



**Republican Party of
Rutherford County**

— May 2026 —

**Republican Primary
Voter Guide**



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In Liberty,
Daniel Gammon, Chairman



***Republican Party of
Rutherford County***



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Rutherford County***



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Young Republicans***



Republican Candidates on the May 5th Ballot

**In order by last name*

** (I) notates an Incumbent*

<u>Circuit Court Clerk:</u> Melissa Harrell (I), Jeff McKinney	<u>Commissioner Dist. 14:</u> Wayne Irvin (I)
<u>County Clerk:</u> Lisa Duke Crowell (I)	<u>Commissioner Dist. 15:</u> Shawn McGowan
<u>Commissioner Dist. 01:</u> David Gammon, Jamie Knight	<u>Commissioner Dist. 16:</u> Phil Dodd (I)
<u>Commissioner Dist. 02:</u> Steve Percy (I)	<u>Commissioner Dist. 17:</u> Terry Hodge
<u>Commissioner Dist. 03:</u> Rick Hall (I)	<u>Commissioner Dist. 18:</u> Allen McAdoo (I)
<u>Commissioner Dist. 04:</u> Brian Burns, Robert Peay, Jr. (I), Michael Rodgers	<u>Commissioner Dist. 19:</u> No Republican Candidate
<u>Commissioner Dist. 05:</u> No Republican Candidate	<u>Commissioner Dist. 20:</u> Trey Gooch (I)
<u>Commissioner Dist. 06:</u> Eddie Arnold, Jonathan Beverly (I)	<u>Commissioner Dist. 21:</u> Jeff Lloyd, Clarence Santini
<u>Commissioner Dist. 07:</u> Michael Kusch (I)	<u>County Mayor:</u> Randy Allen, Joe Carr (I), Craig Harris
<u>Commissioner Dist. 08:</u> John Gaessler, Bill Tollett	<u>Murfreesboro City School Board:</u> Barbara Long (I)
<u>Commissioner Dist. 09:</u> Joshua James (I)	<u>RC School Board Zone 1:</u> Chuck Isbell, Tammy Sharp (I)
<u>Commissioner Dist. 10:</u> Phil Wilson (I)	<u>RC School Board Zone 4:</u> Katie Darby (I), Clarissa Smith
<u>Commissioner Dist. 11:</u> Anthony Johnson (I)	<u>RC School Board Zone 7:</u> Frances Rosales (I), Julie Wishing
<u>Commissioner Dist. 12:</u> Carl Boyd (I)	<u>Sheriff:</u> Kenneth Barrett, Trey Mansfield, Steve Spence
<u>Commissioner Dist. 13:</u> Brian Stoll	



County Mayor

District: All of Rutherford County

Length of Term: 4yrs

Estimated Annual Budget: \$958.5 Million

Candidate(s): Randy Allen, Joe Carr (I), Craig Harris

The Rutherford County Mayor serves as the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, directing daily county operations, managing departments (e.g., Ambulance, Planning, Solid Waste), and acting as the general agent for the county. The mayor oversees departments, appoints board members, and possesses veto power over legislative resolutions.

Key aspects of the Rutherford County Mayor role include:

- **Administrative & Executive Leadership:** The mayor oversees departments such as Building Codes, Emergency Services, Juvenile Youth Services, and PAWS.
- **Financial Oversight:** They act as the county's budget officer, managing finances and having the authority to draw warrants on the general fund.
- **Legislative Role:** The mayor has veto power over resolutions passed by the county commission, though the commission can override this with a majority vote.
- **Appointment Power:** The mayor appoints department heads and members of various county boards.
- **Focus Areas:** Current priorities often include managing infrastructure growth, public safety, and developing services like forensic centers.

The mayor must be a qualified voter, at least 25 years old, and a resident of the county.



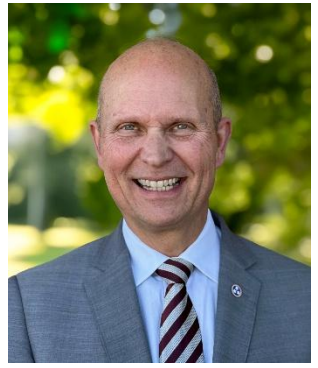
Candidate Name: Randy Allen

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Background: Randy Allen is a dedicated lifelong resident of Rutherford County and is running for County Mayor with a commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Currently serving as the Chief Operations Officer at Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity, he manages daily operations and strives to improve the organization's impact in our community.

Why am I running and what qualifies me? With a strong background in business, government, and community service, Allen is a strategic leader who prioritizes trust, transparency and fiscal responsibility. Over the years, he has remained consistently dedicated to creating opportunities for both families and businesses through job creation, workforce development, and active community engagement.

What do I see as the biggest challenges and what goals would I like to accomplish? As Rutherford County faces unprecedented growth, Allen is committed to tackling challenges head-on, including budget overruns, infrastructure updates, and government overreach. His key priorities include attracting high-paying jobs, supporting our law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives, reducing government waste, and firmly opposing the expansion of the Middle Point landfill.

I chose to run as a Republican because... Randy is devoted to the values of the Republican Party and holds a stellar voting record. He remains a member of the Rutherford County GOP and his wife, Cynthia, is a member of the Republican Women of Rutherford County. Both adhere deeply to conservative values centered on God, family, and liberty. They have been married 34 years, reside in Murfreesboro and are both alumni of Middle Tennessee State University.



Candidate Name: Joe Carr (Incumbent)

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Background: My name is Joe Carr, and I am your Rutherford County Mayor. I have been a Rutherford Countian for over 60 years. I went to elementary school here, attended Riverdale High School (Class of '76) and did my undergraduate and graduate work at MTSU.

I have been married to my beautiful wife, Ginny Carr, for 43 years. We have three beautiful adult children and two grandchildren. We are members at Believer's Chapel here in Murfreesboro. My roots to Rutherford County go back six generations on my mother's side. I am a businessman, having owned two different highly successful engineering firms, a former state representative, TDEC Assistant Commissioner and farmer in Lascassas, Tn. my hobbies (other than being a bit of a workaholic) are breaking and training walking horses, beekeeping (20 hives) and my son and I own a sawmill.

Why am I running and what qualifies me? I am running for a second term as County Mayor to finish what we have started. We have accomplished so much in 3 1/2 years; over \$380 million in school capital investment, a new \$17 million Solid Waste Transfer Station that was critical to halting the expansion of Middle Point Landfill, the construction of the states 6th regional Forensic Center, we've balanced budgets for 3 years in row, given pay raises to county employees and are one of 54 counties nationwide with three AAA Bond Ratings.

What do I see as the biggest challenges? Growth: how do we manage our growth while at the same time realizing its positive effects on our community? We absolutely must plan and implement a strategy that provides for the infrastructure needs of the county while at the same time keeping taxes low. Rutherford County's property tax rate is one of the lowest in the state. The plan is in place, now we just need to execute.

What goals would I like to accomplish? Continue to put a long-range infrastructure and a sustainable funding model together that meets the needs of the fastest growing county in the state.

I chose to run as a Republican because... The Republican Party Platform values life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is that simple. My version of that is Micah 6:8 "...seek justice, love mercy and walk in humility." Stand Firm



Candidate Name: Craig Harris



Background: My name is Craig Harris; I am the County Commissioner for district 15 and Chairman of the Steering committee for 8 years. I am married to Suzanne Harris for 25 years and I have 3 children Raegan, Trey, and Seth. Our family attends New Vision church in Murfreesboro, TN. I am a graduate of Bethel University 1988 with degrees in finance and accounting. I have been Ceo for Construction Concepts of TN. for over 30 years and serve on several boards. I raised my family, opened a business, and created jobs right here in Rutherford County.

Why am I running and what qualifies me? I'm running for County Mayor because I believe conservative values and commonsense leadership can build a Rutherford County that works for everyone-while protecting the values that make our community strong.

What do I see as the biggest challenges? The biggest challenges we face in our county are, Development/Growth, Property Taxes, Public schools, Traffic, and Public Safety. I have addressed these concerns as Commissioner and will continue as Mayor.

What goals would I like to accomplish? I would like to see Rutherford County to strive and to make changes and policy to be leaders in Growth, Schools, Taxes, and Safety.

I chose to run as a Republican because... I believe choice in a party is a moral decision. I want to align myself with a party that shares my values and champion my issues. I will be a leader that represents my party and never turn my back on it when it gets tough or take the easy path. I believe in our party and when united we are the commonsense leaders who lead us in state rights, second amendment, pro-life, and Christian values.

