



Mike Akard
Incumbent

ONLINE: www.facebook.com/mikeakardcountycommissioner2/
BRIEF BIO: Parents, Wayne Akard & Susie (Myers) Bowman & Jack Bowman, DDS. Grandparents, Herbert (Cades Cove) and Kathryn Myers. Graduated Alcoa High School 1983. UTK 1983-1988 & B.B.A. from ETSU 1989. Founded ACT in 1993 (48 Employees). Married Donna in 1996.
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE? I'm a native Blount Countian and I've chosen to live my entire life here in the perfect place to live, work and raise a family. I want to give back to the community I love by helping the taxpayers get the most for every penny of the taxes we pay without eliminating any services currently provided.
WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE? I'm in a relatively unique position since I have no conflicts of interest coming from me nor any member of my family. I can fairly evaluate every aspect of the position and place my legal votes accordingly without any semblance of having "conflict of interest" serving as your commissioner. Therefore, I can better weigh issues of importance versus the various requests seeking (not needing) funds as I weigh the options spending your tax dollars and my voting record proves it.
IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE? Having seen firsthand how poor representation lead to major property tax increases every term 2007, 2011, and 2016 previously (I voted "no" on 2016-2020 budgets), I have taken

an active roll in maintaining the same rate and/or reducing it every year since. Those in power previously put Blount County in a very bad economic state by approving some \$200 million in expenses it couldn't pay for, so commissioners instead borrowed the money from lenders paying only the high interest and closing costs ... not one penny of principal! So, in 2021, I was involved in pushing to maintain the current tax rate to generate money to repay the huge irresponsible debt. Since that time, Blount County has repaid more than \$100 million of these loans and remains on-pace to have them paid off completely in not too distant future while also remaining competitive with all wages and maintaining normal areas of responsibility concerning maintenance. I very strongly believe in spending your tax dollars wisely!
IN WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD DO THE MOST GOOD? Budget
WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? I'm a long-standing Republican candidate that can't be bought. I'll always fairly evaluate every aspect of the position and place my votes accordingly without any semblance of impropriety in serving as your commissioner. Therefore, I can better weigh the issues of importance as compared to things various departments might "want" but not "need" as I weigh the options spending your tax dollars. Yes, areas of "need" must be adequately addressed long before we spend your tax revenue on things that are not critical. Leaking roofs, failing HVAC systems, and failing roadways & bridges are all items that "need" to be properly addressed in short order, whereas there are often items of budgetary discussion that are better defined as "wants" rather than "needs". Special attention must always be taken to carefully weigh options concerning all requests for funding by your tax dollars. Making wise choices is critical.

Precincts:

- Alcoa
- Mentor
- Oak Street
- Pellissippi Campus

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On GOP ballot:

- Mike Akard
- Terry Warwick

Aug. 6: Winner faces
Tracey Farr (D)

Hats in the Ring

The Daily Times emailed all candidates qualified in a contested primary with an opportunity to complete a free profile form for Hats in the Ring. Responses to each question were character count limited to provide equal opportunity for space to each candidate. View the profiles for any contested county primary by visiting bit.ly/HatsinRing526

— Marcus Fitzsimmons
The Daily Times



Terry Warwick
Challenger

ONLINE: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qn3TjU3FMNntYkpvNp-mqAj2AojBhjRjn5DsaKBNu4/edit?fbclid=IwY2xjawRNx-ZleHRuA2FI-bQixMABicmlkETE0ZEFfNDRrc2RrVm-lrZTl1c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv-VKA7nxUhEGFScMqsjYsHM2daq-0gLG6e-FsZ0McZ2RmzqB_Yd3GK-4i3tSru_aem_QOzOWSaPWzhpghxm-FqoHng&tab=t.0
BRIEF BIO: Born and raised in Blount County. Married to Mary Beth Hunt Warwick for 31 years. Raised 2 sons, Jake and Jack. Retired from FedEx after 34 years. Maryville High School graduate. Conservative, Christian values.
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE? I have been approached for years about running but my family and job were my priority and I wasn't sure I would have the time to commit. Now that I am retired and my children are grown, I have the time to commit to serving the residents of Blount County.
WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE? I have the experience of living and working in Blount County my entire life. I pride myself in the communication skills that I built as a long time FedEx employee. I have served my community as a youth sports coach for many years. For several years, I was a small business owner. Currently, I own a small farm in Blount County and understand the value of land preservation.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE? My top priorities include smart growth for Blount County as well as strong schools for all students. Growth should be well planned and not reactive. Infrastructure and taxpayer resources must be protected and the character of Blount County must be preserved. Protecting our farmland from irresponsible development is also crucial.
Strong schools are the backbone of the community. Teachers, students, and classrooms must be supported and have the resources they need to produce high achieving students that are prepared for the transition to post secondary (higher education or workforce). Students must be provided opportunities to prepare them for life beyond the classroom.
IN WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD DO THE MOST GOOD? Planning
WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? I am a life-long Blount County resident and look forward to my grandchildren being raised in this great county too. I have a common sense approach to life. My wife and I have raised our family and provided for ourselves. We used the resources we earned and built a successful life. I am someone that can voice my opinion and concerns but will listen to the opinions and concerns of my constituents and relay that to the parties that need to hear it. I am a man of my word and will not be swayed by external pressure.
If I commit to a project, I will give 100% and will exceed the expectations of others involved. My mindset is, "if it's worth doing, it's worth giving it your all."
I would be honored to have your vote in this election.

Tanner Jones
County Commission District 3
Seat A. Trusted conservative leadership that works for YOU!
PAID FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT TANNER JONES, MARK D. BENNETT, TREASURER

MISTY DAVIS
Blount County Commissioner
District 6, Seat B
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME

- Stand Up for Taxpayers
- Believe in Conservative Values
- Not Controlled by Political Groups
- Listen to My Community

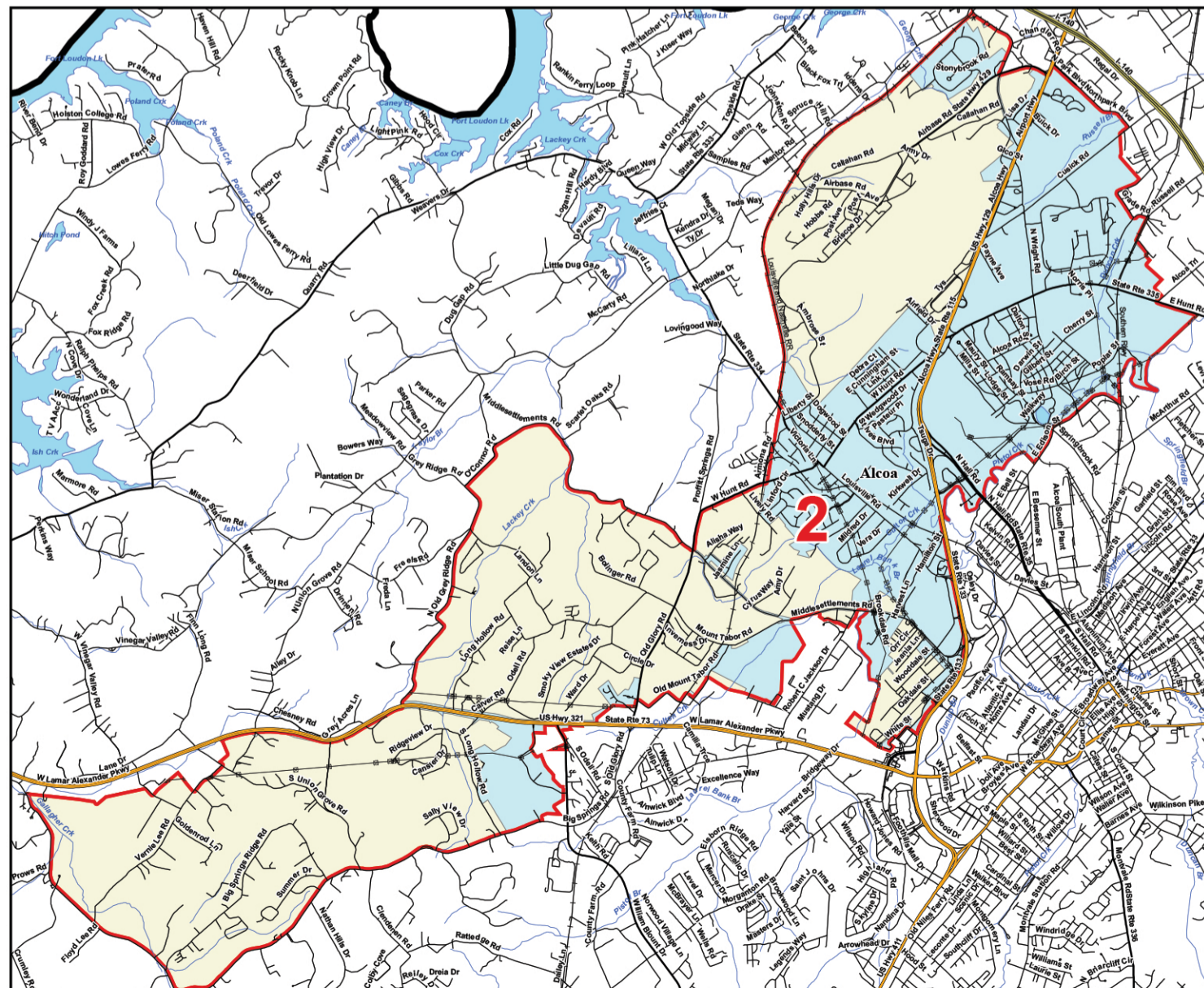
PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT MISTY DAVIS, TREASURER DARLA LANEY

Vote JERRY BURNS
FOR BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF
PUBLIC SAFETY OVER POLITICS

As Sheriff, I will:

- Strengthen public safety
- Recruit and retain top deputies
- Combat the drug and mental health crisis
- Protect our children

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Blount County
County Commission District 2

# OF COMMISSIONERS	2
TOTAL POPULATION	12,718
DEVIATION	-166
% DEVIATION	-1.3%
WHITE POPULATION	11,108
% WHITE	87.3%
BLACK POPULATION	388
% BLACK	3.1%
OTHER POPULATION	1,222
% OTHER	9.6%
HISPANIC POPULATION	570
% HISPANIC	4.5%

Legend:
 County Commission District
 Interstates
 U.S. Highway
 State Highway
 Local Roads
 Railroads
 Powerline (Incomplete)
 Stream
 Lakes / Rivers
 City, Town

TENNESSEE
COMPTROLLER
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