

District 4
The district is the only commission district with three seats - A, B and C. The rest of the districts have two seats.

Precincts:
Board of Education
Chilhowee View
Fairview
Montvale

Incumbent:
Robbie Bennett

On GOP ballot:
Robbie Bennett
Ron Blair
Farrah Williams-Deck

Aug. 6:
Winner faces
Robin Cox (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.

More Online
View the profiles for any contested county primary by visiting bit.ly/HatsinRing526

— Marcus Fitzsimmons
The Daily Times



Robbie Bennett
Incumbent

ONLINE: na
BRIEF BIO: I have lived in Blount County my whole life. I have been a proud educator in Blount County Schools for 26 years where I have been the Head Baseball Coach for 25 years and the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for 15 years.
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE?
I am seeking my 3rd term for County Commission because I love Blount County and love serving the people. I want to keep this a great place to live. I have been in public service since I was 16 years old (33 years) and have made it my life's work to serve and help people.
WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE?
I have served 2 terms on the Blount County Commission and I have been in leadership roles for most of my professional life. Being a Coach and Athletic Director I work a lot of events so I am around and talk to a lot of people from District 4. Talking to that many people gives me a good pulse of what MOST people in District 4 want.
IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE? My 2 priorities are keeping taxes low and to continue working on controlling the growth and improving infrastructure. During my two terms we have kept the Tax Rate the same at \$2.47 and then lowered it to the certified rate \$1.59 in 2023. Blount County is a great place to live so growth is inevitable but we have voted in some resolutions to try to slow and control the growth. I voted against cluster housing and voted for the resolution that increased the lot sizes to help get the ball rolling. There is still plenty of work to be done.
IN WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD DO THE MOST GOOD? Education
WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? I have 8 years of experience being on the Blount County Commission and have a voting record that shows that I vote for things that help the people of Blount County. I have been a public servant for most of my life and have always tried helping people. I can talk the talk and my voting record shows you the I can walk the walk. I have no problem making tough decisions that make Blount County a great place.



Ron Blair
Challenger

ONLINE: Facebook: Ron Blair for Blount County Commissioner district 4seat A
BRIEF BIO: I was born and raised in Blount County. I graduated from William Blount High School. I worked in several industrial jobs before going to work as a Sheriff's Deputy in 1999. After 25 years of service I retired. I am married and have 4 children .
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE?
Our Country was formed as a constitutional republic. Originally representatives in office listened to their constituents and voted on issues as the people wanted. That is what I would like to do. We should also be good stewards in spending and stop waste.
WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE?
During 25 years out in the county working for its citizens , I learned that communication was key. Many issues or complaints could be handled by just talking, having an open dialog and treating each other as we should with decency. I believe everyone has the right to be heard.
IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE?
Infrastructure and frivolous spending
IN WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD DO THE MOST GOOD? Planning
WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? I have no agenda, simply just serve my community . I would like Blount County to be a place that my children would raise their children some day. Where they and others would know that the community they live in is one they had a say in. I believe that everyone should be treated fair and just, and that their concerns should be heard. An involved community is a strong community. Citizens should know their Commissioners and know if they are representing them as they should or if they are doing a disservice. After all the most important word in community service is COMMUNITY.



Farrah Williams-Deck
Challenger

ONLINE: www.farahforblountcounty.com/
BRIEF BIO: I am a long-time Blount County resident and small business owner who lives in her childhood home. I am an event planner who has natural leadership skills, a strong work ethic, and critical thinking/problem solving skills.
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE?
I have a passion for Blount County and providing a safe and beautiful future for those who are here now and who come after us. It's time to take a stand for smart development and protect our history, our scenic land, our community, and our children.
WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE?
Our family has relationships and history with local farmers and business owners. I have served as a board member of local non profit associations, planned community events, donated to local community projects to help those in need and thrived as a small business owner, even during tough circumstances. I am a creative thinker who believes that we can all work best as a team to collaborate and find the best solutions to thrive as a community. I am a mother, wife, caretaker, and leader.
IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TOP TWO PRIORITIES BE?
1. Even prior to being elected, I have been door-to-door asking our community about what is important to them. We all agree traffic is out of control. We all talk about infrastructure, but our county needs a voice from someone who does not have a special interest to drive decisions based on personal financial gain. I want to first serve in an area that is most urgent and assist with the planning committee to move in a smarter direction for the future. This includes steady growth without destroying our farms, our scenic mountain views, our public safety and wellbeing.
2. I want to put focus on protecting our children and families. This includes working with the sheriff and educators to hold anyone accountable for causing harm to our children, bringing back programs in schools to deter children from drug use, and focusing on mental health programs. We are in the middle of a mental health crisis that needs aggressive action, and we need more focus on mental services for minors.
IN WHAT COMMITTEE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD DO THE MOST GOOD? Planning
WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU? As your commissioner, I will honor my word with integrity. I will not be influenced by money or pressure from my peers. I share a love for Blount County and my childhood home and land, like many of you.
I have given back to our community charities even when my own business was struggling, and I have built successful businesses out of nothing. I am a natural leader who believes in teamwork and work ethic. I'll show up, I'll listen, and if I don't immediately know the answer, I'll find out and respond. I welcome a challenge, and I don't give up. I'll never be indifferent, and I'll represent Blount County with passion.
Over the last five years, we've watched our hometown move in a direction that is the opposite of why this has been such a great place to live. It's time to take back our county, open our eyes, speak up, and restore our quality of life. Let's work together for a better future!



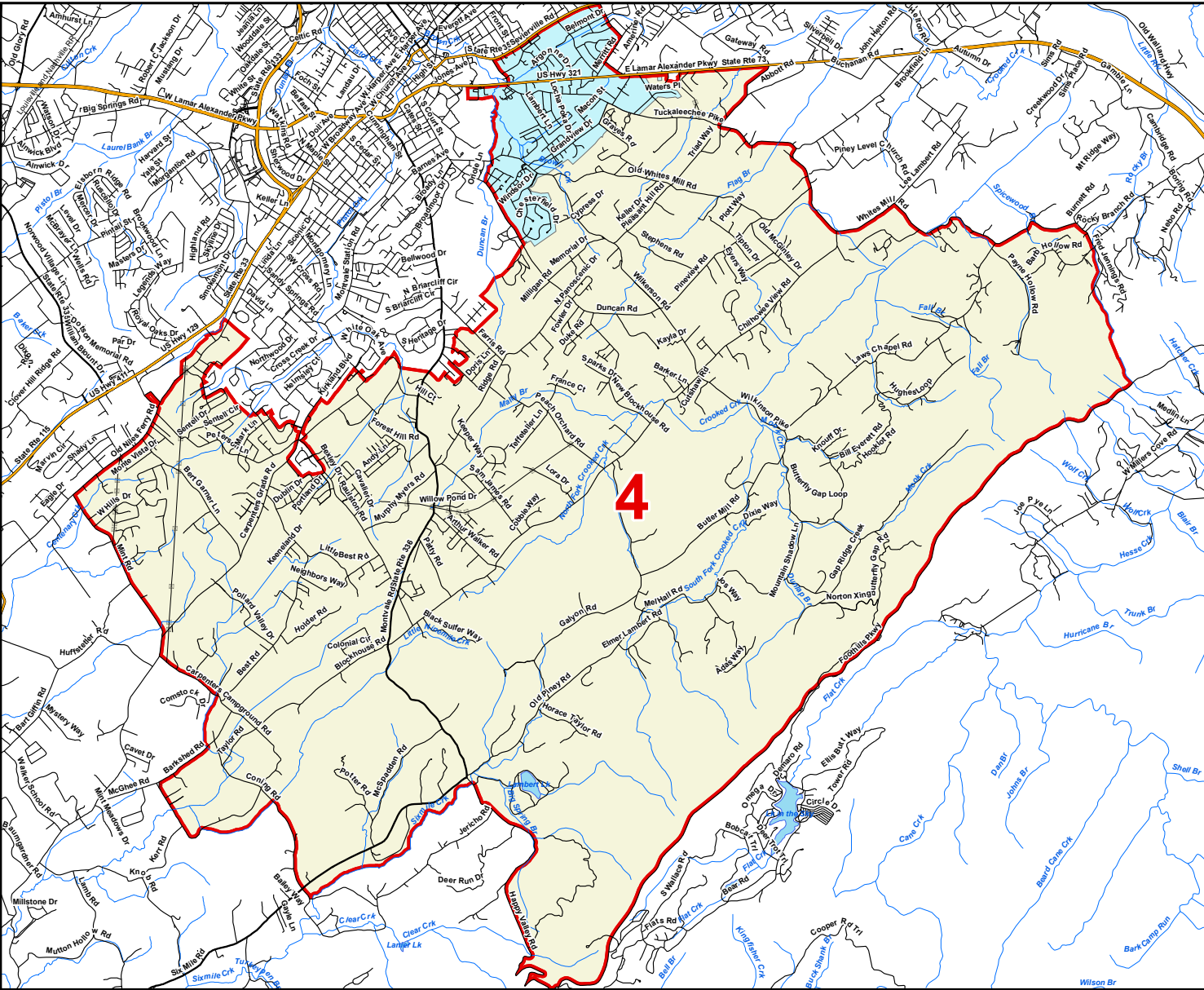
Tanner Jones
County Commission District 3
Seat A. Trusted conservative leadership that works for YOU!
PAID FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT TANNER JONES, MARK D. BENNETT, TREASURER

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.



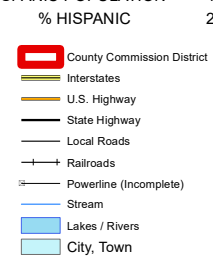
Vote JERRY BURNS
FOR BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF
PUBLIC SAFETY OVER POLITICS
As Sheriff, I will:
• Strengthen public safety
• Recruit and retain top deputies
• Combat the drug and mental health crisis
• Protect our children
www.burns4sheriff.com
IND/POLITICAL AD FOR JERRY BURNS FOR BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF BY CANDIDATE



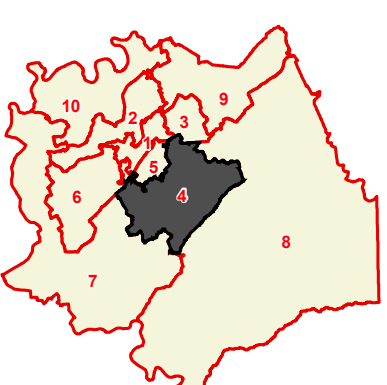


Blount County
County Commission District 4

# OF COMMISSIONERS	3
TOTAL POPULATION	19,081
DEVIATION	-245
% DEVIATION	-1.3%
WHITE POPULATION	17,409
% WHITE	91.2%
BLACK POPULATION	302
% BLACK	1.6%
OTHER POPULATION	1,370
% OTHER	7.2%
HISPANIC POPULATION	480
% HISPANIC	2.5%



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





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