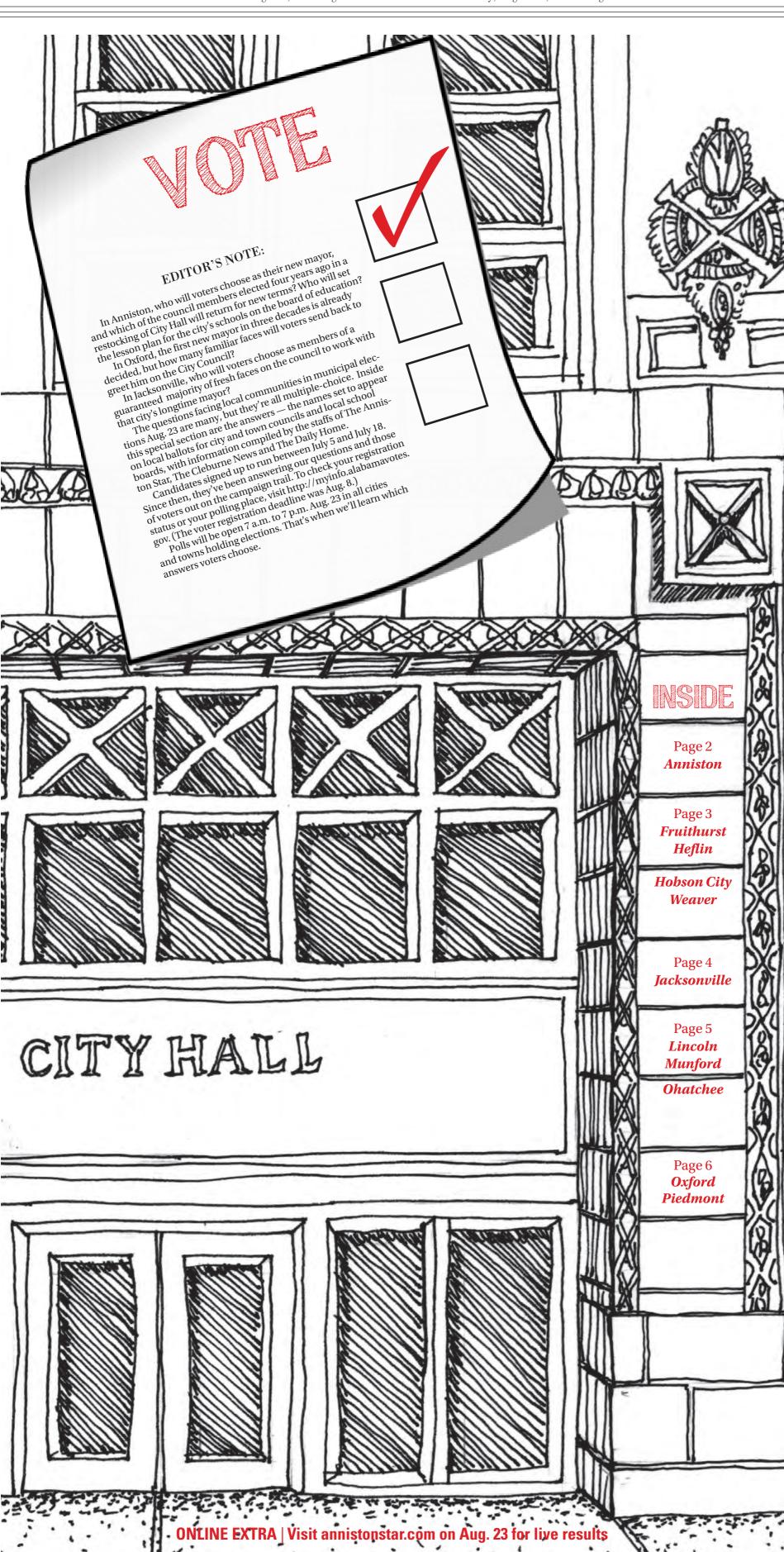
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CANDIDATES 2016

MAYOR

Ralph E. Bradford



BRADFORD

Previous public offices held: Profession,

chief source of income: Retired from railroad/own business working with youth

Education:

Cobb Avenue High

Key issues: Youth development, creating trained and skilled workforce, poverty among youth.

Jack Draper



DRAPER

Age: 46 Previous public offices held: Profession,

chief source of income: Attorney Education: Bachelor's degree,

University of Alabama; law degree, Cumberland School of Law

Key issues: Crime, job growth, education.

Earnest Dodds Fletcher Age: 49



Deputy coroner Profession, chief source of

income: Retired military Education: Bachelor's degree

Previous pub-

lic offices held:

FLETCHER in political science, Jacksonville State University. Advanced emergency medical technician certification, Gadsden

State Community College.

Key issues: Reducing crime, finding solution for school system, unite city of Anniston.



FOLSOM

lic offices held: None

Profession, chief source of

Bob Folsom

Previous pub-

income: Retired from banking,

Age: 77

practicing attorney

in political science, University of the South; law degree, Tulane economic development. University.

Key issues: "Keep city government improving as it has for the last four years."

Gene Robinson Age: 65



lic offices held: Mayor, 2008-2012 Profession, chief source of income: Business owner

Previous pub-

Education: Attended Jacksonville State Universi-

ty and University of Maryland

Key issues: Crime reduction, education, economic growth and fine-tuning the Commercial **Development Authority**

COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 1



Age: 50

Angela Fears

FEARS

offices held: None Profession, chief source of income: Business owner, medical doctor Education: Bachelor's

Previous public

degree in biology, pre-medical, Talladega College; certification in physical therapy, Georgia

State University; medical degree, American University. Key issues: Education, job availability, industry growth, vet-

erans affairs, care for elderly. Jay Jenkins (i)

Age: 51



JENKINS

Council in 2010. Elected in 2012. Profession,

Previous pub-

lic offices held:

Appointed to City

chief source of income: Partner in an architectural

Education: Architecture Education: Bachelor's degree degree from Auburn University.

Key issues: Education, crime,

COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 2

Hebert Palmore Age: 69



lic offices held: City Council member, 2000-2012 Profession.

Previous pub-

chief source of income: Retired Alabama State Trooper, retired U.S. Army Education: Calhoun County

Training School, 1965

Key issues: Economic growth, vocational programs, new high school, technology in schools, west Anniston infrastructure, police and public relations.

David Reddick (i) **Age:** 38



Previous public offices held: Elected to council in 2012 Profession, chief source of

in liberal studies

income: Retired military Education: **REDDICK** Bachelor's degree

with a focus in political science, Jacksonville State University **Key issues:** Education, job

development, crime prevention, economic growth

COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 3 **Ben Little**

Age: 59

Previous pub-

Profession,

Education:

chief source of

lic offices held:

City Council mem-

ber 2000-2012.

income: Pastor

Declined



LITTLE

Key issues: Declined to dis-

ANNISTON CITY COUNCIL

Anniston City Council

 Anniston population, **2014 estimate:** 22,347. Down 3 percent since 2010.

• Government form: Council has four members elected by wards. The mayor is a voting member of the council.

 Pay of council members: Mayor receives \$65,000 annually. Vice mayor receives \$13,200 annually, and other council members receive \$12,000 per year.

• FY2016 budgeted revenue: \$36.4 million

• FY2016 budgeted expenses: \$36.4 million FY2015 sales tax revenue

collected: \$20.7 million Number of full time municipal employees: 320

cuss key issues, saying a reporter

would "twist my words."

Curtis Ray



Profession, chief source of income: Retired from Anniston

Age: 67

Previous pub-

lic offices held:

Foundries Education: Calhoun County Training School, 1968

Key issues: Education, better-working City Council, economic growth

Seyram Selase (i) **Age:** 32



SELASE

Previous public offices held: Elected in 2012 Profession, chief source of income: Director of nonprofit Agen-

Abuse Prevention Education: Bachelor's degree in technolo-

cy for Substance

gy and industrial management, minor in African American studies, Berea College, Ky. **Key issues:** Schools, improve

economy, reduce crime.

Brenton Tolson Age: 25



TOLSON

Profession, chief source of income: Social work case manag-Education:

Bachelor's degree in liberal studies, criminal justice concentration, Jacksonville State

Previous pub-

Key issues: Education, community and police relations.

COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 4

Millie Harris (i) **Age:** 66



Previous public offices held: Elected to council in 2012, member of Planning Com-Profession,

Education: Bachelor's degree in special education, Jacksonville State University; master's degree in education, University of Alabama-Birmingham; education specialist degree, University of

development, downtown revitalization, fiscal responsibility in city government, education

Glen Ray



RAY

Profession, chief source of income: Retired,

Age: 62

Previous pub-

Regional Medical Center Education: Calhoun County

Key issues: Community policing, better community relations, transparency in government, continuing bicycling initiatives.

CANDIDATES 2016

CANDIDATES FOR AT-LARGE SEAT



Age: 45 **Public offices** held: None Profession/

income: School bus driver Education: Anniston High School, attends

Jacksonville State

income: Retired

from BAE Systems

Education:

in business, Gram-

bling State Univer-

University Key issues: School finances, after-school and mentoring programs, teacher support.

Robert Houston Age: 63

Public offices held: Appointed

to unfulfilled school board term 2001-2004. Profession/ chief source of

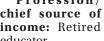


in 2013. Owns consulting firm. Bachelor's degree

sity. MBA, Liberty University. **Key issues:** Improving student performance in reading, math and english. Partnership between business community and school system, mentorship programs.

Mary Lynn Klinefelter (i)

Public offices held: School board, 2012-pres-



Bachelor's degree in education, Jacksonville State



University; master's degree in

English, University of Alabama;

educational specialist degree, University of Alabama; master's degree in library science, University of Alabama.

Key issues: Finalize current consolidation of elementary schools, pre-K programs, student es held: School retention, expansion of vocational board, 2008-preschief source of programs.

Keitha Segrest



Public offices held: None

Profession/ tor, Jacksonville administration, Jacksonville State State University

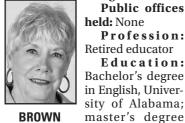
Education: Bachelor's degree in physical education, Jacksonville State University; master's degree

ville State University. Key issues: Supporting students and teachers, greater collaboration between parents, business leaders and school board, help students become citizens of the

in elementary education, Jackson-

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 1

Rebecca Brown



school programs.

Age: 72 **Public offices** held: None Profession:

Education: Bachelor's degree in English, University of Alabama;

in library science,

Retired educator

Emory University; master's degree in education, Jacksonville Univer-Key issues: Expansion of career tech programs, art and

drama during school hours, after-

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 2

William Hutchings (i) **Age:** 76

Profession/

Public offic-

chief source of income: educator

HUTCHINGS Education: Bachelor's degree chief source of in education, Alabama State Uniincome: Instruc- versity; master's degree in school

> University. Key issues: Help superintendent continue to improve schools, school finances, construction of new combined elementary school.

held: None Profession/ chief source of income: Retired educator, retired

Age: 71

Trudy Munford

Public offices

academic advisor Education: Bachelor's degree in psychology,

Florida A&M University; master's degree in counselor education, Canisius College. Key issues: Quality educa-

tion for all children, disconnect-

ing school-to-prison pipeline,

Kandace Davis Age: 31 Public offices held: None Profession/chief source of

Community College

improve reading and math scores, work readiness credentials for all graduates. **CANDIDATES FOR** WARD 3

Education: Bachelor's degree in mass communication and pub-

income: Instructor, Gadsden State

ANNISTON BOARD

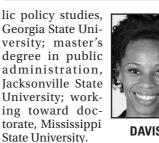
• 2016-17 campuses: Anniston High, Anniston Middle, Golden Springs Elementary, Randolph Park Elementary, Tenth Street Elementary, former Cobb Elementary

2015-16 number of board

and one at-large member.

• Pay of board members: \$600 monthly

projection: \$23.3 million



rates, student retention, student

involvement in career tech and

math and science programs.

Mary Harrington Age: 63

Key issues:

Profession/ chief source of

Education: Bachelor's degree,

and special education. Master's degree, Jacksonville State Univer-



mission chief source of

income: Retired teacher, Department of Defense schools.

Key issues: Crime, economic

Training School, 1970

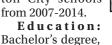
Anniston Board of Education

sity, eds. Doctorate, University of

procedures (If updates are need-

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 4 Joan Frazier **Age:** 62

Public offices held: None Profession / chief source of income: Retired educator. Superintendent of Anniston City schools



Miami University, Ohio, special education. Master's degree, Wright State University, school psychology. Master's degree, University of Alabama, educational administration. EDS, Jacksonville State University, educational administration and leadership.

Key issues: Focus on board poli-

cy, district's strategic plan interfaced

with city's strategic plan, Education

FRAZIER

funding, innovative programs. James Whatley **Age:** 79 **Public offices** held: None

teacher Education: Bachelor's degree, Savannah State University, physical

Profession/

chief source of

income: Former

education. Master's degree, Jacksonville State University, education with concentration in health.

keep existing schools open, Focus

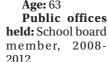


Alabama, Education Administra-OF EDUCATION Key issues: Continue moving • 2015-16 total student school system forward, innovative enrollment: 2,081 programs, focus on policies and

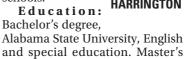
- (used for Pre-K academy)
- employees: 278 • Description of board: Five members. Four represent wards
- FY2016 budget revenue projection: \$22.6 million • FY2016 budget expense



School funding, graduation



income: Retired administrator, Cleburne County











CANDIDATES 2016

MAYOR Rudy Rooks - (i)



ROOKS

Age: 59 Previous public offices held: Heflin mayor, 2008-2012; Cleburne County coroner, 10 years

Profession/ chief source of income: Regional coordinator with the Alabama Fire College

Education: Bachelor of science, occupational safety and health, minor in fire science, Columbia Southern University

Key issues: Economic development, infrastructure improve-

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1 Travis Crowe (i)



CROWE

Age: 71 Previous public offices held: Heflin City Council member, 16 years Profession/

chief source of income: Former manager at Tyson; worked at L.E. Bell Construction; now ist, middle grades, Jacksonville

HEFLIN CITY COUNCIL

• 2014 population: 3,497 (up 1.4 percent since 2010)

• Description of government form: Mayor elected at large, five council members elected by district.

• Pay of council members: Mayor is paid \$2,500 per month, council members paid \$500 per month

• FY2016 budgeted expenses: \$3 million • FY2015 Sales tax collected: \$1.1 million

• Number of city employees: 26 full-time, 8 part-time

works with inmates to clean Hef- State University; master's and lin's streets

Education: Cleburne County High School

Key issues: Attract industry, ational facilities road maintenance

CITY COUNCIL,

DISTRICT 2

Age: 72

Previous pub-

Profession/

West

chief source of

income: Retired

Haralson (Ga.)

teacher,

Education: Education special-

Middle School

lic offices held:

Heflin City Council

member, 24 years

Johnny Earl Heard

Rhonda Lines

Alabama State University

bachelor's degrees in education,

Key issues: Jobs and recre-



Age: 52 Previous public offices held:

Profession/ chief source of income: Lunchroom manager, Cleburne County High School Education:

Cleburne County High School Key issues: Recreational activities for residents

CITY COUNCIL,



AUSTIN

Age: 61 Previous public offices held:

Heflin City Council

Profession/ chief source of income: Plant manager, Heritage-Amerigas Propane

Education:

DISTRICT 3

Clint "Shag" Austin

Cleburne County High School Key issues: Economic devel-

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4 **Stacey Henson**

Age: 44

Previous pub-

Profession/

chief source of

income: Admin-

Hobson City Town Council

lic offices held:



istrative assistant, Southwire, Car-**HENSON** rollton, Ga. Education: Administrative associate's degree,

Gadsden State Community Col-

Key issues: Jobs

Shannon Roberts (i)



therapist, Alacare

ROBERTS Home Healthcare Education: Bachelor's degree, physical therapy, University of South Alabama Key issues: Financial stability,

CITY COUNCIL, **DISTRICT 5** Rhonda Green (i) **Age:** 50



road maintenance

GREEN

Previous public offices held: Heflin councilwoman for four years Profession/

chief source of income: Farmers market manager, city of Heflin; worked with U.S. Department of Agriculture for 19 years

Education: Cleburne County High School

Key issues: Jobs, activities for youth and senior citizens

HOBSON CITY

TOWN COUNCIL

• 2014 population: 812 (down 0.1

Description of government

form: Five members elected

at large by place. Mayor acts

as chief executive, votes with

• Pay of council members:

Mayor receives \$600 each

FY2016 budgeted revenue:

• FY2016 budgeted expenses:

• FY 2016 budgeted sales tax

Number of city employees: 3

receive \$200 per month.

Council members

percent since 2010)

council.

\$238,099

\$229,142

CANDIDATES 2016

HEARD

MAYOR

Kathy Jackson Age: 57 Previous public offices held:

Profession, chief source of

income: Retired Regional Medical Center nurse; public notary. Education:

nursing school, 1986

public safety, promoting educational attainment among youth.

Alberta McCrory (i) **Age:** 68



Atlanta Training Institution, a

Previous pub-

Profession,

chief source of

income: The

mayor's office;

also pastors Grant

Chapel African

lic offices held:

Mayor, 2008-pres-

Key issues: Economic growth,



Gadsden. **Education:** Bachelor's degree,

Methodist Episcopal Church in

Jacksonville State University; master's degrees in divinity and Christian education, Morehouse School of Religion. Key issues: Identifying new

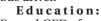
revenue sources, reaching out to ex-offenders, rehabilitating housing, preparing children for educa-

TOWN COUNCIL, PLACE 1

Susie Jones (i) **Age:** 66

Previous public offices held: Town Council, 2008-present.

Profession, chief source of income: Retired Oxford City Schools system bus driver.



Earned GED after quitting school in the 11th grade; later attended cosmetology school in Anniston.

Kev issues: Renovating town government buildings to provide more recreation for children; restarting community garden.

TOWN COUNCIL, PLACE 2

O'Mildred Ball (i) **Age:** 80 Previous pub-

lic offices held: Town Council 2004-present Profession, chief source of

income: Retired 31 years as Hobson City Housing Authority maintenance supervisor.

Education: Calhoun County ham (i) Training School

BALL

Key issues: Housing rehabilitation, town beautification, lic offices held: attracting new business to abandoned buildings, contracting gar- Town bage pickup service.

TOWN COUNCIL, PLACE 4

Frederick Striplin (i) **Āge:** 58 Previous pub-

lic offices held: Town Council 2000-present. Profession,

chief source of income: Salesman at Driver's Choice Auto Sales. Served in U.S. Navy 1976-1980.

Education: Oxford High Key issues: Preventing crime.

TOWN COUNCIL,

PLACE 5

Joe Cunning-Age: 80

Previous pub-Three terms on Council, 1972-1980; 2012-present.

Profession, **chief source of income:** Retired Anniston Army Depot auto



mechanic, woodworker. Education: Calhoun County Training School. Completed certificate programs in auto mechan-

revenue: \$42,616

full time, 2 part time

State Community College. Key issues: Repairing and replacing water system, removing blighted homes.

ics, woodworking at Gadsden

RETURNING TO OFFICE IN WEAVER

WAYNE WILLIS



Police Academy

Office sought: Mayor • **Age**: 52

 Public offices held, with years: Council member 1998-2004, Mayor 2004, 2012-present Professional history, chief

WILLIS source of income: Retired Anniston police officer • Education: Weaver High School;

Key Issues: Infrastructure repairs; new fire station

MIKE WARREN • Office sought: Place 1 • Age: 60



held, with years: Council Mem-2009-present Professional

JONES

 Key Issues: Road repairs; Community programs; Build up money

• Office sought: Place 2

• Age: 50 • Public offices held, with years: Civil Service Board, 2008-2012; Council Member 2012-present

County, Georgia • Education: Dekalb Technical

ELLEN COLE Office sought: Place 3

• Age: 80 Public offices held, with years: Council Member 2010-present

Professional

source of

• Education: Bachelor's and mas-

 Professional history, chief source ter's, Jacksonville State University • Key Issues: Cleaning up Weaver; Road repair; Ladiga Trail repair



BOWLES

NICK BOWLES Office sought: Place 4

• Age: 40 **Public offices** held, with years: Council Member 2015-present Professional history, chief

source of income: Anniston police captain

• Education: Cleburne County High School; working on Bachelor's, Central Christian College of • Key Issues: financial stability,

crime prevention and security for



CLENDENNING

business

Age: 51 Public offices held, with years: Council Member 2008-present

history, chief

NING

Office sought:

Jacksonville State University • Key Issues: Resurfacing roads;

improving infrastructure; improving

parks and recreation; bring in new

Fruithurst Town Council

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Ray Arrington (i) **Age:** 44

Previous public offices held: Fruithurst Town Council, seven years; mayor since 2015 Profession/chief

source of income: Welder

at Southeastern Hose, Bre-

FRUITHURST

TOWN COUNCIL

• 2014 Population: 262 (up 20.2 percent

• Description of government form: Mayor

and five council members elected at large.

Pay of council members: None.

men, Ga.

maintenance

(Ga.) High School **Key issues:** Grants, road

Christopher Owens Age: 34 Previous public offices

held: None Profession/chief source of income: Firefighter and community improvements

EMT, Carroll County (Ga.) Education: Newnan Fire and Rescue Education: Cleburne

County High School; associate's degree, Gadsden State Community College; majoring in emergency management at Jacksonville State University, anticipated 2017 graduation

Key issues: General

• FY 2016 budget revenue expenses: The town doesn't make a budget. • FY 2015 actual revenue: \$36,900

FY 2015 actual expenses: \$33,600

• FY 2015 sales tax collected: \$0 • Number of town employees: 2 part-time



ber, 1987-2004, history, chief

source of income: Retired from U.S. Postal

WARREN Service • Education:

Weaver High School

in savings **TIM McRAE**

Public offices of income: Fire Rescue in Dekalb

College • Key Issues: New Fire Station



COLE

from Browning-Ferris Industries

history, chief income: Retired

Professional

source of income: Calhoun County Floodplain Manager Education: Associate's degree,

CANDIDATES 2016

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BOE, PLACE 3

Ed "Doc" Canady **Age:** 46

Previous public offices held:

Profession, chief source of income: Program coordinator for Jacksonville parks

department

and recreation



Education: Bachelor's degree in recreation administration, Jacksonville State University

Key issues: Ensure equality among all students, improve board's relationship with city and JSU, and balance the budget.

James Latta Age: 29 Previous pub-

lic offices held: Profession, chief source of

ville firefighter Education:



LATTA

Parkway Christian Academy, Birmingham; three years at Jacksonville State University

Key issues: Provide equal emphasis on fine arts and athletics and balance the budget.

BOE, PLACE 4

Emily Sims (i) **Age:** 50

Previous public offices held: One term on the school Profession,

chief source of income: Department head of secondary education at Jacksonville State University

Education: Bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in secondary education, Jacksonville State University; doctorate in curriculum and instruction, University of Alabama. Key issues: Strengthen the

SIMS

school board's relationship with the city and JSU.

JACKSONVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

2015-16 total student enrollment: 1,501

 2016-17 number of campuses: Jacksonville High School and Kitty Stone Elementary

• 2015-16 number of board employees: 175

 Description of board: Five members elected at-large on a staggered cycle: places 1 and 2 together, then places 3, 4, and 5 together two years later.

Pay of board members: \$150 a month • FY2016 budget revenue projection: \$14.3 million

FY2016 budget expense projection: \$23.4 million

WATSON

Marita Watson Age: 64 Previous public offices held: None Profession.

chief source of income: Retired educator, guidance counselor and central office administrator with the Calhoun County school system Education: Bachelor's

degree in elementary education, Eastern Kentucky University; master's degree in education, Jacksonville State University; education certification in guidance counseling and school administration, Alabama Department of Edu-Key issues: Promoting commu-

to encourage more parent and student involvement.

Craig Gaddy Age: 41

Previous public offices held:

nity awareness of the school system

BOE, PLACE 5

None

sales coordinator for Aflac High School grad-

chief source of

income: District

Education: Pleasant Valley uate, attended Jacksonville State University

Key issues: Bring unity to school system, improve communication with parents.

Age: 52 Previous public offices held: None

Profession, chief source of income: Band director at Cedartown Middle School in Georgia Education:



degree in music education, Jacksonville State University. Key issues: Maintain high aca-

demic standards for students.

CANDIDATES 2016:

MAYOR

Age: 75

ous pub-

lic offices

held: Mayor,

2004-pres-

Profes-

Previ-

Johnny Smith (i)



SMITH

sion/chief source of income:

Retired mathematics professoi **Education:** Bachelor's

degree in mathematics, Jacksonville State University; master's degree in mathematics, University of South Carolina; doctorate in education, University of Alabama.

Key issues: Continuing repairs and maintenance of infrastructure, adding more recreation options for residents.

CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 1



Age: 78 **Previous** public offices held: City Council,

Retired from

Age: 49

Previ-

2004-2012 Profession/chief source of **ARENO** income: Retired engineer

Anniston Army Depot Education: Sixth grade **Key issues:** Work to ensure proper leadership of City Council and committees and bring city

together. **David Glass**



ous public offices held: Jacksonville Board of Education member, 2012-pres-**GLASS** ent

r o fession/chief source of income: Insurance agent.

Education: Bachelor's degree in marketing, Jacksonville State University

Key issues: Improve relationship between city and JSU and attract industry to grow jobs.

Jerry Parris (i)

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

• 2014 population: 12,416 (up 5.3 percent since 2010) • Description of

government form: Five members elected atlarge. Mayor acts as chief executive, does not vote with council. Pay of council

members: Mayor receives \$30,000 annual salary as chief executive. Regular council members receive \$500 a month, council president receives \$800 a month.

• FY2016 budgeted revenue: \$13.08 million • FY2016 budgeted

expenses: \$13.08 million • FY2015 sales and use tax revenue collected: \$5.75 million

Number of city

employees: 150

PARRIS

public offices held: City Council, 2004-pres-Profession/chief

of

Age: 69

Previous

source income:

Education: Bachelor's er degree in mathematics. master's degree in business administration, Jack-

sonville State University Key issues: Continued support for the school system, improve relationship between city and JSU.

CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 2

Kenny Burell



Age: 47 Previ-

BURELL

ous public offices

held: None Profession/chief source of income: Medical sales rep-

State senate

resentative for Gentiva Health Care Education: Glencoe Community College

Key issues: Attracting high-paying jobs, adding more recreational opportunities and improving relationship between city and ISU.

Bill Cain



source of income: Plumbing business owner, part-time Piedmont firefighter, retired

Age: 51

Previ-

Profes-

Jacksonville firefighter **Education:** Basic EMT from Gadsden State Community College, Alabama Fire College

Key issues: Updating the city's infrastructure, attracting business and growing revenue.

Jimmy Harrell Jr.



Age: 30 Previous public offices held: None Profesincome: HARRELL Alabama

state troop-

Education: Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Jacksonville State Univer-

Key issues: Improve as relationship between city and JSU, create public safety committee to address police, fire and EMA needs

Kyle Warmack Age: 24



Previous public offices **held:** None Profession/chief source of income: Works at

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videos and more

family business, Nu-Kleen Cleaners Education: Jacksonville High School

Key issues: Working with state on economic

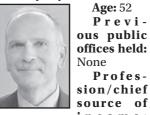
PLACE 3

Previ-



Education: Bachelor's degree in art and liberal studies, master's degree in public administration; Jack-

Key issues: Industrial and economic development.



TAYLOR

Fire Department **Education:** Attended sion/chief Gadsden State Community source of College, Shelton State Community College, numerous certifications in fire service

Key issues: Support police and fire, education, help set long-term goals for

Ronald "Ronnie" Thom-



ous public offices held: None Profession/chief

Age: 68

Previ-

source of income: **THOMAS** Retired after

Education: Southern Union State Community College and Clay County

economic growth in city and improve relationship between city and JSU.

PLACE 4 Sandra Sudduth (i)



sion/chief source of **SUDDUTH** income: Retired Jack-

Age: 73

Previ-

Profes-

sonville State University pro-Education: Bachelor's degree in education, Talladega College; master's degree in counseling, Jacksonville

State University Key issues: Improve infrastructure, attract more business, continue strong relationship between city and JSU.

CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 5

Age: 36

Previ-

es held:

ous public



None Profession/chief source of income: **GALLOWAY** Assistant manager for Calhoun County Farmers

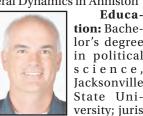
Education: Jacksonville State University and Jacksonville High School

Key issues: Economic development and support of city education system and Jacksonville State University.

George Salmon Age: 47 Previous public offices **held:** None

Profession/chief source of income: Manage

eral Dynamics in Anniston



SALMON

versity; juris doctorate, University of Alabama School of Law Key issues: Update infrastructure, attract

Pam Shelton

industry, increase revenue.



income: **SHELTON** Retired special education teacher Education: Bachelor's

degree in public administration, Auburn University; master's degree and education specialist degree from Jacksonville

State University Key issues: Attract new industry, work to improve relationship between city school system and JSU.

John Tipler



TIPLER

School graduate

ous public offices held: Profession/chief source of

income:

Age: 39

Previ-

Manager at Ruby Tuesday restaurant Education: Attended Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden High

Key issues: Accountability in government and helping small businesses

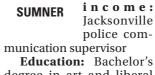
High School, attended development, updating Jacksonville State University and Gadsden State infrastructure. The Annistan Star The Anniston Star Teacher raise only 1 percent in budget proposal Almost finished ecognized statewide **Connect with us at AnnistonStar.com**

High School team of quality and manu-Key issues: Increase facturing engineers at Gen-CITY COUNCIL,

CITY COUNCIL,

Jason Sumner Age: 31





Profes-

sonville State University.

Age: 52

ous public

offices held:

None

Previ-

Profes-

sion/chief

income:

Fire chief

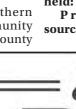
at Anniston

Tony Taylor





44 years from M&H Valve Company in Anniston



Integrity, Knowledge,



GOSSETT

GADDY



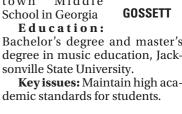
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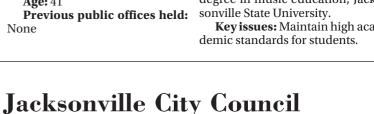














CANDIDATES 2016

Lincoln Muncipal

MAYOR Claude "Bud" Kitchin (i)



KITCHIN

Age: 59 Occupation: Former president, Kitchin's **Department Stores** throughout Alabama and Mississippi

Education: 1975-1976, University of Alabama,

undergraduate studies in business administration; 1976-1978, Jacksonville State University, undergraduate studies in business administration, course specific studies in marketing, business finance and business law.

Political experience: Lincoln City Council member, 2008-12; Lincoln mayor, 2012-present.

Lew Watson



L. WATSON

Age: 73 Occupation: Former Lincoln mayor, real estate agent and devel-Education:

Bachelor of arts, law degree Political expe-

rience: Nine terms as Lincoln mayor

Age: 57

Jay Watson



Occupation: Purebred cattle consultant and sales manager Education: Lin-

coln High School, attended Auburn University major-J. WATSON ing in business agriculture educa-

Political experience: None.

tion.

CITY COUNCIL, WARD 1

Sadie Britt



Age: not given Occupation: Retired fourthgrade teacher, Lincoln Elementary School Education:

Bachelor of science, Alabama A&M University; master's degree, University of Alabama at Birming-

Political experience: Lincoln City Council member, 23 years.

Rebecca Williams



Age: 45 Occupation: Health-care work-

Education: Lincoln High School, attended Jacksonville State Univer-

WILLIAMS Political experience: None.

CITY COUNCIL, WARD 2

Billy Pearson



Age: 68 Occupation: Retired Anniston Army Depot work-

er, after 33 years Education: Ophelia High School, Munford

Political expe-**PEARSON** rience: Lincoln City Council, 1988-present.

William "Corky" Graham

Age: 57 Occupation: Retired educator with more than 29 years as a teacher, coach and administrator.

GRAHAM

Education: Bachelor of science, and master of science in edu-

cation, Jacksonville State Univer-

Political experience: Candidate for school board in 2000.

CITY COUNCIL, WARD 3 **Chris Watson**



C. WATSON

Age: 48 Occupation: Bus driver for Lincoln schools Education: Lin-

coln High School, attended Gadsden State Community College, graduated from Faulkner University.

Political experience: Lincoln City Council, 2008-2012; appointed to council in 2015.

Jennie Massey Jones



JONES

Age: 44 Occupation: Self-employed home designer and owner of Jennie Leigh Designs. Education:

Double major in English & art of photography, concentration, Univer-

sity of Montevallo; horticulture degree from Jefferson State Community College. Political experience: None.

CITY COUNCIL,

WARD 4

Shelly L. Barnhart, unopposed

CITY COUNCIL, WARD 5

Jean B. Burk



BURK

Occupation: Retired banker, Regions Bank in Talladega and Lin-

Age: Not given

Education: Lincoln High School, Gadsden State Community Col-

Political experience: Lincoln City Council, 2004-present



Age: 47 Occupation: Retired Lincoln firefighter after 25 years, assistant fire chief for Lincoln

for 17 years.

Fire Department Education: **CALLAHAN** Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy, 1999; Alabama

State Community College Political experience: None.

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CANDIDATES 2016

Munford Town Council

MAYOR David Dabbs (i)



DABBS

FRAMBROUGH

Age: 49

Occupation: Owner of Big Dad-'s BBQ restaurant Education: Munford High

School

Political experience: Mayor for

the past four years, has held the position for one term. Previously, he was a City Council member for three terms.

JoAnn Frambrough

Occupation: Retired, was a plant manager for Medline Industries for 25 years from Pell City to Mexico

Education: Munford High Political experience: None

TOWN COUNCIL,

PLACE 5

Wade Champion (i)



CHAMPION



MOON

Occupation: Shop foreman for

Advanced Raser and Machine

Education: Munford High School, welding degree from Ayers State Technical College (now Gadsden State Community College).

Political experience: Three terms on Town Council

Clinton Moon Age: 39 Occupation: Lead IT specialist at

Anniston Army Depot Education: Munford High School; associate degrees from Community College of the Air Force in electronics and aircraft maintenance; bachelor's degree in business management from Strayer Uni-

Political experience: Voting member on the Senior Advisory Committee for the past eight months.

Office sought:

Profes-

sional history,

chief source

of income: Not

Age: 72

terms

Key Issues: Not available

RETURNING TO OFFICE IN OHATCHEE

Steve Baswell Office sought:



BASWELL

Public offices held: Mayor, two terms Profes-

Age: 69

Mayor

sional history, chief source income: Retired Air Force

Education: Bachelor's degree, Jacksonville State Uni-

Key Issues: Recreational improvements, resurfacing roads, town employee pay raises, revitalize old Ohatchee

Celeisa "Lisa" **Jennings** Office sought: Place 1 **Age:** 55

Public offices held: Town Council, four terms Profession-

al history, chief

source of income: Retired, Ohatchee School System Education: Ohatchee High School; Advanced certification

in municipal government

Key Issues: Finishing Sewer System, increase business, recreational improvements

J.M. "Butch" Mitchell Place 2

MITCHELL

available Education: Not available

Anthony Crosson Office sought: Place 3 **Age:** 38

Public offic-

es held: Town Council, one Professionhistory,

CROSSON chief source of income: City of Anniston, Public Works Education: Saks High School

improvements Teresa Lott

Office sought: Place 4

es held: Town

Public offic-

Council, six terms Profes Public offic- sional history, es held: Town chief source Council, three of income: Retired, assistant manager at

> Gadsden Social Security Education: Ohatchee High School Key Issues: Finishing sewer system, recreational improve-

ments, road improvements,

LOTT

increase businesses **Perry Howard** Office sought:

held: City Council, four terms Profes sional history, chief source of

Public offices

Age: 55

Place 5



Key Issues: Recreational improvements, finish sewer system, general infrastructure repairs

OHATCHEE

Key Issues: Recreation-

al improvements, increase

business, general community

• 2014 Population: 1,091

• Description of government: Five council members elected by Place. Mayor is a voting member of the council.

JENNINGS

• Pay of Mayor, council members: Mayor receives \$1,100 per month and council members receive \$300 per month.

• FY 2016 budget revenue projection:

Clemson

• FY 2016 budget expense projection: \$1,057,815

• FV 2015 sales tax revenue collected:

\$583,186.97 • Number of municipal employees: 16



Local faith leaders answer your questions every Friday.

Elect

Keitha

SEGREST

26 years of educational experience

as a teacher, coach,

and Regional Instructional Specialist

PD. POL ADV. by Keitha Segrest 1004 Tutwiler Court, Anniston 36207

38 Years Experience in Public Education!





PD. POL. ADV. BY JOAN FRAZIER 1270 WINTER PLACE, ANNISTON AL 36207

MAYOR

Alton Craft



Previous public offices held: None.

Professional history, and/or chief source of income: Finance

Age: 55

CRAFT

director, 25 years

Education: Bachelor's degree, Jacksonville State University

Key issues: Improving infrastructure, including roads, technology, water and sewer systems, schools and public safety agencies, to better attract professional, retail, and industrial development.

PLACE 1

Previ-

ous public

offices held:

Phil Gardner (i) **Age:** 57



City Council Place 1, 2008-pres-Profes-**GARDNER** sional his-

tory, and/ or chief source of income: Sales representative, South-

ern Pipe & Supply **Education:** Oxford High

Key issues: Improving

the city's infrastructure and residents' quality of life.

Jackie Stovall Age: 49 **Previous public offices**

held: None. Professional history,

and/or chief source of income: Assistant Chief, Heflin Police Department

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

 Oxford 2014 population estimate: 21,250 (up 1.3 percent since 2010) • Government form: Five members, elected at large by place. Mayor serves as chief

executive, and does not vote with the council. • Pay of mayor, council members: Mayor makes \$125,000 per year. Council president

tard Mall; improving roads.

Trey Carter

- receives \$12,000 per year; council members receive \$9,000 annually.
- FY2016 budget revenue projection: \$40.6 million • FY2016 budget expense projection: \$40 million
- FY2015 sales tax revenue collected: \$28.5 million
- Number of municipal employees: 240

K e y



STOVALL

issues: Attracting high-paying jobs; bringing n e w business to the Quintard Mall;

Age: 69

Previ-

Profes-

ous public

offices held:

sional his-

tory, and/or

chief source

of income:

Retired

assistant to the executive

director of the E.H. Gentry

Technical Facility at the

Alabama Institute for the

degree, Tennessee Temple

College; master's degree,

Jacksonville State University;

Doctorate of Biblical Studies.

Andersonville Theological

Seminary; Doctor of Theol-

ogy, Andersonville Theolog-

recreational opportunities

and services offered to senior

Key issues: Increasing

Education: Bachelor's

None.

improving roads; continuation of financial support for Oxford City Schools system.

PLACE 2

Horace Carson

CARSON

Deaf and Blind

ical Seminary

CARTER

Age: 34 Previous public offices held: None. Profes-

sional history, and/or chief source of income: Global planner, Honeywell Aerospace

Education: Bachelor's degree, American International University Key issues: Increasing

city spending on public safety agencies, schools, and infrastructure.

Charlotte Hubbard (i) **Age:** 63



Previous public offices held: City Council. 2012-present. Professional his-

tory, and/ chief source of income: Owner,

Hubbard's Off Main restaurant; retired Oxford City Schools system teacher and administrator. Education: Bachelor's

degree, Auburn University; master's degree, University of Alabama in Birmingham; educational specialist cer-Education: Oxford High citizens; revitalizing Quin-tificate, University of Ala-

bama. **Key issues:** Developing

ELECTIONS



Age: 44

Previ-

Profes-

of income:

Owner,



Perez Plumbing **Education:** Oxford High School

Key issues: Repairing and improving roads, as well as water and sewer lines; attracting higher-paying jobs; a splash pad, or upgrade to the existing swimming pool.

PLACE 3

Mike Henderson (i) **Age:** 59



HENDERSON

Previous public offices held: Three terms on Oxford City Council; 2000-08, 2012-present. Profes-

School

chief source of income: City President of F&M Bank in Öxford. Education: Bache-

Oxford City Council

lor's degree, Jacksonville State University; Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State Univer-Key issues: Infrastruc-

ture (road repairs and sewer expansion); saving Quintard Mall; job expansion and growth.

Age: 46

None.

Previ-

Profes-

Previous

Council,

2008-pres-

sional his-

Scott Sparks



SPARKS

of income: Mass Destruction Instructor, Leidos at the Center for **Domestic Preparedness** Education: Associate's

Degree, Columbia Southern University.

Key issues: Improving infrastructure, industry recruitment and greater unity between the city center and outlying areas.

PLACE 4

Chris Spurlin



ROGERS

Theological Seminary in safety agencies.

sional history, and/or Sacred Literature Key issues: Improving

infrastructure; attracting high-paying industrial jobs.

PLACE 5

Henry Mullinax (i) **Age:** 64



sion, chief source of income: Owner, Mullinax

Previ-

Profes-

Education: Began at Gadsden State Community College, transferred to Jacksonville State University,

Key issues: Improve-Weapons of ment of roads, sewer system; attracting industry; creating dog park and adoption center.

Steven Waits (i) **Age:** 49 Previous



rently Council President Interim Mayor.

Education: Bachelor's Profes- degree, Jacksonville State

or chief master plan for improvement source of income: South- of roads, drainage and sewer; continued recruitment of Education: Associate high paying jobs; continued Degree from Covington support for schools, public

CANDIDATES 2016:

MAYOR



BAKER

es held: Council member from 1992-2000 and 2004 to present Profession: Retired from Alabama Depart-

Age: 66

Public offic-

ment of Human Resources

Education: Piedmont High School and JSU

Key issues: Job creation. Abatement issues. Continued support of schools, city employees and city programs

Brenda Prater Spears Public officers held: Piedmont

City Council 2012-present

Profession: Retired teacher. Taught at Georgia High School Education: Piedmont High School, bachelor's





Economic growth, transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Stephen Maddox



MADDOX

Public office held: None Profession: None Owner of Down-

Age: 44

JSU and master's

in education from

Georgia South-

Key Issues:

western University

town City Graphics in Piedmont mont Restaurant as well as Vault Builders

Spring Garden School High and some college at JSU **Key Issues:** Jobs, lower utility

rates, attracting industry and fiscal responsibility DISTRICT 1

Ben Keller **Age:** 64



Piedmont council 2012-present Profession: Retired from U.S. Army Education:

Key Issues: Paving roads in

Public offices:

District 1 and improving the

Community Center **Thomas Mitchell** Public Offices: None

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

• 2014 Population: 4,811 (down 2.1 percent from 2010)

 Description of government: Seven members elected by districts. Mayor acts as chief executive and can vote with the

• Pay for Council members: Gross pay for the council mem-

MITCHELL

Profession: Disabled and owns his own house paint-

ing business Education: GED from military

Key Issues: Improving issues with overgrowth and abandoned

Age: 48 **Public Offices:** None Profession: in education from Owner Bedwell

Kevin Bedwell Sr.

Construction Education: Piedmont High

BEDWELL Issues: Kev Change in leadership, lowering utility rates and saving money.

Jeff Smith Age: 51 **Public offices:** Profession:

Services Education: Education: Piedmont High

Co-owner of Pied-

development and business recruitment **Corey Siskey**

Key Issues: Jobs, downtown

Age: 25 **Public Offices:** None Profession: Works at CVG Ala-

bama plant Education: High school diploma through Gads-

ber for 20 years





DISTRICT 2 **Mary Bramblett** Age: Declined to offer Truck driver for **Public Offices:** Council mem-

bers is \$350 a month and the mayor is \$1,100 a month. Budgeted revenue for FY

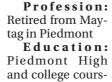
2016: \$11,753,577 Budgeted expenses for FY

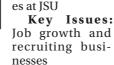
2016: \$11,287,189 Total tax revenue collected for FY 2015: \$2,281,536 which includes local, county, and

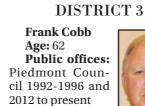
Number of city employees: 83 full time and 20 part time

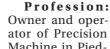
BRAMBLETT

COBB









Machine in Piedmont **Education:** High School and

nity College



attended Gadsden State Commu-

Age: 45 **Public offices:** None Profession:

Supervisor for

Pinnacle Propane Express Education: White Plains High Key Issues:

Job growth, down-

town development and finding uses for abandoned buildings DISTRICT 4

Education: Piedmont High

Public offices: Ran for office in 2004, Appointed in 2007, Third term coming up in District 4 Profession:

Kenny Kelley

Age: 64, August



DICKESON

Sports Complex, utilities down

Matt Rogers

Public offices:

Profession:

Engineer at Honda

for 6 years, worked

at North American

bus Industries for

Greg South

Public offices

Profession:

Solid Rock Cafe,

purchased anoth-

er piece of proper-

ty across the street

School in Georgia

Barry Perry

held, with years:

al history, chief

source of income:

Utility locate tech-

nician for United

States Infrastruc-

ment.

Profession-

Public offices

Age: 47

Education:

Age: 52

held: None

to get retail

Education:

in program engineering

currently getting second degree

nesses back in and utilize what we

have; create recreational events

DISTRICT 5

Graduated from Bowden High

for other businesses to move into

Piedmont, financial growth, edu-

ture Corporation, about a year, for-

mer firefighter, and volunteer para-

from Gadsden State in Emergen-

structure, activities for kids, more

community events and engage-

DISTRICT 6

Public offices held: None

source of income: Real estate

Professional history, chief

Education: Associate's Degree

Key Issues: City's ageing infra-

medic with Piedmont Rescue

cy Medical Services, 1990

Bobby Hardin

Age: 41

Key Issues: Encouragements

PERRY

for bike trail and Terrapin Creek.

Key Issues: Bring small busi-

Age: 38

None

tory, and/ ern Baptist minister

Piedmont City Council School, Jacksonville Vocational School; Associate's Degree,

Key Issues: Keep our costs Gadsden State down, increase industry, jobs and Key Issues: businesses, RV Park finished at Economic growth; downtown revitalization; promoting resources like Chief Ladiga Trail and Terra-



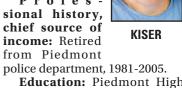
held: None Profession-Bachelors in engineering, JSU, al history, chief source of income: Work at the Anniston Army Depot, process improvement specialist,



past 8 and a half years. But worked at Depot for 15 years. **Education:** Associate's Degree

from Gadsden State 2002 Key Issues: Economic development, attracting businesses and addressing utility issues.

Age: 62 **Public offices** held, with years: Council member since 2012 Profes-



Key Issues: Have to recruit businesses/industry will bring jobs and people, we are a good town, got a lot of potential and growth and commerce but have to recruit those so people can stay

Age: 44 **Public offices** Profession-

source of income: license in cosmetology and manicurist, administrative secretary and photographer

in Rome, Ga., 1990, Coosa Valley

GRAVES

talize downtown, create incen-

ous public offices held: None

ous public Auto Sales; also rents seven

offices held: properties. sional history, and/or but never graduated. chief source



Professional histopublic offic- ry, and/or chief source es held: City of income: Chief Clinical Officer for Alacare Home Health and Hospice

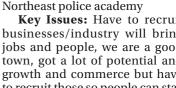
> University Key issues: Drafting a

Aaron Parris Age: 34 **Public offices**

technology and equipment.

KISER

DISTRICT 7 **Terry Kiser**



in 1973, Police Academy in 1982,

Niki Graves held, with years: al history, chief

Education: Coosa High School

Key Issues: Job Creation, revi-

tive plans for new businesses, utilizing all natural and available resources, build relationships Education: Piedmont High between council and community