

Important dates

Oct. 15 - One-Stop Voting Begins
Oct. 27 - Last Day to Request an

Absentee Ballot by Mail

Oct. 31 - One-Stop Voting Ends

Nov. 3 - PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION DAY

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WHERE TO VOTE

Precincts - A voter is registered in the county election precinct that contains the voter's address

Where can I vote? Voters in

Carteret County must vote in the

Visit https://www.carteretcountync.gov/493/One-Stop-Early-Voting to see a full list of one-stop voting locations.

district in which they live

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BOARD OF COMMISSION

Let's talk the issues ... in 25 words or less

Less*Donates answers trimmed for space

1. Do you support the county sales tax referendum? What about the bond referendum for schools?

2. What is the most pressing issue facing the district you are running to represent?

3. Do you support off-shore testing, drilling and development off the state's coast?

4. How can the county better adapt to climate change and prepare for future storms?

5. Do you support school reopening in person, virtually or a hybrid model given the coronavirus pandemic?

6. Would you like to see the Confederate monument remain on courthouse grounds in Beaufort?



Bob Cavanaugh* Republican District 3 Yes on both referendums.

There are several, but perhaps higher-paying jobs is most prominent.

Yes.

The school Bond referendum will provide funds to build 3 standalone gymnasiums, which serve as storm shelters. Adapt by dressing appropriate to the weather.

I support opening the schools to allow in-person learning.

Yes.



Kathlee Colbert Democrat District 3 The revenue from the sales tax increase can be used to develop an effective plan for future storms to minimize the damage to our community.

Ensure our schools are safe for our students and teachers and residents have access to mental health and substance abuse services during this unprecedented time.

I want steps taken to protect our beaches and marine life from a potential oil spill. Discuss specific steps to adapt to climate change, develop a comprehensive plan for all county agencies do their part to help our county recover.

I support schools having a specific, uniform plan utilized throughout the county to keep our schools safe for students, teachers, and staff. I would like to see residents in county on both sides have an in depth discussions. We live in a democracy. Let the people decide.



Jimmy FarringtonRepublican
District 4

Yes. Yes. This is the common sense way to take care of these needs, not wants, without an undue burden on the local tax payer.

There's not one answer. COVID-19, mental health and substance abuse, insurance rates, access to beaches, flood insurance cost. There is no scientific data to development off our coast. This decision in my opinion will be made or not made several years from now.

Through building codes and technics, homes and businesses are built more efficient and stronger in our county. I support the teachers, students, parents, staff and the board of education to make those decisions.

Yes, I am for leaving history in place and learning from the rights and wrongs.



Rosalie T. Ruegg Democrat District 4 I support both the county sales tax referendum and the bond referendum for schools. A pressing issue is preserving the beaches and keeping the land, air, infrastructure and surrounding waters clean and safe.

I do not support offshore testing, drilling and development off the state's coast. To prepare for high winds and rising seas, I favor strengthening dunes and vegetation, and adopting appropriate standards for buildings and infrastructure. With respect to school reopenings, I support a hybrid model applied caseby-case until the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is past.

I favor moving the Confederate monument from the courthouse grounds to a museum or a commemorative fort or battle ground.



Liz Ponder Democrat District 5 Sales taxes should increase before property taxes to capitalize on tourism. However due to recent raises, any additional tax unreasonably burdens working families. Yes, bond.

Carteret is a top 10 leader in substance abuse overdoses throughout North Carolina. This county needs a longterm treatment facility to help families in crisis. No. Carteret County's economic, ecological and industrial security depend on healthy waterways and marine life. Any offshore development threatens our economy and environment. Carteret needs to reexamine flood plains and adapt ordinances to better protect property, businesses and infrastructure. Any preparedness plans should involve local organizations and churches.

School reopening is determined by the school board, not the commissioners. The school board is an independently elected board, and I respect their voter-mandated autonomy.

the first impression justice-seekers get at our courthouse isn't conflated with bias. The statue should be safely relocated.

It is critical that



Eddie Bo Wheatly* Republican District 5 I support both bond referendums. Bonds are a costeffective means of financing infrastructure needs without placing a heavy burden on the backs of the taxpayers.

Distinguishing between wants and needs and using that information to lessen the burden on county taxpayers. With the extensive amount of regulation, bureaucracy involved in the testing of offshore waters, there is no possibility of offshore activities and it's a

non-issue.

Future storms are a scientific fact. Climate change is not. The county deals in the real world and does an excellent job preparing for storms.

I support our elected officials on the board of education to make those decisions and they should be given the power, not the governor.

It was erected to honor the service of a group of citizens, not as a political statement. Should not be taken down as political statement.



Chris Chadwick* Republican District 6 Yes, dredging crucial for all residents, visitors. It is an economic engine. Yes, there are much-needed school improvements, the hurricane-ready shelter/gyms.

Keeping waterways open for commercial fishermen, pleasure boats needed desperately. Waterways are life-blood to our economy. Ecotourism, ferries are also part of the economic engine.

Yes, if it is done in a safe manner to the environment, I would support the jobs it would bring to our local economy.

in cycles, and the county cannot control Mother Nature. Elevating homes with federal grants and building above flood plain is the first step.

Climate runs

I completely support in-person learning. Students need face-to-face. Families that want virtual should have option, but almost everyone I talk with is suffering right now.

Yes, it is part of our American history.