

## Patrick Stoffers

Monroe County Board of Commissioners: District 1



Patrick Stoffers is seeking a third term as Monroe County Commissioner representing District 1. First elected Monroe County Commissioner in 2006, he previously served two terms on the Ellettsville Town Council. Patrick is a graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in public affairs and Oakland City University with a master's degree in management and serves as finance manager for City of Bloomington Utilities (CBU). Prior to his service at CBU, he served as a financial analyst with the City of Bloomington controller's office and an adjunct lecturer with the Department of Business Economics and Public Policy at Indiana University.

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## Judy Sharp

Monroe County Assessor



Prior to becoming the County Assessor, Judy Sharp served as a District Manager of Hallmark Stores in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. She has a strong background in management and leadership and is the current President of the Indiana County Assessors Association. Sharp was named the County Assessor of the Year in 2001 and received the Arthur R. Himself Award in 2007—the highest award and honor presented to an elected Indiana county official for outstanding service and leadership.

Sharp has been instrumental in leading the assessment system and community into the changes and challenges of our current assessment system in Indiana.

## Eric Schmitz

Monroe County Recorder

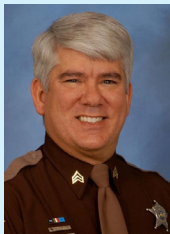


Eric Schmitz is a 22-year resident of Monroe County, and graduate of the School of Library Science at Indiana University. Currently employed with Smith Brehob and Associates, he is responsible for technology and document management. His education makes him well suited to oversee our County's library of public documents, while his experience as a user of the Recorder's office gives him insight into the needs of other patrons. His service to the County includes six years as a township board member, and seven years on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He lives on the east side with his wife, Dana Carpenter.

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## Brad Swain

Monroe County Sheriff



Brad has put his degree in Law Enforcement to use in Monroe County where he grew up. He served in the jail (5 years), as a road deputy (5 years) and as a detective (18+ years). He is also a graduate of FBI National Academy Command School. Brad is a current trainer for Middle Way House On-Scene Advocates (10+ years), and serves on the Domestic Violence Task Force (5+ years).

Brad is a Big Brother, currently mentoring his second little, and is President of the Harrodsburg Lions Club. He and his wife, Amy, have been married 24 years.

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## Shelli Yoder

Monroe County Council: District 1



Shelli Yoder is running for re-election to the Monroe County Council because she is dedicated to efficient, transparent and effective local government. The fiscal soundness of Monroe County is a key emphasis for Shelli, who has supported efforts to balance the county budget.

Shelli remains committed to maintaining and improving the safety of our county through responsible fiscal oversight, fighting for fair-wage jobs, continuing to seek solutions to address the needs of our county's homeless population and working to improve road and bridge safety and trail access throughout District 1.

Connect: shellyoderformonroecounty.com

## Ryan Cobine

Monroe County Council: District 2



Ryan grew up playing in the creeks and valleys in northwest Monroe County. He has enthusiastically followed and supported local politics, an example set by his parents, Al and Marian. Ryan has worked in information technology at Indiana University since the mid-90s. He has also been the part time canine handler for his spouse's inspection business since 2011. Currently serving an appointed term on Bloomington's Traffic Commission, Ryan completed the Citizen's Academy in 2013, and volunteered with two school transportation safety groups. He and his spouse, Carol, are raising three children on the southeast side of Bloomington.

Connect: facebook.com/RyanCobineMonroeCountyCouncil

## Jeff Carson

Monroe County Council: District 3



Jeff Carson is running for Monroe County Council in District 3 as a concerned citizen putting residents of Monroe County, first. As owner and operator of Carson's BBQ and Catering, Jeff understands the challenges facing local businesses and workers in Bean Blossom, Richland, Van Buren, and Indian Creek Townships. His business successfully serves up some of the finest food and catering in Southern Indiana. Jeff is also no stranger to public service, currently serving a term on the community corrections board of Monroe County. He and wife, Tammy, live in Monroe County with their family where she is a small business operator and Adjunct Faculty at Ivy Tech. Jeff Carson pledges to put people first, not partisanship.

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## Rick Dietz

Monroe County Council: District 4



Serving District 4 since 2011, Rick is a liberal Democrat with a long and strong commitment to our community. Rick's vision is for a progressive government that actively partners with people's movements, citizen groups and engaged individuals to craft a more just, humane and fair society for all. While serving on the Council, Rick established Monroe County's Conservation Fund, expanded the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants fund, and voted to increase funding for essential juvenile support services. Building on his community service, entrepreneurial experience, dedication and energy, Rick looks forward to another term representing District 4 on the County Council!

Connect: rickdietz.nationbuilder.com/

## Chris Gaal

Monroe County Prosecutor



Chris Gaal has worked hard to enforce the law fairly and equally, pursue justice for crime victims, and hold criminals accountable. Under Gaal's leadership, the prosecutor's office provides excellent professional public safety services, and also works effectively with both local law enforcement agencies and other community organizations to promote valuable prevention and public education efforts. Important initiatives have included the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center, "Get a Ride!" drunk-driving prevention, and the Pharmaceutical Safe Disposal Program. Keep Monroe County moving forward by re-electing the experienced local candidate with a proven record of community leadership.

Connect: chrisgaal.org

## Alphonso Manns

Monroe Circuit Court Judge (Seat 3)



Al serves his fellow citizens with competence. He holds degrees in science, law and public affairs. Other than justice, his interests include political economy, philosophy and public policy. He served honorably as an officer in the United States Army and Navy.

He served as a field examiner for the National Labor Relations Board and administrator/college teacher at Indiana University where in 1974 he authored the concept of diversity as a public education philosophy and his research in 1975 led to the discovery of PCBs as a health hazard in Monroe County. He has practiced law for over 30 years.

Facebook: Alphonso (Al) Manns for Judge

## Elizabeth Cure

Monroe Circuit Court Judge (Seat 4)



Judge Elizabeth Cure is a dedicated public servant. Before taking the bench, Judge Cure taught in Indianapolis Public Schools and taught English as a foreign language in Mexico for four years.

Since taking the bench in January 2009, Judge Cure has served four years on the State Judicial Protection Order Committee rewriting forms and instructions. She also is working on developing the "Release to Recover" mentoring program, which is designed to reduce recidivism in Monroe County. Judge Cure graduated with honors from the IU Law School in Bloomington and is currently studying at Indiana Judicial College (expected graduation in Spring 2015).

## Valeri Haughton

Monroe Circuit Court Judge (Seat 8)



Judge Valeri Haughton has dedicated her life to public service. She brings experience to the bench, having served as a Deputy Prosecutor in both Marion and Monroe Counties along with the Monroe County Public Defenders office. Prior to being an attorney, Judge Haughton served as a mental health counselor for 18 years. She is a member of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission, Community Justice and Mediation Board along with the Community Kitchen Board. Judge Haughton is a member of the NAACP, the Benevolent Order of the Elks, and is involved in the Monroe County Bar, Indiana Judges Association, and National Bar Association-Judicial Council.

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## James Mann

House District 46



Jim Mann II will be a strong voice in the General Assembly for the citizens of House District 46, including Richland and Bean Blossom Townships. Jim will fight for working men and women, public schools, veterans and senior citizens. Bringing jobs to District 46 is a top priority for Jim. He and his wife, Eileen, have one son, John Robert, who is 7.

Jim teaches government at Terre Haute South Vigo High School. He umpired the 2000 Indiana High School baseball state finals.

Connect: jimmann.org | Facebook: Jim Mann for House 46

## Daymon Brodhacker

House District 60



Daymon Brodhacker is a life-long Hoosier and public servant. From poverty, he proudly served the U.S. Navy with an honorable discharge. He also earned a Bachelor's, Master's and Education Specialist degrees from Indiana University and state certifications as a teacher, principal and school superintendent. He served Hoosiers as a public servant for 34 years as a medical technician, teacher and principal in award winning schools he created and administered. "The sum of my experiences in life, in education and in public service uniquely qualifies me to serve as your state representative. I will serve all of you."

Facebook: Brodhacker for Indiana House 60

## Matt Pierce

House District 61



We can count on Matt Pierce to reflect our values at the Statehouse. He is a strong advocate for working families, a consistent supporter of our public schools and universities, and a leader of efforts to protect our environment and natural resources. He is working to expand economic opportunity for all citizens, promote renewable and alternative forms of energy, and preserve local control of our schools. Matt earned a BA in Political Science and Telecommunications from Indiana University in 1984 and graduated from the Maurer School of Law in 1987. He is a lecturer in the IU Department of Telecommunications.

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## Jeff Sparks

House District 62



Jeff Sparks is a lifelong public educator who currently serves as the principal of Linton Middle School. As a result of divisive policies being enacted, Jeff decided to run for the Legislature because District 62 and Indiana needs legislators who care about the children in their district, not the large corporations writing them campaign checks.

As a civic leader in his community, Jeff has worked to improve his community and now wants to work in a new capacity to do the same.

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**Linda Robbins**  
Monroe County Clerk



Dedicated to public service, Linda Robbins has a solid financial record and proven management experience. As an innovator, Robbins is principal partner in the Protective-Order-Assistance Project, helping intimate-partner violence and assault survivors to access services. The POAP is now a model for Indiana. Digitizing records for ease of access by the public, for quick use by customers, and for protection of archival materials is a Robbins' hallmark of progress for Monroe County. Additionally, going paperless saves countless tax dollars for citizens. Vote for your Clerk, Linda Robbins, to continue competent, professional service and verifiable elections for all.

Connect: [LindaRobbins.org](http://LindaRobbins.org)

**Bill Bailey**  
U.S. Congressional District 9



Bill Bailey is a proven leader. He's been a teacher, coach, small business owner, city councilman, mayor, state representative and a Chamber of Commerce president. Thanks to his vision and ability to work with others, he helped bring more than 3,000 jobs to Seymour, helped start the Jackson County Learning Center and helped make downtown Seymour attractive and vibrant.

"I'm running for Congress because I'm downright mad about those folks in Washington not getting anything done. I pledge to be part of the solution, not part of the problem in Washington."

Connect: [bbaileyforcongress.com](http://bbaileyforcongress.com) | [facebook.com/billbaileyforcongress](http://facebook.com/billbaileyforcongress)

**Important Dates**

- Monday, October 6:**  
\*Deadline at close of business to register to vote or transfer your registration at the clerk's office. Or do so by visiting [IndianaVoters.com](http://IndianaVoters.com) by 11:59 p.m. with your Indiana identification.
- Tuesday, October 7:**  
\*Early voting begins at the Clerk's office located at 401 W. 7th St., in Bloomington. Early voting ends by noon, Monday, November 3.
- Monday, October 27:**  
\*Last day for clerk to receive your application to vote by mail.
- Saturday, October 25 and Saturday, November 1:**  
\*Early voting open at 401 W. 7th St., Bloomington
- Tuesday, November 4:**  
\*Election Day: Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**Voter Resources**

**Find your polling location online:**  
[www.co.monroe.in.us/tsd/Justice/Clerk/VotingInformation.aspx](http://www.co.monroe.in.us/tsd/Justice/Clerk/VotingInformation.aspx)

**Monroe County Clerk & Voter Registration Office**  
Johnson Hardware Building  
401 W. 7th St., Ste. 100  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
Phone: 812-349-2612  
Fax: 812-349-2610

**Indiana Secretary of State Election Division**  
[www.in.gov/sos/elections](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections)

**State of Indiana Voter Registration System**  
[www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com)

**Beth White**  
Indiana Secretary of State



Beth White is the two-term Clerk of Marion County. As the chief election official for the 13th largest city in America, Beth has championed voters' rights, expanded early voting opportunities and enhanced public outreach programs. She created the award-winning "Y Vote!" curriculum which brings the election experience into high school classrooms. A practicing attorney for 24 years, Beth is a former Deputy Prosecutor and previously held leadership positions with the State of Indiana and the City of Indianapolis. Beth is a native of Bloomington, Indiana, a graduate of IU, and she received her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center. She lives in Indianapolis with her husband Neil Marcus and their young son.

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**Mike Claytor**  
Indiana State Auditor



Mike Claytor has 40 years of experience in government financial consulting, and he is the first CPA to ever run for Indiana State Auditor. While serving as the Deputy Examiner at the Indiana State Board of Accounts, he became an expert in white collar crime investigations. As a partner with a top-ten Hoosier CPA firm, Mike worked with elected officials all over the state on economic development projects to bring more jobs to the state. Hoosiers deserve a committed, professional Auditor who will be accountable to the hardworking taxpayers of Indiana. Together, we can balance the books and balance the power.

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**Mike Boland**  
Indiana State Treasurer



Mike Boland, a 30-year educator, moved to Indiana in 2012 with his wife, Mary, to be closer to family after serving in the Illinois General Assembly for 16 years. While in office, he received 36 awards for his service in the House from educators, veterans, child advocates, firefighters and agriculture groups. Mike's solid record and commitment to public service made him a respected member of the legislature. He served as the chair of the House Elections and Campaign Reform Committee; chair of the House Financial Institutions Committee, where he led the effort to hold entities more accountable; chair of the House Higher Education Committee; and vice chair of the House Veterans Committee.

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**Monroe County Election Information**

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