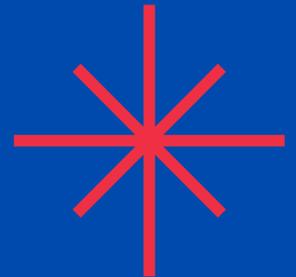
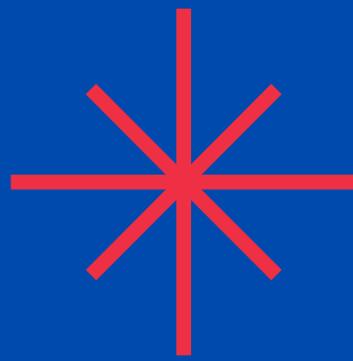
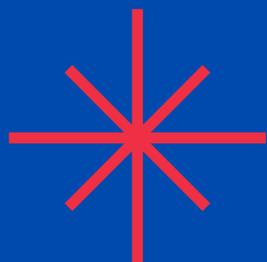
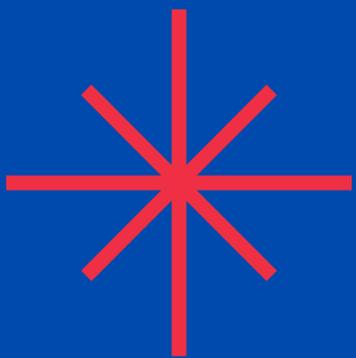
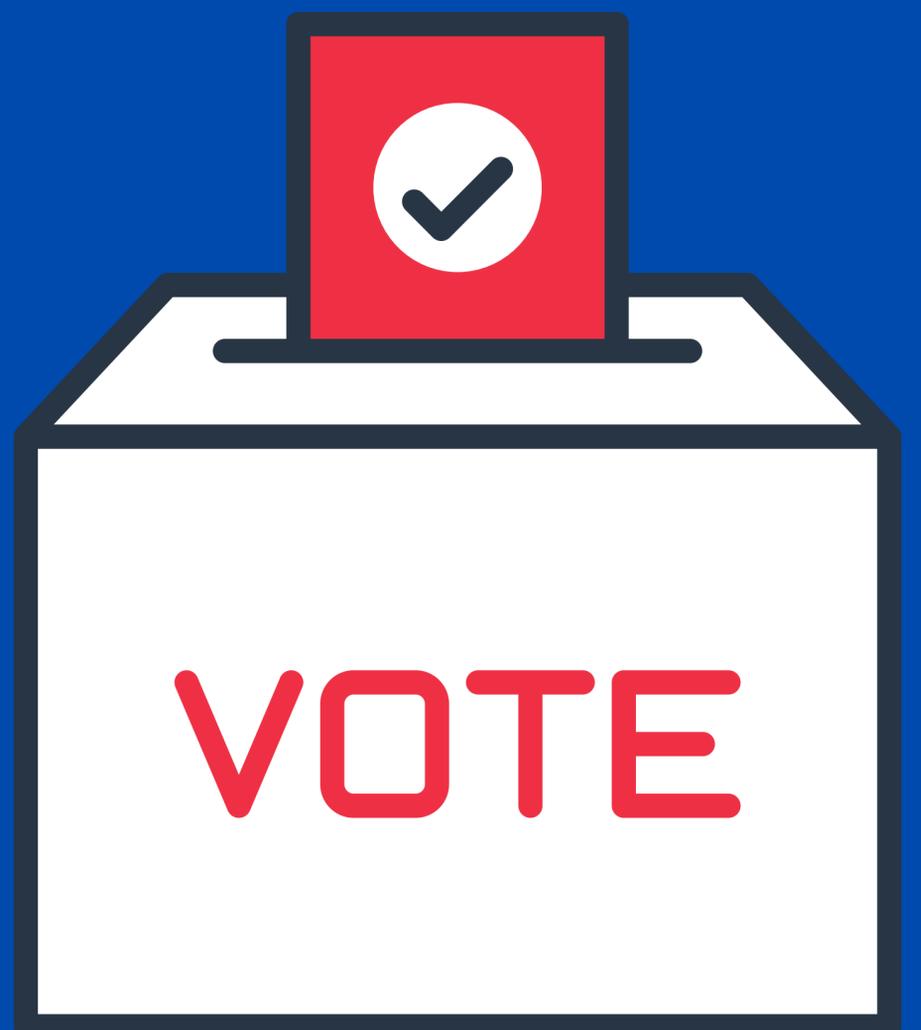


2021 - KNOX COUNTY

LOCAL VOTES COUNT!

ELECTION INFORMATION

A NONPARTISAN GUIDE TO ISSUES
AND CANDIDATES, COMPILED BY THE
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TAX AND LICENSING ISSUES



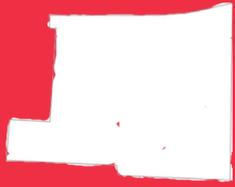
SENIOR CITIZEN TAX RENEWAL

The Senior Levy is the **renewal** of a tax levy that provides money to local senior organizations for services such as providing quality **food, healthcare, and transportation.**

The Knox County Board of Commissioners disperses the funds raised by the Senior Levy, which is funded by local property taxes at 0.79 mills.*

Organizations receiving these funds include Station Break in Mount Vernon, Centerburg Senior Services, and Fredericktown Senior Activity Center.

Should the levy pass, it will allow the county **to continue** current levels of funding for the next five years, beginning in 2022. **A renewal of the levy will NOT increase anyone's taxes.**



UNINCORPORATED AREAS ISSUES

GAS AGGREGATION

Should Knox County be allowed to auto-enroll consumers in unincorporated* areas to purchase natural gas?

Current AEP customers would also be included in this auto-enrollment.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Should Knox County be allowed to auto-enroll consumers in unincorporated* areas to purchase electricity?

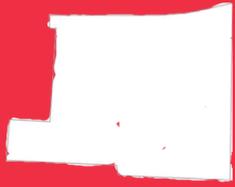
All Columbia Gas customers would also be included in this auto-enrollment.

- A YES vote would allow the County to use its purchasing power to secure a discount for residents on these commodities.
 - Proponents estimate that aggregation enables an annual household savings of about \$100.
 - All AEP and Columbia Gas customers would be automatically enrolled (unless in the current 3rd-party supply agreement).
 - NO FEE to opt-out of aggregation program any time.
- Eligibility:
 - All AEP and Columbia Gas customers are eligible to participate.
 - If a customer is in a current agreement, they will not be included, but can join after the current deal expires.
 - The Energy Cooperative or Cumberland Gas customers are NOT eligible but are able to vote.
 - No change to service for The Energy Cooperative members or Cumberland customers.
 - A yes vote from an Energy Cooperative member or Cumberland Gas customer will allow neighbors who are eligible to participate in the savings program.

Data and much of the above language comes from a flyer by the County Commissioners Association of the Ohio Service Corporation and the Ohio Municipal League Service Corporation. It can also be found on the Knox County Commissioners' Twitter account (@KnoxOHComm).

This issue is on the ballot of the following townships: Berlin, Brown, Clay-Martinsburg, Clinton, College, Harrison, Hilliar, Howard, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Middlebury, Milford, Miller, Monroe, Morgan, Morris, Pike, Pleasant, Union, and Wayne.

**For the definition of "unincorporated areas," see the FAQ page.*



KNOX COUNTY ISSUES

ASHLAND COUNTY JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY

Proposal for an additional levy of 1.1 mills for a continuing period of time beginning in 2022. The levy will be used for “permanent improvements” to the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center. The levy will cost \$38.50 a year for a property with a market value of \$100,000 (assessed at \$35,000).

According to Career Center Treasurer Julie Smith, talking to the *Daily Record*, the debt service on this levy will be around 30 years.

The Ashland County Joint Vocational School District serves five school districts.

These districts include Ashland City, Hillsdale, Loudonville-Perrysville exempted village schools, Mapleton, and West Holmes. According to the Knox County Board of Elections (KCBOE), there are a number of Knox County residents who are a part of the school district. For this reason, the levy is included in the Knox County list of issues this year.

This levy will help fund a \$45 million **upgrade and expansion** of the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center. The Career Center offers high school and adult education programs in technical career areas such as construction technology, culinary careers, welding, and more. Out of the \$45 million price tag, local taxes will only have to fund \$34 million due to **a \$10.9 million award** from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) for the expansion of the main building.

However, as Superintendent Rodney Cheney mentions in the *Daily Record*, the OFCC gave the Career Center a 13-month time frame to raise \$8.2 million for the expansion of their main building. Therefore, Cheney estimates that the Career Center will only have **three attempts** to pass the levy in order to receive OFCC funding.



Precinct 3-C: Local Alcohol License Application

- Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.182 provides that unless a business obtains a D-6 license, they cannot sell alcohol on Sundays. A business wishing to sell alcohol on Sundays must obtain this license via an election in the local precinct.
- In this election, Riti, Inc., doing business as Hot Rod's Food Mart at 1616 Coshocton Avenue, is applying for a D-6 license. A majority vote is required for this business to obtain its D-6 license.

Bladensburg Joint Fire District Replacement Levy

- A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Bladensburg Joint Fire District for the purpose of providing fire protection and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding six (6) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to sixty cents (\$0.60) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

CANDIDATES AND OFFICES

The editors contacted candidates in contested races for a brief statement. If we did not receive a reply by publication time, we inserted information about incumbency based on the public record.



ELECTED OFFICES



EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

Educational Service Centers were established by the Ohio General Assembly in 1914. The Service Center's goals include the improvement of student learning, enhancing the quality of instruction, expanding equitable access to resources, and reducing the costs for the public school districts of Ohio. The Service Center achieves these goals by providing special education services, student programs, employment, and community services.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD

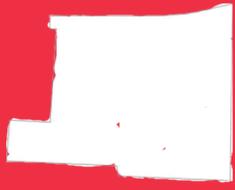
The Governing board consists of five officers who represent the citizens and the state in the management of local schools and establish policies that reflect the Service Centers goals. The position lasts four years.

Special Education Services provide classroom instruction, program supervision, and speech, occupational, and physical therapy for all students with various disabilities.

Student Programs provide school instruction and program supervision for all students and multiple programs for students identified as gifted and talented.

Employee and Community Services employ substitute teachers and classroom aides for participating school districts and provide training and mentorship programs for all the teachers and aides.

The school districts in the Knox Co. Center's jurisdiction include Centerburg, Clear Fork Valley, Danville, East Knox, Fredericktown, and Mount Vernon.



COUNTY ELECTIONS

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOV. BOARDS

There are **five spots open** for the **Knox County Educational Service Center Governing Board** with **five candidates** running **unopposed**.

Candidates are:

- **Vicki June Bechtel** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **Kenneth Ray Boeshart** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **Donald R. Rogers** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **Laurie Gallwitz** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **Richard Jackson McLarnan** – Incumbent, seeking re-election

There are **three spots open** for the **Licking County Educational Service Center Governing Board** with **three candidates** running unopposed. Candidates are:

- **Robert D. Essex** – Running for an open seat
- **Marc D. Guthrie** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **Forest L. Yocum** – Incumbent, seeking re-election



ELECTED OFFICES



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

School board members appoint a district **superintendent** and a **treasurer**, make and enforce school district **policies**, set and manage the **budget**, make **appropriations**, and decide when to seek voters' approval for **school levies**. This is a non-partisan position with no term limits, and the **term length is 4 years**.



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

SCHOOL BOARD

Centerburg (running unopposed)

- **ROGER LEE CLARK**
- **JOSHUA ETHAN JACKSON**
- **KRIS A. WELDY**

Clear Fork Valley (vote for up to three)

- **KOTI EPPERSON**
- **LORI MCKEE**
- **RICHARD KVOCHICK** – Write-in candidate

Danville (vote for up to two)

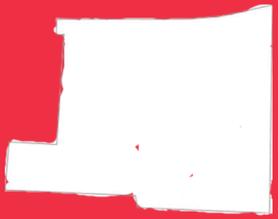
- **CHARLES R. BRATTON** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **DAWNA LEE STEPHENS** – Running for an open seat
- **PAUL R. STOVER** – Incumbent, seeking re-election

East Knox (running unopposed)

- **LARRY DALE CAMPBELL**
- **WILLIAM RANDALL "RANDY" REESE**
- **MATTHEW A. SCHWARTZ**

Fredericktown (vote for up to three)

- **NATHAN BELLMAN** – "I love Fredericktown Local Schools, our students, and our community! I feel I would bring a fresh perspective to our school board & am someone people can trust."
- **JAMES EARL BLANCHARD** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **JENNIFER BOSTIC** – "I am an FLS parent with management, fiscal, and educational experience. My goal is to increase collaboration, communication, and transparency. I will bring a new perspective and put students first."
- **DONALD LEE FALK** – "I am a retired educator. I taught for 34 years teaching Jr. High math in Fredericktown. I graduated from Ohio University in 1973 and earned a Masters from Ohio State in school administration."
- **STANLEY FRANCIS MILLER** – Running for an open seat
- **PAUL NAPIER** – "I'm running for school board because I want to share the information I've learned in public education as an employee, parent, and community member to help our district reach its goals. "
- **CHARLES P. STREBY** – Incumbent, seeking re-election



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

SCHOOL BOARD (CONT.)

Mount Vernon (running unopposed)

- **MARY C. RUGOLA-DYE** – "Public education is one of the pillars of our democratic republic. With education comes knowledge and with knowledge comes a more equitable and peaceful society. "
- **JEFFREY KENT WARD** – Running for an open seat

Northridge Local (vote for up to three)

- **DOUG HART** – Incumbent, running for re-election.
- **JEFFREY C. SCHROCK** – Write-in candidate.

North Fork Local (vote for up to three)

- **BARBARA E. BRUCE** – Incumbent, running for re-election.
- **FARRAH COOPERIDER** – Incumbent, running for re-election.
- **ROB KRUEGER** – Running for an open seat
- **J.R. RINE** – Running for an open seat
- **BERNARD L. SNOW** – Incumbent, running for re-election.

North Fork Local -- unexpired term through Dec. 2023 (vote for one)

- **Debra Ann Paxton**
- **Lori D. Stradley**



ELECTED OFFICES

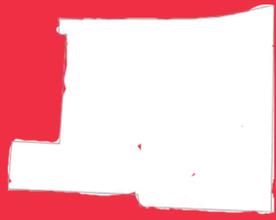


CITY AND VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER

Council members are local legislators who enact city and village ordinances. The position has its origins in late medieval England (1200-1500), when councils were established to handle local economic policies. During colonial times this system was adopted in the territories that would become the United States, and the system was amended to allow colonists to vote for their own council members. Today, council members set **zoning regulations**, approve department **budgets**, manage **parks**, manage **community relations**, and more. In cities, council members are either **elected at large** (which means the council member represents the whole city) or **are specific** to a particular city ward (which are like districts that divide up areas geographically). There are **four wards in Mount Vernon**. Village council members are elected similarly to "at large" city council members, and both typically **work alongside the mayor** in order to pass legislation.

MAYOR

The mayor in Mount Vernon is a popularly elected position that works alongside the council (but is not part of it). In Ohio, mayors enforce the ordinances, resolutions, and bylaws that are passed by city council. Mayors serve four-year terms and the position is up for re-election in 2023.



VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

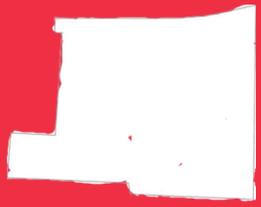
VILLAGE COUNCIL

Danville (elect three)

- **JILL A. BYERS** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **PATRICK L. CROW JR.** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **JEFFREY J. FURAY** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **MICHAEL L. WALDECK** – Running for an open seat

Fredericktown (elect four)

- **MOLLIE L. DE ROJAS** – "I want to apply my experience to a role that will benefit my hometown. I believe it is important to engage with citizens and be a driver in economic development and beautification efforts. "
- **RITA FENTON** – Running for an open seat
- **JAMES W HOBSON** – "Seventeen-year resident. Held a prior council seat for 7 years. Commercial banker for the last 32 years. Looking forward to leveraging these experiences to serve the community to the best of my ability! "
- **RICHARD J. LANUZZA** – "Representing my constituents in the community is very important to me. Preparing and planning for the future will remain on the top of my priorities. "
- **RYAN SCOTT SHOEMAKER** – "My continued leadership in our Streetscape and revitalization efforts will help ensure Fredericktown is prepared for growth while still maintaining fiscal responsibility and our small-town identity."



VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

VILLAGE COUNCIL (CONT.)

Brinkhaven (unopposed)

- **SHELIA K. ADAMS** – "Living in the heart of Mohican Recreational Area in Brinkhaven I will work with the community members to keep our Village safe. I will explore avenues to enhance our appearance for a safe community."
- **PHILIP H. DAVID DIAL** – "I advocate for open, honest, transparent, and limited government that adheres to the United States Constitution. Public servants should serve the citizenry, not the other way around. "
- **TRISHA L. MORELAND**

Centerburg (unopposed)

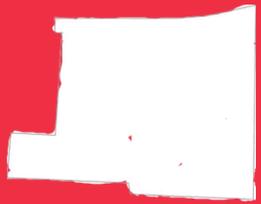
- **SAUNDRA SUE DOVE**
- **RUSSELL GREG MYERS**
- **RONDA M. SELIGMAN**

Gambier (unopposed)

- **KAITLIN SOCKMAN**
- **NATALIE WRIGHT** – "I'm a mom and a Biology professor. I believe in evidence-based decision-making. I hope to make Gambier safer for us all with slower vehicle speeds and better pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure."
- **RAKIA FABER** – Write-in candidate.
- **LIZ FORMAN** – Write-in candidate.

Martinsburg (unopposed)

- **LARRY DEAN GRANT**



CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

CITY COUNCIL

Mount Vernon City Council At Large (elect three)

- **AMBER LYNN KEENER** – "I'm running for City Council because I love this city. It is my goal to foster meaningful dialogue, provide legitimate solutions, and display genuine dedication to serving the people of Mount Vernon. "
- **JANIS ELAINE SEAVOLT** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.
- **ROBERT MERRILL "MELL" SEVERNS** – Running for an open seat
- **JULIA M. WARGA** – "I run again to represent all of Mount Vernon. I will invest in our city and provide balanced leadership so we can live in a safe & healthy community. "

Mount Vernon City Council 1st Ward

- **JOSHUA J. KIRBY**

Mount Vernon City Council 2nd Ward

- **JOHN MICHAEL FRANCIS**

Mount Vernon City Council 3rd Ward

- **TAMARA "TAMMY" A. WOODS**

Mount Vernon City Council 4th Ward

- **MIKE MILLER, write-in candidate** – "We need teamwork and vision and to focus on: good-paying jobs; infrastructure for a safe, walkable city (good sidewalks, water, sewer, and roads); and effective services, with good stewardship of tax dollars. "
- **MICHAEL PAUL HILLIER** – Incumbent, seeking re-election



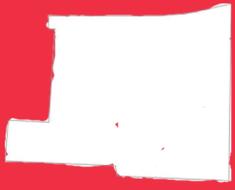
ELECTED OFFICES



TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Three trustees are elected to staggered four-year terms to administer the township alongside the fiscal officer. Their main responsibilities include proposing **zoning plans**, managing **cemeteries**, employing local **police officers** and **firefighters**, providing **waste disposal** services, maintaining **roads**, and establishing **parks**.

Township trustees possess limited taxation powers to fund these activities, **collecting less than 6% of Ohio's local property taxes.**



TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Berlin (elect two)

- **GARY DWIGHT ALVERSON** – Running for an open seat
- **MATTHEW CAPUTO** – Running for an open seat
- **JOSEPH CRAIG SELLERS** – Running for an open seat
- **TRACIE JO WELLER** – Running for an open seat

Brown (unopposed)

- **STEVEN BRATTON** – "I am running for re-election and hope to continue to serve the taxpayers of the TWP. I am Marine Combat Veteran serving 12 years and currently farm with my father. "
- **BRIAN E. DURBIN**

Butler (unopposed)

- **DOUGLAS GLENN BECKLEY**
- **NICHOLAS BECKLEY**

Clay (elect two)

- **BRUCE EUGENE CONARD** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **DENNIS DUGAN** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **ROBERT L. EVANS** – Running for an open seat
- **ETHAN E. HARDESTY** – Running for an open seat



TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (CONT.)

Clinton (unopposed)

- **ROBERT R. DALEY**
- **TERRY L. THOMPSON**

College (unopposed)

- **WILLIAM N. HOUSTON III**
- **EDWARD D. O'CONNELL**

Harrison (unopposed)

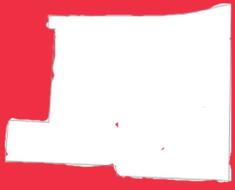
- **ROBERT LAWRENCE ELLIOTT**
- **JOHN NORRIS**

Hilliar (unopposed)

- **ERIC H. COCHRAN**
- **JASON ROGERS**

Howard (elect two)

- **CRAIG A. GILMORE** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **CLARENCE A. GRIFFITH** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **EDWARD ALAN HUFFMAN** – Running for an open seat
- **GREGORY E. LAWSON** – Running for an open seat



TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (CONT.)

Jackson (unopposed)

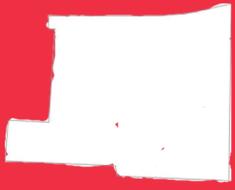
- **SCOTT M. DUGAN**
- **BART RINE**

Jefferson (elect two)

- **FRANK DIMARCO** – "Jefferson Township is where I will always call home on our farm. I will work to plan for the future of the township and also save our historical features. Thank you for your vote on November 2, 2021."
- **LARRY M. GEORGE** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **JUSTIN MICHAEL KAUFFMAN** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **RONALD LAYNE REED** – Running for an open seat
- **DOYLE SUMRALL** – "I have 40+ years of organizational planning and management experience, love living in a rural setting, and feel I can bring my skills and experience to benefit the township. "
- **RAYMOND LEE WILLIAMS** – Running for an open seat

Liberty (elect two)

- **TYLER DENNIS** – Running for an open seat
- **DARREN LEE** – Running for an open seat
- **DONALD D. RINE** – Incumbent, seeking re-election



TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (CONT.)

Middlebury (elect two)

- **BRIAN QUENTON ALEXANDER** – Running for an open seat
- **MIKE JOSEPH GEARHEART** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **KIM LLOYD HATHAWAY** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **STEWART B. SWIHART** – Running for an open seat

Milford (elect two)

- **PETER WILLIAM DICKERSON** – "Current Trustee, appointed in 2020, Prior Chair of Twp Zoning Comm, Twp resident 30 years, 30 years in Architecture, Working knowledge of codes & requirements. Honored to serve and continue as Trustee. Thanks."
- **JOSH JOHNSON** – Running for an open seat
- **RICHARD ALAN LITZENBERG** – Incumbent, seeking re-election



TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (CONT.)

Miller (elect two)

- **ROGER ALLEN McCONNELL** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.
- **LYNN GREGORY ROWE** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.
- **JARED YOST** – Running for an open seat.

Monroe (elect two)

- **NEIL EDWARD BOWER** – "Great township with a great working relationship among the current trustees. Monroe township is moving forward with Roads, Fire, and EMS. Great place to live."
- **DOUGLAS "DOUG" F. SMITH** – Running for an open seat.
- **WAYNE THOMAS ZOLLARS** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.

Morgan (elect two)

- **BRADLEY BLACKSTEN** – Running for an open seat.
- **ALAN LEE DOUP** – Running for an open seat.
- **RICHARD GAGE** – Running for an open seat.
- **TROY J. RODENISER** – "Troy Rodeniser. I have lived in the Utica area for 60 years. I retired from ODOT in 2010. I have been a Morgan Township Trustee for 16 years. I would like to continue to serve the residents of Morgan TWP."



TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (CONT.)

Morris (elect two)

- **RICHARD EARL KERSHNER** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.
- **RANDY MILLER** – Running for an open seat.
- **TIMOTHY J. SMITH** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.

Pike (elect two)

- **CURTIS NEIL BECHTEL** – New contender.
- **JOHN EUGENE CRUNKILTON** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.
- **DANIEL RAY ROBINSON** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.

Pleasant (elect two)

- **RICHARD BLAMER** - Write-in candidate.
- **JAMES C. HUGHES** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.
- **ANDY McGOUGH** – "I've lived in the township my entire life. Graduated from Mount Vernon Naz. Worked as a supervisor at General Motors and Superintendent at AK Steel. Want my management experience to help locally. "
- **CHAD SIMS** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.

Union (unopposed)

- **DARRYL FRAZIER**
- **TYREL SAMPLES**

Wayne (elect two)

- **MATT ASHCRAFT** – Running for an open seat.
- **JAMES "JIM" J. BRADDOCK** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.
- **LEWIS CANTER** – Incumbent, seeking re-election.



ELECTED OFFICES



FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officers are responsible for managing their townships' financial well-being. Duties include overseeing township **budgets**, managing and overseeing township **financial accounts**, and performing other functions like preparing invoices for township **income and spending**.



TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

Clay (unopposed)

- **DEDRA KIDWELL**

Jefferson (elect one)

- **LISA NOELLE LAPE** – Incumbent, seeking re-election
- **GRETCHEN RUTH** – "My hopes are for transparent communication and maintaining our rural history. I am very passionate about our township, and belong to several civic organizations."

FAQS ABOUT TOWNSHIPS AND TAXES

What is millage?

“Mills” or “millage” is another way of expressing the tax rate on real property (land and buildings). One mill is equal to 1/1,000 of a dollar.

So, a 1 mill tax means that for every \$1,000 in assessed property value, the property owner would pay \$1 in taxes. In Ohio, the assessed value of a property for tax purposes is 35% of its market value. For example, if a house in Gambier had a market value of \$200,000, its assessed value would be \$70,000. Therefore, every 1 mill tax increase would cost that property owner \$70 per year.

Where can I find a copy of the ballot for my precinct?

Sample ballots for each precinct are available at the Knox County Board of Elections website, here. The ballot in each Gambier precinct is the same.

<https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/knox/ballotlist.aspx>

If my property increases in value, will I owe more taxes?

Potentially, but the amount of revenue the government can collect from a given voter-approved levy is limited. If the voters' property increases in value, state law provides an adjustment mechanism so that the government does not collect more revenue than the voters approved. The amount of millage revenue collected is determined by the assessed property values of the year the tax was approved. Even if assessed property values go up in subsequent years due to inflation, the government will collect the same amount of revenue based on the property values of the first year unless they go back to the voters and ask for more millage.

Do Ohio voters have a say on taxes for local government services?

Partially, yes. Under the Ohio Constitution, property taxes above 1% (10 mills) need voter approval or must be included in a city charter. City councils, village councils, township boards, school district boards, and other local government entities can put a levy on the ballot for voters' approval. Levies may be approved for a defined period of time or as “continuing” levies.

The question on the ballot could be about renewing an existing levy (continuing the millage rate for a new, defined period of time), replacing an existing levy (with the millage the same, increased or decreased), or creating a new tax for some new purpose.

What is an unincorporated area?

An unincorporated area does not have the population/resources necessary for self-government, therefore it relies on county-level services to provide for it. Incorporated areas meet the Ohio requirements to establish a municipality.

What are townships and how do they operate?

The state of Ohio has 1,308 political subdivisions known as townships with responsibilities for zoning and road and cemetery maintenance. Townships may provide other services including fire and emergency medical, police, parks, recreation programs, or waste management. Townships cooperate with each other and county/city officials through the Regional Planning Commission.

Townships are governed by three elected trustees and an elected fiscal officer, who serve four-year terms. These are part-time positions.

Townships cannot impose sales or income taxes. Their only means of raising revenue is through property taxes.

Appendix: Ballot Language

Knox County:

Knox Co. Senior Citizens Services Renewal:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Knox County for the purpose of providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities at a rate not exceeding seventy-nine hundredths (0.79) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seven and nine-tenths cents (\$0.079) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

Proposed Resolution Gas Aggregation:

Shall Knox County have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the unincorporated areas of Knox County, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

Proposed Resolution Electric Aggregation:

Shall Knox County have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the unincorporated areas of Knox County, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

Proposed Tax Renewals:

Centerburg Village:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Centerburg Village for the purpose of payment of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding three (3) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Clay Township:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Clay Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads, and bridges at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 4 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Danville Village:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Danville Village for providing and maintaining parks and recreational facilities and services at a rate not exceeding one (1) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

Tax Renewals, Continued:

Fredericktown Recreational District:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Fredericktown Recreational District for parks and recreational purposes at a rate not exceeding one and one-half (1.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fifteen cents (\$0.15) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

Liberty Township:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Liberty Township for the purpose of maintaining and operating cemeteries at a rate not exceeding six tenths (0.6) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to six cents (\$0.06) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in the calendar year 2023.

Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village School District (Ashland, Holmes, Knox, and Richland Counties):

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village School District for the purpose of the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$412,463 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 2.05 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.205 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023?

Monroe Township:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Monroe Township for the purpose of providing fire protection and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding three (3) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in the calendar year 2022.

Morgan Township:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Morgan Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges at a rate not exceeding three (3) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2022, first due in the calendar year 2023.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Morgan Township for the purpose of providing ambulance service, emergency medical services, or both at a rate not exceeding eight tenths (0.8) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eight cents (\$0.08) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2022, first due in the calendar year 2023.

Pike Township:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Pike Township for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, general repairs and maintenance of roads, and equipment at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in the calendar year 2023.

Pleasant Township:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Pleasant Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in the calendar year 2023.

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