Leading up to this year’s county elections, The Dispatch sent questionnaires to all candidates in contested races. Candidates were asked to provide basic information such as age, political experience and contact information. They were also asked to answer between 1-3 questions, limiting their responses to 150 words.

The answers provided to us are printed in this guide. We only edited the answers for length; we didn’t make any grammatical corrections.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates, and our staff followed up with multiple phone calls and emails in an effort to get responses from every candidate.

Sample ballots for Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Clay and Noxubee counties are printed in the Saturday, August 5 edition of The Dispatch.
### Sheriff

**Q&A**

1. **What do you see as the primary crime problem in the county and how would you address it?**

   Drugs and gun violence. I would make sure we had more officers on patrol throughout the county. More police visibility may deter criminal activity.

2. **How effective have the sheriff's office's efforts to retain and recruit officers been, and what more can be done?**

   Since I'm no longer a part of the Sheriff's office, I am unable to answer questions about efforts to retain and recruit officers. But if I were, I would make sure the officers are treated with respect and fairness. I would also maintain an open-door policy and listen to their suggestions and concerns.

3. **What role does LCSD have if any in working with Columbus Police Department?**

   Again, since I'm no longer a part of the Sheriff's office, I am unsure of the LCSD's role in working with the Columbus Police Department. However, if I were elected as Sheriff, I would want to meet with the chief and hopefully we could come up with a plan to create a partnership between the departments and work together to reduce crime for the citizens in the city of Columbus and Lowndes County.

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### Democrat

**Willie D. Jones**

- **Education:** High school diploma.
- **Political party:** Democrat.

**Q&A**

1. **What more should be done to modernize and digitize court records?**

   Getting and keeping good people is critical to the effectiveness of all law enforcement agencies. Currently we have a full staff at the Lowndes County Sheriff's office, but we have a few openings for correctional officers in the Adult Detention Center. Recruitment, hiring, and retention of the best deputies is critical for a safe, thriving community. Recruitment drives retention and we ensure every deputy and correctional officer is a recruiter. I project the right image and maintain communication with applicants during the recruitment process. Selecting the best qualified candidates as deputies is key. The goal is to find a deputy with great communication and customer service skills who can serve our community well. We do not want to lower our standards and settle for a bad recruit.

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### Republican

**Edwin House (I)**

- **Education:** New Hope High School.
- **Political party:** Republican.

**Q&A**

1. **What more should be done to modernize and digitize court records?**

   One would think that violent crime is the biggest problem that the Sheriff's Office faces, but that's just not the case. Property crime in Lowndes County is much more common than violent crime. By far the most common form of property crime is larceny-theft, followed by burglary and motor vehicle theft. These types of crimes are usually committed by someone addicted to drugs and supporting their habit. Among violent crimes, aggravated assault is the most common offense, followed by robbery, rape, and murder. It's hard to predict when or where a violent crime will occur because most of these types of crimes are a crime of passion and occur impulsively.

   In my first term in office, the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office has done several things to combat property crime.

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### Circuit Court Clerk

**Teresa Barksdale (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent**

**Q&A**

1. **What more should be done to modernize and digitize court records?**

   One of the biggest challenges for our office has state-of-the-art equipment and data processing programs. I have also implemented the use of digital equipment and e-recording of land records.

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### Chancery Court Clerk

**André Roberts**

- **Education:** Community College.

**Q&A**

1. **What are the biggest challenges facing the chancery clerk's office and how would you address them?**

   From an outside vantage point the biggest challenges truly can't be solved unless we can change the hiring process. I believe we could come up with a plan to create a meeting with the chief and hopefully we could come up with a plan to create a partnership between the departments and work together to reduce crime for the citizens in the city of Columbus and Lowndes County.

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### Democrat

**André D. Roberts**

- **Age:** 30.
- **Education:** Some college.

**Q&A**

1. **What more should be done to modernize and digitize court records?**

   A huge part of it is getting in assessing everything. I know they have implemented new ideas and technology.

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### Republican

**Cindy Goode (I)**

- **Age:** 30.
- **Education:** Bachelor of Science from Mississippi University for Women (Paralegal degree).

**Q&A**

1. **What more should be done to modernize and digitize court records?**

   Since taking office in 2020, I have continued digitizing records. This extensive project has made records freely accessible online to the public, attorneys, banks, and realtors. My office has state-of-the-art equipment and data processing programs. I have also implemented the use of digital equipment and e-recording of land records.

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### Tax Assessor

**Greg Andrews (Democrat) - Unopposed incumbent**

**Q&A**

1. **What more should be done to modernize and digitize court records?**

   One of the biggest challenges for our office is the miscommunication our office can give legal advice and provide legal documentation. We simply explain to the customer we are filing clerks and refer the customer to their attorney and Mississippi's many legal resource services.

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### Terms & Salaries

- **Sheriff:** 4 years, Annual salary: $110,000
- **Democrat:** 4 years, Annual salary: Fee based ($99,500 cap)
- **Republican:** 4 years, Annual salary: Fee based ($99,500 cap)
- **Circuit Court Clerk:** 4 years, Annual salary: Fee based ($99,500 cap)
- **Chancery Court Clerk:** 4 years, Annual salary: Fee based ($99,500 cap)
- **Tax Assessor:** 4 years, Annual salary: $69,575
Republican

Maci Griffin
Age: 22
Education: High school diploma
Political party: Republican
Political experience: None
Residence: Columbus
Family: Married, four children
Education: Bachelors in Theological Studies; Funeral Service Technology
Political party: Republican
Political experience: I have worked in the Lowndes County tax office for four and a half years, I am familiar with the current area and the tax office. Residence: Lowndes County Family: Married
Phone: (662) 251-5597

I would like to make my mark by implementing debit, credit and online payments. I also would like to improve communication between the office and the tax payer.

The new coroner’s facility would greatly benefit the department because it would allow families to have access to proper viewing and identification of their loved ones. This facility would allow us to provide a more comfortable environment for the proper viewing of deceased persons. I have worked around the funeral business for 10 years, and for 3 of those years I have been a licensed funeral director and embalmer for the state of MS. My skills and trained knowledge are needed in Lowndes County. The coroner’s office should look to the new face of the Lowndes County Tax Office.

Did not submit answers to the questionnaire by the deadline.

Diane Whaley Stephens
Age: 25
Education: Associate in Funeral Service Technology, Bachelor in Theological Studies (current)
Political party: Republican
Political experience: I have worked in the Lowndes County tax office for four and a half years, so I am familiar with the current area. Residence: Lowndes County Family: Married
Phone: (662) 251-5597

I believe my experience makes me the right candidate for this position because I am currently employed at the Lowndes County Tax Office. I am very proficient in the computer systems we use at the Tax Office. With my experience, I have formed relationships with current employees and that will make it easier for me to transition into my role. The data processor and the current bookkeeper. Also, I am aware of the changes Lowndes County would like to see.

2. What other challenges facing the coroner’s office over the next four years?

I am a young, eager, overachiever that loves working with my community and people. Per Mr. Andrews, nobody in Lowndes Co. is qualified for this position, not even anyone already in his office. This is a position that will have to be learned, I have already reached out to other coroners to get knowledge of what this involves. Mr. Andrews also assisted me in how he started training me as soon as possible. I am the only candidate that has a current position and is possible have any favors. I want to be the new face of the Lowndes County Tax Office.

Republican

Greg Merchant (I)
Age: 60
Education: R.S. Caldwell High School; East Mississippi Jr. College; Dallas Institute of Funeral Service: Death Investigation
Political party: Republican
Political experience: 19 years as Lowndes County Coroner; Bachelors in Theological Studies (current)
Residence: Columbus
Family: Married, four children, five grandchildren with another
Phone: (662) 386-0704

I have had a long rewarding Funeral Service career of 45 years, where I graduated from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service with Honors, along the way I have worked a number of years as a Sheriff’s Deputy fulfilling my duties as an officer and most importantly serving most of the last 20 years as Coroner. My staff and I bring more than 60 year’s experience of Death Investigation to the office. My three deputies bring a wide variety of experience, one has 30 year’s EMS experience, one a RN waiting to sit for her Nurse Practitioner board and one a 30 year tax enforcement career. I am the State Commissioner of the Mortuary Response Team that responds to mass fatalities such as tornadoes, Airplane crashes, etc. I have lead operations in Clarksdale, Minnesota and most recently in Shreve County and the gleaning Response to the KC 135 Marine Airplane Crash.

The ever raising drug problem, old drugs new drugs and the supplements and the gas station. The associability of internet drugs creates delays in death certificates being issued, delays in Toxicology testing and the coroner’s idea is leading to the creation of proper substitutes. The lack of Doctors at the State Medical Examiner’s Office to complete and issue autopsy reports in a timely manner. The need for additional Doctors and staff to get the deceased released back to their grieving families in a more acceptable way.

I = incumbent
**District 1 Supervisor**

**Democrat**

**Tommy Lee Kidd**

- **Age:** 47
- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree, Magnolia State University
- **Political party:** Democrat
- **Political experience:** Years of serving as City Council member and City Manager

**Republican**

**Michael L. Brock**

- **Age:** 51
- **Education:** Associate degree in Business-EMMC Libs, Underwriting Training Council Fellow-AmeriCom, Fellow-AmeriCom College
- **Political party:** Republican
- **Political experience:** 1 term as District 2 Supervisor, Board from Belhaven University

**Education:**

- Mississippi State University
- The University of Mississippi
- Banking and Finance from Jasmine University

**Political party:**

- Republican
- Democrat

**Term:** 4 years, Annual salary: $52,000

**District 2 Supervisor**

**Republican**

**Matt Furnari**

- **Age:** 40
- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree, Magnolia State University
- **Political party:** Republican
- **Political experience:** Years of serving in various capacities within the county government

**Kevin L. Clark**

- **Age:** 47
- **Education:** Bachelor’s Degree, Mississippi State University
- **Political party:** Democrat
- **Political experience:** Years of serving as County Tax Collector

**Education:**

- Mississippi State University
- Columbus City police department have had a lot of momentum and have become really good at what we do.

**Political party:**

- Republican
- Democrat

**Term:** 4 years, Annual salary: $52,000

**County Prosecutor**

**William Starks (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent**

**District 1 Supervisor**

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**County Prosecutor**

**William Starks (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent**
**District 2 Supervisor (continued)**

**Q&A**

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1. How can the county best capitalize/build on its economic successes over recent years?

The County can capitalize on its economies by pushing forward, keeping recruiting large and small business to Lowndes Co. This is the future for our family’s. We all want Lowndes Co to succeed in every way possible. Continue to push hard for economic development/infrastructure. More development is needed for people and the growth of our great county.

2. How can the county more effectively work with the city of Columbus?

More communication between the Mayor, City Council, and Supervisors. Communication is the key! It’s imperative for the city and county to have a viable working relationship.

3. What other challenges do you see the county facing and how would you address them as supervisor?

We need to make sure that we have a trained and skilled workforce to fill these jobs. Work with the local schools and colleges to ensure they have the training needed to keep as many jobs as possible for the people of Lowndes Co.

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**District 3 Supervisor**

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1. How can the county best capitalize/build on its economic successes over recent years?

The best way to capitalize is to not become stagnant, continuing the path of bringing in new industries and good paying jobs into the life of the area, will build on the recent success. Being able to bring in accommodations in the way of shopping, entertainment, etc., for the new and existing incoming citizens would only make Lowndes County more attractive rather than losing incoming citizens to Clay or Oktibbeha Counties.

2. How can the county more effectively work with the city of Columbus?

A better open line of communication with the city will be a start. The possibility of having a quarterly meeting between the county supervisors and the city council should be discussed. Both the county and the city need to have the realization that anything that happens in both areas affects the other in both good and bad ways. The county may have strengths in areas where the city does not and visa versa. We should be able to capitalize on each other's strengths for the betterment of the city and the county.

3. What other challenges do you see the county facing and how would you address them as supervisor?

We need to make sure that we have a trained and skilled workforce to fill these jobs. Work with the local schools and colleges to ensure they have the training needed to keep as many jobs as possible for the people of Lowndes Co.

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**Independent**

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1. How can the county best capitalize/build on its economic successes over recent years?

We have to keep growing. Start bringing in companies that can use the by-products from Aluminum Mill. Start looking for investors to bring shopping, eating, and entertainment to the community.

2. How can the county more effectively work with the city of Columbus?

With the lack of volunteer responders during the day in all areas I would like to work with all fire chiefs and the Fire Coordinator to move forward with a full time daytime fire dept for better response times during the day. I also want to work with EMA/911 Coordinator to research what it will take to hire and retain 911 employees. The backbone is all the EMS in the Lowndes County area-dispatching for all different agencies plus calling Mississippi Highway Patrol and utility companies on certain calls.

The current board has done a great job by taking wheels but would like to see what else can be done to improve the existing streets already in place. District 3 would be the lack of community events.
District 4 Supervisor

Democrat

Herman Phillips

Education:
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Master of Social Studies

Political experience:
- Former Utility Commissioner, Preservation Commission
- Supervisor nearly 40 years
- City & County Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Committee Re-established annual meeting to focus on joint issues that Impact the City & County ability to successful serve

Political party: Democrat

Family:
- Married, three children

Age: 54

Residence:
- Columbus

Education:
- University of Women Community College; Mississippi School; East Mississippi Community College

Phone:
- (662) 329-5871 (office)
- (662) 251-8125 (cell)

Lowndes County Board of Supervisors do not have a fiat agreement with the City of Columbus. It feels like our elected officials of Columbus and the Board of Supervisors seem to be more divided now more than ever. The city of Columbus is one of the largest tax bases in Lowndes County. Citizens pay both city and county taxes but benefit the least. We have to start building a long term mutual relationship with Columbus and all of the municipalities, townships and communities of Lowndes. (Even New Hope if they so choose to become a township.) We need to get in a serious work session where we talk through strategic planning over the next 3-5 years. We need to be planning our efforts together in infrastructure, parks and recreation and crime. We can have a greater impact if we use our resources as community stakeholders on how to grow in knowledge and resources to focus on creating badly needed designated housing communities.

Did not submit answers to the questionnaire by the deadline.

District 5 Supervisor

Democrat

Leroy Brooks (I)

Education:
- B.A. Political, Masters of Social Studies, Concentration Public Administration and Policy and Psychology

Political experience:
- Supervisor nearly 40 years
- City College Instructor in Political Science
- Columbus

Family:
- Married, two children

Phone:
- (662) 328-0032 (home)
- (662) 276-8125 (cell)
- (662) 329-5871 (office)

The county can best capitalize/ build on its economic successes by maintaining a strong partnership with educational and training facilities to secure there is a viable workforce. To enhance the quality of life in the community through viable recreation and cultural programs, encourage housing development. The County has actively supported the Greater Learning Center and other workforce readiness programs at Columbus and the Board of Supervisors agree with the City of Columbus on several projects to enhance the quality of life for all citizens. I feel confident through a strong partnership will develop services. A strong partnership will only develop when each elected official works effectively with the city of Columbus on several projects to enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

Did not submit answers to the questionnaire by the deadline.

Independent

Tiffany Turner

Education:
- Bachelor’s in Business Administration

Political party: Independent

Family:
- Married

Phone:
- (662) 909-4776

Mental health: It is 1 in 5 people who are affected by mental health challenges in this country. Our country has reason to grow in knowledge and resources as community stakeholders on how to access and handle situations before it escalates to a crisis. As a certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer, I have access to training sessions and materials that can be available to community stakeholders. With the proper training we can spread awareness and dispel stigmas to get these individuals the proper assistance needed.

Drugs: We have a serious problem with drugs. The availability and appearance of these drugs can be deadly and deadly. Our law enforcement is doing great work to rid the streets of these drugs and most recently our state legislation has passed a law permitting use of test strips to identify fentanyl which could be fielded in a single dose.

Q&A

1. How can the county best capitalize/build on its economic successes over recent years?

2. How can the county more effectively work with the city of Columbus?

3. What other challenges do you see the county facing and how would you address them as supervisor?
Justice Court Judge District 1

Chris Hemphill (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: $52,000

Justice Court Judge District 2

Ron Cooke (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: $52,000

Justice Court Judge District 3

Term: 4 years, Annual salary: $52,000

1. What makes you the best candidate for justice court judge?
2. No legal degree is needed for this position. How will you ensure knowledge of the law when hearing cases?
3. What do you consider to be the biggest challenge in the justice court system?

1. How do you view the balance between punishment and rehabilitation in the justice system, and what do you believe is the judge's role in striking that balance?
2. What efforts can the district attorney's office make to support the state over the next four years toward reducing recidivism?
3. How important of a role should victims' advocacy play in the district attorney's office, and in what ways would you support that over the next four years?
District Attorney

Republican
Jase Dalrymple
Age: 36
Education: Mississippi School of Law (2017)
Political experience: None
Political party: Republican
Political positions: None
Family: Married
Email: Jase@Jase.net
Phone: (662) 327-1088

Q&A
1. How do you view the balance between punishment and diversion in the criminal justice system, and what do you believe is the district attorney’s role in striking that balance?

A balance between punishment and diversion simply doesn’t exist. Cases must be weighed and prosecuted in a case by case basis. Drug abuse cases and crimes involving first time offenders of non-violent crime qualify for some form of “diversion.” All others must be sentenced according to society’s severity of their crime, their likelihood to re-offend and what type of crime actually occurred based on evidence and circumstances (most by their criminal history). There is a fine line between placing the interest of a local below the interests of your community.

2. What effects can the district attorney’s office make or support over the next four years toward reducing recidivism?

It is not the district attorney’s role to ensure that individuals don’t re-offend. All I can do is give a qualifying individual a second chance (completing a court program so they will not be a convicted felon), which puts them in the best possible position moving forward. I would hope for the community to be involved in the community, particularly in our schools and youth courts, so we might start building something there. More of our kids need to know who the district attorney is, what he does, and the reality of punishment awaiting them if they break the law. Not to scare them to a degree that they actually don’t do anything, but to make a decision which could ruin their lives.

3. How important of a role should victims’ advocacy play in the district attorney’s office, and in what ways (if any) do you plan to promote that over the next four years?

I believe victims advocacy is vital in the judicial process. I believe that prosecutors do a duty to the victims of crime as making them whole as they could possibly forgive them or the circumstance. Sometimes this tries retributive actions in the form of a lengthy, or permanent, jail sentence. Other times this involves making those financially whole. We don’t provide the same advantage to the victims that they provide to society; including assistance with applications to take in federal and federal grants for victims. My primary focus will be putting criminals who create victims in a position where they feel the repercussions as much that they never do again, and in some cases, they won’t be able to.

Chuck Easley
Education: University of Mississippi (1998), University of Missouri (Ph.D 2003)
Political party: Republican
Political positions: None
Family: Married
Email: Phone:

State Representative District 37
Andy Boyd (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent
State Representative District 38
Cheikh Taylor (Democrat) - Unopposed incumbent
State Representative District 39
Dana McLean (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent

Democrat
Kabir Karriem (I)
Education: S.D. Lee High School (CO ‘91), Hills Community College; Mississippi State University, Bachelor of Science
Political party: Democrat
Political experiences: Two term State Representative House District 41, Two term Columbus City Councilman, Past member of the Lowndes County Industrial Political Earn Board
Residence: Columbus
Family: Married, five children, one deceased
Email: rncrdrrkamin@gmail.com
Phone: (662) 328-3063

Q&A
1. How can the state best use the influx of revenue it received from federal sources during the pandemic?

To utilize the federal revenue influx during the pandemic, Mississippi should prohibit the following areas: Healthcare: Allocate more funds to state owned hospitals and healthcare systems which have been overused and underfunded during the pandemic. This will improve access to quality care in underserved areas, expand telehealth services, and invest in public health initiatives (Expanded Medicaid). This will enhance preparedness for future pandemics.

Economic Recovery: Workforce Development: Increase more funding for public workforce development programs. Increases in related benefits gaps in prior sessions, we have invested in technology infrastructure, by expanding broadband access and providing more pay and resources for our teachers and students. Lastly, we must continue to allocate funds to vocational training programs and community colleges to equip Mississippians with needed skills.

Economic Recovery: Our small businesses and industries were severely impacted by the pandemic. We need thorough grants, loans, and business development programs, to invest in job creation initiatives.

2. What are the priorities for your district in the next four years?

There are a plethora of priorities for House District 41 in the next term. Economic Development: Lowndes Co. is one of the most prospective areas for economic development. We must improve access to training in order to attract new industries to the district. This past session the legislature passed the biggest economic development package in Mississippi’s history in the sum of $2.5 billion. I was an author of legislation and an Act of the legislature that made it happen. This need to do a better job promoting entrepreneurship and building multi-million or billion-dollar small businesses, by continuing to invest in our communities’ workforce development programs, equipping residents with the skills needed for available job opportunities.

Infrastructure: We must improve and maintain critical infrastructure in the district, such as roads, bridges and develop some kind of public transportation, and broadband Internet throughout the entire district.

3. What is your position on expanding Medicaid?

I support the expansion of Medicaid nationwide because it will increase access to healthcare. Expanding Medicaid can provide health insurance to millions of uninsured Mississippians who make decisions that affect their future. Expanding Medicaid will help Mississippi increase the number of uninsured individuals who would otherwise lose access to affordable healthcare. This will improve overall health outcomes, provide preventive care, and ease financial burden for Mississippians who cannot afford insurance.

Medicaid expansion will have positive economic impacts throughout our state. It will create jobs in the healthcare sector, stimulate local economies, and reduce uncompensated care costs for hospitals and healthcare providers. By drawing down federal funds, Mississippi can benefit from the increased federal spending within its own economy. Financial Relief for Low-income Individuals: Medicaid expansion can alleviate financial burdens on low-income individuals and families by providing them with access to comprehensive health coverage. It can reduce financial hardships for families from falling into poverty due to healthcare expenses, and promote financial stability.

Libertarian
Claude Simpson
Education: Pandit Patel University (Liberation)
Political party: Libertarian
Political experiences: None
Family: Married
Email: Phone:

State Representative District 42
Carl Mickens (Democrat) - Unopposed incumbent
State Senator District 16
Angela Turner-Ford (Democrat) - Unopposed incumbent
State Senator District 17
Charles “Chuck” Younger (Republican) - Unopposed incumbent