



Jessica Hannah
Incumbent

protecting the rural character and heritage of Blount County and maintaining quality of life.

My second priority is working toward lowering the tax burden on our residents while still supporting our schools and addressing critical facility needs. This includes prioritizing necessary updates and maintenance to keep buildings safe and functional, while also strengthening measures that protect our children from predators. We must be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars while ensuring our schools remain safe, secure, and equipped to serve our community.

IN WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD DO THE MOST GOOD? Planning

WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? Voters should elect me because I bring proven experience, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to serving our community with integrity. As your current County Commissioner, I have made thoughtful, informed decisions that reflect the needs of our residents. I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, supporting our schools, managing growth, and protecting the rural character and heritage of Blount County. I have what it takes to stand firm and fight for our community even if I am the only one standing. As a working professional and a mother of five, I understand how decisions impact families. I promise to fight to keep our county Blount, to stand up for our citizens, and to work hard to make responsible, informed decisions. Most importantly, I promise to listen.

ONLINE: Facebook Page Jessica Hannah Blount County Commission District 1, Seat A

BRIEF BIO: I am a mother of five and grandmother of seven, and a Regional Sales Manager for Vienna Coffee Company. I serve on the Faith and Family Coalition Board and Maryville Kiwanis Board, and hold degrees in Psychology and Biblical Counseling.

WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE? As the current Blount County Commissioner for District 1, Seat A, I bring hands on experience in local government, serving on the Planning Commission, Education Committee, Animal Advisory Board, and 250 Committee. As a single mother of five, I've learned fiscal responsibility firsthand. My background as a Regional Sales Manager, psychology studies, nonprofit service, fundraising, and continued training through County Technical Assistance Service support informed, accountable leadership.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE? If elected, my top priority is addressing the increasing growth in Blount County by focusing on infrastructure and traffic challenges that impact our daily lives. We must take a proactive approach to road planning, congestion, and development while

Precincts:
Everett
Maryville Municipal
MLK Center

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On GOP ballot:
Jessica Hannah
Shaina Kirkland

Aug. 6: There is not a Democrat or independent candidate on the ballot. The primary winner takes seat.

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



Shaina Kirkland
Challenger

ONLINE: www.facebook.com/share/1CSnL8P5h9?mibextid=wwXlfr

BRIEF BIO: Lifelong Blount County resident, graduate of William Blount High School and Walter State Police Academy. Background in public service. Proud aunt of three—Jacob, Mason, and Mac

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE? I'm running for County Commissioner to bring accountability, transparency, and real representation back to our local government. I'll stand up to unchecked growth, ask tough questions, and put our community — not insiders or politics — first every time.

WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE? I have a background in public service, including training through the Walters State Police Academy, where I developed strong skills in accountability, decision-making, and community protection. My experience has given me firsthand insight into the challenges our community faces and the importance of leadership that is transparent, responsive, and focused on serving the people.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE? If elected, my top priority is protecting our children by ensuring strong safeguards are in place to

keep predators out of our schools. That means supporting thorough background checks, accountability, and zero tolerance for anyone who puts our kids at risk.

My second priority is pushing for term limits. Fresh leadership brings new ideas, prevents career politicians from becoming disconnected, and ensures elected officials stay accountable to the people they serve—not special interests.

IN WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD DO THE MOST GOOD? Planning

WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? Voters should elect me because I'm not running for power or a paycheck — I'm running to serve. I will donate every cent I make as County Commissioner back to the community because this is about giving back, not taking. I'll bring accountability, transparency, and a willingness to ask the tough questions others avoid. I'm not tied to insiders or political agendas, and I won't rubber-stamp decisions that hurt our county. I will stand up for our citizens, support responsible growth, and always put our community first.

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

VOTE

EARLY VOTING: April 15 to April 30
Pellissippi: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays
Everett 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays
Library: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, April 25

Providence: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, opens April 22
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25

INFO: www.blounttn.gov/447/Election-Commission

Vote JERRY BURNS
FOR BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF

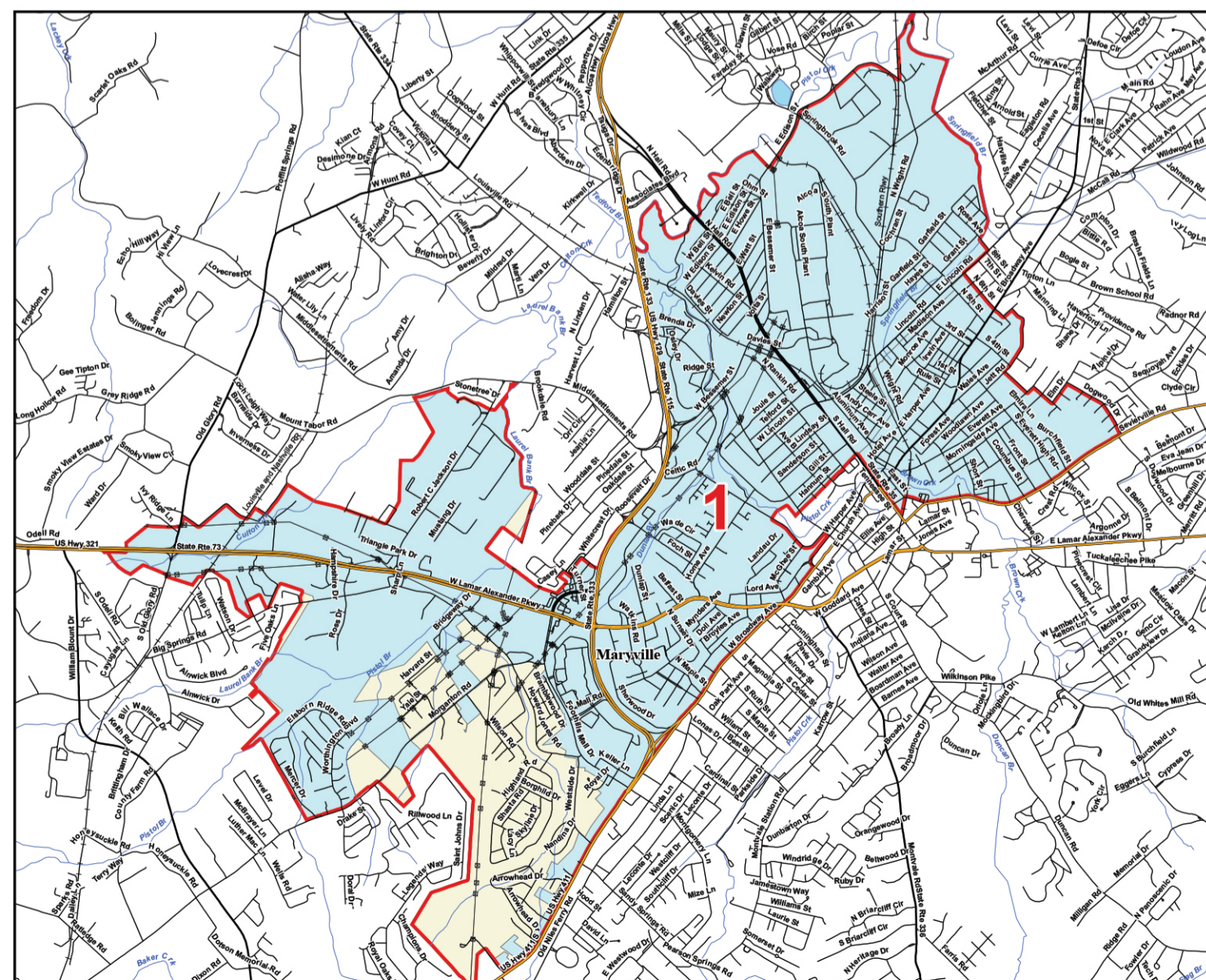
PUBLIC SAFETY OVER POLITICS

As Sheriff, I will:

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

www.burns4sheriff.com

PAID POLITICAL AD FOR JERRY BURNS FOR BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF BY CANDIDATE



Blount County County Commission District 1

# OF COMMISSIONERS	2
TOTAL POPULATION	13,126
DEVIATION	242
% DEVIATION	1.9%
WHITE POPULATION	9,755
% WHITE	74.3%
BLACK POPULATION	1,307
% BLACK	10%
OTHER POPULATION	2,064
% OTHER	15.7%
HISPANIC POPULATION	1,180
% HISPANIC	9%

