. The Lincoln County Republican Primary is on Tuesday, August 4th. I think it's very important for Republicans to get out and vote for the candidates they believe in. I will be working hard to get our best Republican candidates elected on Tuesday. For my official role in the Republican Party, I'd say the most important thing we are doing at this time is raising money for a Lincoln County Trump Headquarters ahead of the November elections. We're trying to raise \$2,500 to secure a building and cover the cost of Trump signs. If you or anyone you know, has a small, easily accessible facility that the Republican Party can occupy from September through the November election, OR you or someone you know has the ability to chip in for Trump, please contact

our Party Chairmen Gary Grunick at Grunickin@aol.com or you can reach me at 636-295-6284. Trump isn't funded by special interests and neither are we! EVERY bit helps!

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

Central Committee meetings are always open to the public and we would love to hear from you! We meet once a month and discuss election plans, fundraising goals, and get legislative policy and party updates. We're always looking for suggestions and volunteers, especially in an election year like this. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any suggestions on ways to engage voters or impact the elections.



Connor Martin
Bedford Township
Committeeman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are

elected?

I believe I'm best qualified for this position because of the connections that I've made with Lincoln County voters over the past few years. I have knocked on their doors, talked to them at community events, walked into their jobs and small businesses, speaking directly to them asking exactly how the government can work better for them. I have heard Lincoln County's concerns. Concerns of our taxes being too high, fear of corruption in the highest offices, millions of innocent lives being lost to abortion, and the government getting in the way of our gun rights. I am proud to say that on all of these issues I stood with Lincoln County. I've fought against higher taxes, I've gotten several statesmen elected to drain the swamp, I've stood against the atrocity that is abortion, and in Jefferson City I've testified in support of our gun rights.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

Both of us are young, but I have been on the front line for conservative issues since 2016. In 2016 I campaigned for President Trump. In 2017 I co-founded and led The Lincoln County Young Conservatives, an organization dedicated to teaching conservative values at a young age. In 2017 I started taking trips to Jefferson City, advocating for our gun

rights and every human being's right to life. In 2018 I helped elect conservative Republicans Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney Mike Wood and State Representative Tony Lovasco. In 2019 I started working at a pro-life organization, standing at the gates of the abortion facility in St. Louis and actively helping women choose life for their child. In 2020, while the radical left goes on rumpages across the country tearing down statues and trying to destroy our history, I was viciously attacked while praying the rosary at the statue of Saint Louis. I have been on the front lines of these fights, taking heat for my conservative values, and I will continue to do so.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I'd like to start by restoring trust in our locally elected Republicans. In recent years we've had Democrats running as Republicans, as they've realized they can no longer win as Democrats. Because of this we've had elected "Republicans" actively pushing for tax increases and more government regulations. We as conservative Republicans need to stand up to these "Republicans In Name Only," and say "No More!" This is a conservative county that wants the government out of our pocket books and out of our lives! I have been mak-

ing that stand and, should I be elected, I will have even more ability to make that stand for the voters of Lincoln County.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

Holding our locally elected officials accountable. We've got to do a better job at electing true conservatives and getting rid of the ones that operate outside our conservative values. The Republican party is only as strong as its weakest official. With Donald Trump needing every bit of help we can give him, it's important to send only the strongest Pro-life Pro-Gun Republicans to all offices everywhere. He needs reinforcements, and we need to send him the best of the best.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

I have two social media pages, one on Facebook and the other on Twitter. I check both regularly and because of that I have been able to answer any and all questions asked of me, and how I can help our community. If you have any further questions or would like to see how I have been working for Lincoln County, I suggest finding me on Facebook at "Conor Martin" or Twitter at "@CMartinForMO"

Thomas E. Artru
Lincoln County
Clark Township
Committeeman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

I have been active continuously in Republican politics for the last 12 years, both in Virginia and Missouri. I have served at all levels of Republican organizations such as being a phone bank pollster and neighborhood door to door campaigner to President and Treasurer of several Republican organizations. In 2018, I decided to run for Republican Committeeman in Clark Township, was elected, and have held that position in the Lincoln County Republican Committee for the last two years. In 2017, I started a political action committee (PAC), True Republicans United, to associate with and support Republicans with values and beliefs that are similar to my own. At present I am the President of True Republicans United, a Missouri non-profit domestic corporation and political action committee that endeavors to bring Republicans back to their traditional conservative values and beliefs.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

Since moving to Lin-

Amendment 2 a hot topic among Missouri voters

SHAWN SINGLETON
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Missouri's voters will head to the polls to cast their ballots to support their favored candidates and issues.

One of the hottest issues voters will decide will be Missouri Amendment 2, which is the Medicaid Expansion Initiative. The amendment was put on the ballot as an initiated constitutional amendment, meaning enough signatures from citizens across the state were placed on petitions to qualify for the August election.

Voting "yes" on the amendment supports:

- Expanding Medicaid eligibility in Missouri to adults that are 19 years old or older and younger than 65 whose income is 133% of the federal poverty level or below, which would effectively expand Medicaid to those with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level under the Affordable Care Act;

- Prohibiting any additional restrictions or requirements for the expanded population to qualify for Medicaid coverage than for other populations that qualify for Medicaid coverage; and

- Requiring the state to seek maximum federal funding of Medicaid expansion.

Voting "no" on the amendment would oppose the constitutional amendment to expand Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act.

If passed, Amendment 2 would expand Medicaid eligibility in the state to adults between the ages of 19 and 65 whose income is 138% of the federal poverty income level or below.

In 2020, this amounted to an annual income of \$17,608 for an individual and \$36,156 for a household of four. The amendment would also prohibit any additional restrictions or requirements for the expanded population to qualify for Medicaid coverage than for other populations that qualify for Medicaid

coverage.

Amendment 2 would require the Missouri Department of Social Services and the Missouri HealthNet Division to submit state Medicaid plan amendments by March 1, 2021, to the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement Medicaid expansion.

The following populations are eligible for Medicaid in Missouri:

- Over 65 years of age.
- Blind or disabled.
- Adults with dependent children with a household income at or below 22 percent of the federal poverty level.

- Infants under the age of one in a household with an income at or below 196 percent of the federal poverty level.

- Children between the ages of one to 18 in a household with an income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

- Pregnant women with a household income at or below 196 percent of the federal poverty level.

Medicaid is a government program providing medical insurance to groups of low-income persons and individuals with disabilities. Passed in 2010, the ACA provided for the expansion of Medicaid to cover all individuals earning incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

In 2012, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *NFIB v. Sebelius* the federal government could not withhold funding from states that chose not to expand Medicaid, which made expansion optional for states.

As of this year, 37 states and the District of Columbia have either expanded, or voted to expand, Medicaid. Missouri is one of the remaining 13 states that have not.

The ballot title for Amendment 2 will look like this:

"Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- adopt Medicaid Expansion for persons 19 to 64 years old with an income level at or below 133% of

the federal poverty level, as outlined in the Affordable Care Act;

- prohibit placing greater or additional burdens on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies or practices on persons covered under Medicaid Expansion than on any other population eligible for Medicaid; and

- require state agencies to take all actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance under Medicaid Expansion?

State government entities are estimated to have one-time costs of approximately \$6.4 million and an unknown annual net fiscal impact by 2026 ranging from increased costs of at least \$200 million to savings of \$1 billion. Local governments expect costs to decrease by an unknown amount."

The ballot summary for Amendment 2 will look like this:

"A 'yes' vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to adopt Medicaid Expansion for persons 19 to 64 years old with an income level at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, as set forth in the Affordable Care Act. Currently, Medicaid eligibility is set forth in state statute, but this amendment adds Medicaid Expansion to our constitution. This amendment prohibits placing greater or additional burdens on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies or practices on persons covered under Medicaid Expansion than on any other population eligible for Medicaid. The amendment requires state agencies to take all actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance under Medicaid Expansion. Federal law requires states to fund a portion of the program in order to receive federal funding (state match). This amendment does not provide new state funding or specify existing funding sources for the required state match.

A 'no' vote will not amend the Missouri Con-

stitution to adopt Medicaid Expansion.

If passed, this measure

has no direct impact on taxes.[12]"

If passed on Tuesday,

Amendment 2 will add a new section to Article IV of the state constitution.

VOTE REPUBLICAN! AUGUST 4TH

25 YEARS EXPERIENCE

MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

"We need to put **crime victims first** and avoid **unnecessary lawsuits.**"

Together, we can make **LINCOLN COUNTY** a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Rick Harrell
FOR LINCOLN CO SHERIFF

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coln County in 2020, I have continuously stayed active in Republican organizations at various leadership levels and continue to do that to this day (see response no. 1 above). I am not aware that my opponent, Milton Schaper, has been involved in Republican organizations or groups here in Lincoln County since 2012 other than his primary election where he is running for Clark Township Republican Committeeman.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I would like to stop the recent examples of self proclaimed, life long Democrats running under the Republican banner so that they could get elected here in Lincoln County.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

That the residents of Lincoln County have faith in their local elected government officials to do what is in the best interest of the residents of this county.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

By making myself available to all the residents of Clark Township to hear their concerns. And, as the Republican Committeeman for Clark Township to bring those concerns to the attention of local elected officials.



Rick Harrell
Lincoln County
Sheriff
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

I believe I have both the education and experience to serve as Lincoln County Sheriff. I have a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Corporate Communications graduating Summa Cum Laude from Lindenwood University. My law enforcement career began when I graduated from the St. Charles Police Academy in 1994 and joined the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. I have experience working with both the Lincoln County Sheriff's office and Troy Police Department giving me a unique insight into the needs of our growing community. I spent five years on the management team at the Sheriff's Office and wore many hats during those years such as acting as the official spokesperson, directing community services programs, and commanding the SWAT team. I've worked as a manager within every division of the Sheriff's Office to include, patrol, investigation and the jail. I served as the Sheriff's Adjutant where my responsibilities included administrative functions like Finance, Personnel and Logistics. I've had a wide range of experiences in law enforcement, however for the majority of my career I've been directly serving the people of Lincoln County in the patrol function of both the Sheriff's Office and City of Troy Police. I've had the opportunity to serve as a

Sergeant of Patrol for the Troy Police Department and Patrol Division Commander for the Sheriff's Office. During the same time, I served as a Law Enforcement Trainer in OC, Less-Lethal Munitions, Firearms and TASER. I currently hold a commission as a Police Officer with the Troy Police Department. Just as vital to my qualification in law enforcement, is the experience I gained over the past ten years as a Senior Operations Manager and Civilian Police Mentor with DynCorp International. During this time, I was first embedded as a civilian advisor with the US Marine Corps in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. I was responsible for assessing, monitoring, advising and mentoring the Afghan National Police. I helped ensure law and order was maintained through democratic policing principles, and safeguarded human rights and freedoms. Through the years, I worked my way up to the management level where I was responsible for the implementation of strategic plans for operations based on industry best practices. I introduced a Quality Management System and supporting Quality Control Plan to monitor functional area performance and ensure compliance with policies. I managed cost-saving initiatives; successfully reducing other direct costs beyond labor by over 50% and administered an on-line Learning Management System ensuring all employees were in compliance with mandatory training requirements. I was recognized for coordinating command and control during a crisis situation, was presented the Star Award for process improvement efforts, and received an 'excellent' rating during audit certifications. I believe the cutting edge strategies and techniques I learned will help guide Lincoln County through whatever uncertain times may lay ahead. I believe my local knowledge combined with world class training and experience makes me best qualified to serve the people of Lincoln County.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

There are many stark contrasts between my opponent and I. I believe the priority of the Sheriff's Office should be serving the needs of crime victims and bringing criminals to justice. I believe we can fix the problems we face with crime, drug abuse and unnecessary lawsuits, if we bring values to the forefront of our decision-making. I've seen first-hand how this type of organizational culture can achieve great things for the employees and everyone counting on them to deliver results. I not only have management experience in law enforcement but I also worked as a senior operations manager for years at a global services company, and the same principles I plan to implement at the Sheriff's Office are what drives performance, creates a great working environment, and delivers results. When it comes to experience, I believe more important than my years in management is the ten years I worked behind the wheel of a patrol vehicle as a first-responder taking emergency calls from one corner of this county to the next. I grew up in the rural area and still live just a few miles from the family farm. I know that some policing strategies that work for people in Boston, Seattle and St. Louis, will probably not

work in Lincoln County. We have a county of 640 square miles with a growing population but with still a lot of open spaces. I know we need to decide what is working and what is not to really fix our problems with crime and drugs. During the years I was on the management team at the Sheriff's Office, I took a leading role in the actual creation and implementation of some of the best long-term community-based projects still benefiting Lincoln County today including the Summer Camp, Senior Citizen academy, inmate workforce, and school safety initiatives. I personally wrote the grants that brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to help protect our schools, better serve the needs of senior citizens, increase traffic safety and safeguard the lives of law enforcement officers. I know that good government means eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse in spending. The hard part is not figuring out how to make more money and spend more money. The hard part is figuring out how to get things accomplished with what you have available and maybe even save some money along the way. While at the Sheriff's Office, I led a cost saving effort to reorganize available space in the jail, adding additional beds and saved taxpayers millions by eliminating the need for a planned building expansion project. I see the advantages we have in collecting revenues from inmate housing, but we can't afford to waste this opportunity when we are doubling our spending at the same time and not producing any results in terms of improving public safety.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I will develop a comprehensive five-year plan that will be made public within the first 100 days in office, after I've fully assessed the strengths and weaknesses of the department. This type of long-term planning has never been done in the Sheriff's office. I've successfully used this outline for planning twice over the past few years with great success, and I'm confident it will bring great benefits to the Lincoln County community. The plan will include measurable goals aimed at improving performance in terms of both quality and efficiency. I will make public monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports to provide people with some real insight into how we're doing. I've worked for both the Sheriff's Office and the Troy municipal police department. I understand the different law enforcement challenges unique to a rural and a municipal community. I recognize the challenges of both these two types of law enforcement agencies and how they can work together to keep the whole county safe. I have the support of municipal law enforcement leaders like Chief Jeff Taylor and Chief Chuck Hobby. If I'm elected your Sheriff, the entire law enforcement community will have my support in protecting our homes and families. To avoid lawsuits of negligence, malice, and/or incompetence, I will immediately establish a Business Code of Conduct to create a safe, productive work environment free from threats or harassment. I will mandate the retraining of all personnel including Jail staff, and lead by example to instill a culture of sound ethics and transparency. I will launch an

effort to find funding to install dashcams in the patrol vehicles and provide body cams for each deputy. I see this technology as something that will help protect deputies and provide the kind of transparency we have become to expect in this day and age from our law enforcement agencies. I believe we owe it to the brave men and women of our law enforcement community, who we have asked to do a dangerous job, to protect them in every way possible and I'm proud to stand behind them. We can be assured that there will at least be some record of what occurred. This is what I would want for my own son or daughter if they find themselves on either side of a law enforcement encounter.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

Right now, we need to start putting crime victims first. You may have seen that St. Louis is in the news for their rise in violent crime, but here in Lincoln County violent crime has increased over 200% in the rural areas. This is according to reports from the Missouri Highway Patrol. Yet these same reports show the number of arrests for violent crime by the Sheriff's Office are down by more than fifty percent. The evidence is clear that the soaring level of crime is the greatest danger to the security of our families and threatens to undermine the future of our growing county. The safety and security of our homes and the reputation of our local law enforcement community is suffering from a lack of leadership. If we fail to address these problems here and now, then we are neglecting our responsibility for creating a better future for our children.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

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5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision making process in your community?

Listening to residents will be the only way to truly fix some of the issues at the Lincoln County Sheriff's office. I will work to finally establish a citizen advisory board. This board will be nonpartisan and include members from community groups, counselors, school districts, faith-based organizations and municipal governments. The board will work to reestablish trust and ensure two-way communications between the Sheriff's Office and the people we serve. This

will create a more effective organization by assisting in the design, implementation, and assessment of public programs, raising standards, and giving citizen input on how public resources are being used. The citizens advisory board will help monitor the comprehensive five-year plan for the Sheriff's Office. I will make listening and responding to the concerns of the public a part of the culture of the Sheriff's Office. To do the job right, the Sheriff needs to know what is going on in the community outside the four walls of the Sheriff's Office. That is why listening to people must be a part of the decision-making process. It's easy to promise 'special' times for the community to ask questions and talk about concerns, but why should we be putting the voice of the community into a silo to keep it contained and stored away. I will make 'listening' a part of the very culture of the Sheriff's Office. I think what Lincoln County wants is a Sheriff's Office that is good at responding to the needs and concerns of the public. If elected Sheriff, I promise to always pay close attention to what you have to say about how I'm doing my job.



Kent L. Allsberry
Lincoln County
Bedford Township
Committeeman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

My grandfather recently held this position and retired from serving as Bedford Township Republican Committeeman.

I would be honored to serve because I have been fortunate enough to have spent many years helping Republican candidates. Also, I am a college student who understands issues facing my generation.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

I have been involved in Republican politics as far back as I remember. I have leadership experience. I am a dedicated Republican. (My opponent was a high school classmate of mine. I am proud to call him my friend over the years.)

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I believe it is important for Republicans to educate the younger generation about the different political platforms and the issues that face America. Without this knowledge we cannot be successful in promoting our values as Republicans.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

My late great grandfather told me that he became involved in causes he believed in at a young age when he joined the U.S. Navy in honor of his fallen brother who was killed in action in WWII just days before the war ended. I believe it is important for people of my generation to be politically involved and

serve others because the future of our country is at stake.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

I would encourage people to attend committee meetings and political events. Communicating with candidates and elected officials is important because it leads to better understanding.



Karla Kerpash Allsberry
Lincoln County
Bedford Township
Committeewoman
Republican

1. What qualifications do you have that would effectively serve and benefit your position if you are elected?

The most important qualification that I have to serve as the Bedford Township Republican Committeewoman is: I am a long-time Republican who is devoted to serving people. I was recently elected by the Lincoln County Republican Central Committee to serve as a delegate for the Republican Party. I have also helped elect Republican candidates. I previously served as the Bedford Township Republican Committee Woman, Executive Secretary of the 2nd Congressional District, and as the President of the Lincoln County Pachyderm Club.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent(s)?

I have been tirelessly devoted to the Pro-Life cause. I have served a veteran as his VA appointed fiduciary. Also, I would like to see fair vetting for candidates and elected officials who suddenly change political parties and run for office. I have invested in community by serving as a volunteer robotics coach who encourages kids to explore and learn science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills through local and national robotic competitions.

3. What goals would you like to accomplish during your term, if elected?

I would like to help encourage and the Republican Central Committee to support charitable causes that are in line with the Republican Platform.

4. What do you feel is most important for your community at this time?

I believe it is important for the people of Lincoln County to have a voice, be heard, and be represented by those they elect into office. I also believe that Republican committee members should hold all elected officials accountable to the people they serve.

5. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in your community?

I would invite and encourage people in our community to attend committee meetings. When elected officials meet, the public should have access to those meetings. Transparency is important.

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