

Voter Guide for Llano County

Primary Elections on Tuesday - March 5, 2024



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Read both the Texas State Voter Guide and the Llano County Voter Guide

The Texas State Voter Guide is published by the League of Women Voters of Texas with information on candidates for President and US Senate, as well as state offices like Railroad Commissioner, Texas State Courts, and the State Board of Education. All these elections are for offices which serve every citizen in the state of Texas. This voter guide is printed in color and has a larger paper format on newsprint paper.

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VOTE411.org is a League website which provides the election information on the candidates: a voter enters the address on their Voter Registration card to access the information.

Deadline Dates for Primary Elections on Tuesday - March 5, 2024			
Register to Vote/Change Address	Monday	February 5	Last day to register to vote
Voting by Mail	Monday	January 1	First day to apply for Mail in Ballot
	Friday	February 23	Last day to apply for Mail in Ballot
	Tuesday	March 5	Last day to return Mail in Ballot
Early Voting	Monday	February 20	First day to vote in-person
	Friday	March 1	Last day to vote in-person
Election Day	Tuesday	March 5	In-person at voting location

Election and Voting Information for Llano County

Sample ballots and other Information from the Llano County Election Department posted online:

<http://www.co.llano.tx.us/page/llano.Elections>

Take a photo ID with you to the voting location.

Curb-side voting is available for Early Voting and on Election Day.

Remember: no cell phones, no texting, no photos, no campaign clothing & material, no loitering

Yellow voter registration card details the elections for the voter residence address.

EARLY VOTING in Llano County: Main Location

Llano Llano County Library 102 East Haynie

Monday February 19	Tuesday February 20	Wednesday February 21	Thursday February 22	Friday February 23	Saturday February 24
Presidents Day	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm
Sunday February 25	Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wednesday February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1
12 noon to 6:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm

EARLY VOTING in Llano County: Branch Locations

Horseshoe Bay Oakridge Estates Property Owners Association 404 Lake Point Drive

Kingsland Kingsland Public Library 125 West Polk

Monday February 19	Tuesday February 20	Wednesday February 21	Thursday February 22	Friday February 23	Saturday February 24
Presidents Day	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	10am to 2:00pm
Sunday February 25	Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wednesday February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1
Closed	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm

ELECTION DAY in Llano County: Tuesday - March 5 Locations open 7:00am to 7:00pm

Voter must go to the precinct location on the yellow voter registration card.

Precinct #	Location	Address	City
101	Llano Ag Building	1447 State Highway 71 East	Llano
102	Blue Lake Community Center	214 West Bluebonnet Road	Horseshoe Bay
108	Sunrise Beach - City Community Building	124 Sunrise Beach	Sunrise Beach
109	Oakridge Estates	404 Lake Point Drive	Horseshoe Bay
203	East Llano County Courthouse Annex	8347 RR 1431 West	Buchanan Dam
204	Lakeshore Public Library	7346 RR 261	Buchanan Dam
205	Tow Community Building	135 CR 2241	Tow
307	Kingsland Public Library	125 West Polk	Kingsland
410	Llano Public Library	102 East Haynie	Llano

Llano County 2024 Primary Elections - State Districts

United States Congress - House of Representative District 11

The United States House of Representatives has 435 seats and is the lower chamber of the US Congress.

US House of Representatives Texas District 11 serves 20 counties: Bell (part), Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Ector, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mills, Runnels, San Saba, Sterling, and Tom Green. The term of office is two years.

Duties: represents a specific geographic area of a state; creates, debates, and votes on bills that become law for the United States; creates and votes on a two-year budget; and oversees the administration of public policy by serving on committees.

Democratic Primary	No one filed to be for the Democratic Primary.	
Republican Primary	August Pfluger	Candidate unopposed in the Republican Primary Election.

Texas Legislature - House of Representatives District 53

The Texas House of Representatives has 150 seats and is the lower chamber of the Texas Legislature. Texas House District 53 serves 16 counties: Bandera, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Pecos, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, and Upton. The term of office is two years.

Duties: passes bills on public policy that become the law for the State of Texas; sets levels for state spending by passing a two-year budget; votes to raise and lower taxes for the state; and votes to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes of bills.

Democratic Primary	Joe P. Herrera	Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary Election.	
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Republican Primary

Hatch Smith	Website: www.hatchsmithfortexas.com	Wes Virdell	Website: www.VirdellforTexas.com
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What in your background qualifies you to serve the as a state representative in Texas?

Smith: I am a multigenerational rancher in Texas with an extensive background in finance, manufacturing, healthcare and agriculture. I served on the Lower Colorado River Authority and Governor's Council for Broadband. These board positions gave me a unique perspective on our states and specifically House District 53's standing with water, power transmission and generation and broadband needs.

Virdell: I currently serve as the Texas State Director for Gun Owners of America. I have been attending the Texas Capitol since 2011 and helped to pass Open Carry, Constitutional Carry, and other pro-2A bills. I also worked this last session to kill 152 anti-2A bills. While serving in the US Air Force, I worked on Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and served as a Military Training Leader.

What are the most pressing issues facing the next session of the Texas Legislature?

Smith: No response received.

Virdell: Several legislators who campaign as Republican have worked behind the scenes to kill Republican legislation and they place Democrats in top committee positions. We must change how the House functions to ensure Republican bills aren't killed.

What are your three top priorities for the next session of the Legislature?

Smith: Water – We need to really focus on conservation and common sense management of our States most precious resource. Issue range from private damns trapping public waters, phosphorus levels in waste water disposal, surface and ground water management and regulatory oversight. If Texas is going to continue to say we are pro-growth, we need to better manage our water. Infrastructure – our rural counties are in need of assistance with roads, water utilities, power, and law enforcement. Many are already overburdened with the border crisis and expanding population growth. We also need to work on making our electric grid MORE RELIABLE! Healthcare –

Virdell: Water, border security, and federal overreach are my three priorities for the next session.

What are your priorities for education in the next session of the Legislature?

Smith: Hatch believes in empowering parents to make the educational choices that are best for their children – period. A one-size-fits-all approach to educating the next generation has proven to be a failure time and again. In the Texas House, Hatch will fight to ensure the rural schools that make up the backbone of our district are fully funded, and that the decisions about how to use those funds reside at the local level – not with politicians or unelected state bureaucrats. Hatch also believes that Educational Savings Accounts have a place in the equation, particularly for those children with special education requirements

Virdell: I have strong concerns for what children are being taught in public schools. After public schools mandated masks on children and inappropriate books have been found in school libraries, many conservatives have lost faith in our school system. Many parents want to see their kids have the opportunity to move to a better school where woke agendas are not being pushed on to them. I support allocated tax dollars following the student and I believe competition among schools is healthy.

What are the greatest concerns of the voters in your district?

Smith: Border security and water! Our federal government has failed to protect our borders and until we can elect a Republican to the White House, we need to continue with Operation Lone Star and give our DPS and other state agencies the resources they need to continue to slow the illegal immigration and document the criminals coming across.

Virdell: After our current State Rep wasted millions in taxpayer money to impeach Attorney General Ken Paxton while presenting no real evidence, no sworn testimony, and a rushed process, residents of this district want to know they have a State Rep that will actually represent this district instead of catering to special interest groups.

Texas 3rd Court of Appeals

The 3rd Court of Appeals is one of 14 state courts and has jurisdiction in a 24-county region of the state. This court has a Chief Justice and five other justices, who are elected at large for a term of six years.

Duties: receive appeals in civil and criminal cases from district and county courts; has intermediate appellate jurisdiction of both civil and criminal cases appealed from lower courts; in civil cases where judgment rendered exceeds \$250, exclusive of costs, and other civil proceedings as provided by law; and in criminal cases except in post-conviction writs of habeas corpus and where the death penalty has been imposed.

Justice, Place 2

Democratic Primary

Maggie Ellis	Melissa Lorber	Edward Smith
Website: www.maggieforjustice.com	Website: www.melissaforjustice.com	Website: www.smithforjustice.com

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Ellis: I have handled thousands of cases and hearings in court as a judge, a civil, criminal, and appellate prosecutor, and as an attorney representing individuals in five of the counties this court serves.

Lorber: For 22 years, I have represented clients in hundreds of appeals, presented many oral arguments in the Texas Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals, and earned Board Certification in Civil Appellate Law.

Smith: As the incumbent I have over 5 years experience doing this job. In 2018, I successfully flipped the seat from Republican to Democrat. I approach each case with impartiality, integrity, and fairness.

Ethics: Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and/or review lower court decisions?

Ellis: Experience working on cases from all sides is a good indicator of a candidate's likeliness to be fair and impartial. I have handled thousands of cases from all sides, including: presiding over cases as a judge; defending individuals at risk of losing their liberty, their children, and their homes; and advocating for justice as a prosecutor in cases such as murder, robbery, and sexual assault.

Lorber: To ensure there is not even an appearance of bias in my legal decision making, I have accepted smaller donations from a wide variety of attorneys and law firms throughout different facets of the legal community, as well as from Central Texans who have diverse experiences and viewpoints. I have also participated in extensive appellate legal and ethics training during the past two decades.

Smith: Ensuring the impartiality of judges in the face of campaign donations is a critical concern for maintaining the integrity of the judicial system. When voters prioritize candidates with a commitment to upholding the rule of law over those with significant financial backing, they contribute to the creation of a judiciary that is both competent and free from undue influence.

Separation of Powers: What is your view of the role of courts relative to the other branches of government?

Ellis: The courts role of interpreting laws created by the legislature and signed into law by the governor is critical. If elected, I will be the first openly queer woman on a Texas appellate court. Two examples of the court's role that are meaningful to me are Lawrence v. Texas, where the court struck down the state's sodomy laws, and Obergefell v. Hodges, which gave gay people the right to marry.

Lorber: Texas courts have the responsibility to (1) ensure that the Governor, Legislature, and government agencies comply with state and federal constitutions, statutes, and case precedent and (2) safeguard the constitutional rights and liberties of all Texans. Appellate courts are the last line of defense to stopping government overreach and protecting important human rights.

Smith: The role of courts relative to the other branches of government is to act as a check and balance, ensuring that legislative and executive actions adhere to constitutional principles and protecting individual rights. The judiciary's independence is paramount. This separation of powers is fundamental to the stability and fairness of democratic governance.

Equity: What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including persons or groups who may be underserved?

Ellis: I will bring my lived understanding of growing up transient and homeless to this bench. With about 15% of Texans living below the poverty level, access to justice is crucial. I have been awarded for my work helping our most vulnerable have access to and be successful in the court system through drafting legislation, establishing pro bono clinics, and advocating for the use of remote hearings.

Lorber: Texas appellate courts, including the Third Court of Appeals, have pro bono programs that match volunteer attorneys with clients who cannot afford a lawyer during their appeal. These programs should be strengthened and encouraged to provide access to justice, as well as to provide training and mentorship to younger attorneys and help diversify the appellate profession.

Smith: Improving access to justice requires a holistic approach encompassing legal aid, education, technology, cultural competency, and legal reforms. By addressing these aspects comprehensively, we can strive towards a more inclusive and equitable justice system that serves the needs of every individual, regardless of their background or socio-economic status.

Court System: What effect will the new business court and statewide court of appeals have on the administration of justice in Texas?

Ellis: These courts will remove voter input within local jurisdictions and will remove the ability to have cases heard by local and regional justices. The judges of the business courts will be appointed by the governor rather than elected, and the justices of the 15th Court of appeals will ultimately be elected statewide rather than district-wide like the current appellate courts.

Lorber: Important legal questions impacting Central Texans should be decided by appellate justices elected by Central Texans. The new business court and statewide court of appeals will remove important business and administrative cases from the Third Court of Appeals, to instead be decided by judges appointed by the Governor and then justices elected statewide.

Smith: It is yet to be seen what the effect new business courts and a statewide court of appeals will have on the administration of justice in Texas. Anytime there are changes to the judiciary it takes time for the dust to settle and this will be no different. One thing that is for sure is that in the short term there will be uncertainty for litigants.

Republican Primary	John Messinger	Candidate unopposed in the Republican Primary Election.
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Justice, Place 3

Democratic Primary	Chari Kelly	Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary Election.
Republican Primary	No one filed for this office	

Justice, Place 5

Democratic Primary

Thomas J. Baker	Karin Crump
Website: www.justicetombaker.com	Website: www.judgekarincrump.com

Qualifications: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

Baker: I've been a Board-certified Family Law attorney since 2010. I have 5 years' appellate experience. The past 2 years, I'm ranked 5th of 80 Texas intermediate appellate justices in opinion production.

Crump: As a district judge for nine years, I have presided over a diverse trial docket with a commitment to access to justice and efficiency. I am the President of the Texas Association of District Judges.

Ethics: Since judicial candidates solicit donations and raise money to be elected, how can voters be assured that campaign donations will not impact how judges interpret the law and/or review lower court decisions?

Baker: I do not appreciate the present system wherein justices are often beholden to donors, some of whom practice before them. Truly, the character of the individual justices is the only assurance voters can have. I will always live up to the trust voters place in me. I humbly submit to the voters that my record in office is the best evidence as to my integrity, impartiality, and unbiased jurisprudence.

Crump: Voters can rely on my reputation as a fair and impartial judge. I'm consistently rated as hard-working and impartial by ABA's Judicial Performance Polls. During my nine years on the bench, campaign donations have had no impact on my decisions. I'm running to ensure access to justice for vulnerable communities and donations will not impact my ability to review lower court decisions impartially.

Separation of Powers: What is your view of the role of courts relative to the other branches of government?

Baker: The role of courts is to follow and interpret the law based on bills passed by the legislature and signed into law by the executive. As an appellate court, we review trial records and apply the law. Although I am a Democrat, I cannot render a judicial opinion based on my political views; rather, our opinions will continue to be founded on sound application of precedent and identification of error.

Crump: The courts are our last line of defense for our basic human rights. It is essential that the judicial branch function independently from the executive and legislative branches of government. Judges must be able to review legislation and administer justice without interference from the other branches, just as the drafters of the constitution intended.

Equity: What can be done to improve access to justice for all, including persons or groups who may be underserved?

Baker: To improve access to justice, we need to maximize funding to legal aid offices throughout the state, promote Texas law school clinics, and pro-bono representation among the Bar. We must ensure the adequate provision of professional help that the indigent need and deserve, especially in areas of civil and family law to which Gideon rights to representation do not currently extend.

Crump: Courts must ensure that all people, including those with financial and language barriers, have access to justice. I was recognized by the State Bar for applying that principal and making our courts more accessible. I also believe we can improve equity by diversifying the legal profession, which is why I mentor and foster a pipeline for first generation students to enter the legal profession.

Court System: What effect will the new business court and statewide court of appeals have on the administration of justice in Texas?

Baker: Some Republican legislators are trying to dismantle checks and balances to concentrate power in one party. The 15th Court strips administrative law review from the Third Court; Republicans don't want their policies to be reviewed by our court, but another all-Republican one. Business courts take business law cases away from local courts and assign them to non-local judges appointed by the governor.

Crump: It will likely have a negative impact on the administration of justice and the independence of the judiciary. Texans will no longer be able to vote for the judges who determine whether legislation is constitutional. Instead, the Governor will handpick business court judges without voter input or legislative confirmation, leading to the administrative branch having undue influence over our courts.

Republican Primary	No one filed for this office
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Justice, Place 6

Democratic Primary	Gisela D. Triana	Candidate unopposed in the Democratic Primary Election.
Republican Primary	No one filed for this office	

Llano County 2024 Primary Elections - County

Democratic Primary - No one filed to run for a county office.

Republican Primary - All candidates listed below are on the ballot and are *unopposed*.

District Judge, 33rd Judicial District: Allan Garrett

Llano County Attorney: Dwaine K. Rogers

Llano County Clerk (unexpired term of two years): Cecilia McClintock

Llano County Tax Assessor/Collector: Kris Fogelberg

Llano County Commissioner Precinct 1: Peter Jones

Llano County Constable Precinct 1: Gary Silver

Llano County Constable Precinct 2: Richard Harris

Llano County Constable Precinct 3: no one filed

Llano County Constable Precinct 4: Michael Scoggins

The Llano County elections below are on the ballot and have more than one candidate.

District Attorney, 33rd & 424th Judicial Districts (Blanco, Burnet, Llano, & San Saba counties)

A state district attorney in the state of Texas is elected for a term of four years.

Duties: represents the state in prosecuting felony criminal cases; works with law enforcement officers in the investigation of criminal cases; presents cases to the grand jury; represents victims of violence in protective orders; and represents the state in removing children from abusive households.

Republican Primary

Marie Primm	Perry Thomas
Website: www.marieprimm.com	Facebook: Perry Thomas for District Attorney

What in your background qualifies you to serve as the District Attorney, 33rd & 424th Judicial Districts?

Primm: I have almost 30 years experience serving as a prosecutor, successfully trying some of the most difficult cases in Texas. I was an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) in Harris County for 22 years, serving as Chief of major divisions of the office, efficiently managing large teams of attorneys, investigators, and administrative staff, followed by five years in private practice, while continuing to serve occasionally as a special prosecutor. Since 2022, I have served as an Assistant Attorney General for Texas as a member of the Capital Murder Team, assisting counties with complex capital murder litigation.

Thomas: With 34 years of legal experience almost exclusively in criminal law, I am uniquely qualified to serve as District Attorney. During my career I have served as a prosecuting attorney for almost 29 years, with the remainder in private criminal practice. While prosecuting I have tried before a jury almost every type of criminal case including capital murder cases resulting in the death penalty. I have served as the First Assistant in the office of which I hope to serve as District Attorney while having actually practiced law in the courts of this district for 9 years.

What are the most pressing issues facing the District Attorney for the 33rd & 424th Judicial Districts?

Primm: The most pressing issue facing our District Attorney's office is the increase in crime, particularly crime growing out of the increase in methamphetamine and narcotics trafficking. I will be a staunch supporter of effective law enforcement in countering these crimes and ensure that criminals are swiftly held accountable. I will work to give our prosecutors the resources they need to do their jobs well. We must preserve our sense of community, that feeling of security and safety that comes from knowing that criminals will be punished and that justice will be administered fairly and without favor.

Thomas: Having lived and worked in this district, I recognize that we are experiencing a large increase in population growth. This increase is leading to the most pressing issue, an increase in crime, especially violent crime, which includes crimes committed against children. Violent crimes and crimes committed against children will need the experience of a District Attorney who has specialized knowledge in prosecuting such offenders. The district continues to experience a drug problem that will be addressed. People with addictions that want treatment may be allowed that opportunity while drug dealers will be prosecuted.

What changes would help the two offices for the 33rd & 424th Judicial Districts improve services?

Primm: I will bring my experience to the two offices and will implement policies and procedures that ensure the swift, efficient, and fair administration of justice. My priority as District Attorney will be to work with law enforcement to keep Burnet, Blanco, San Saba and Llano Counties free of the problems that confront some of the large urban areas of our state. Holding to account those who choose to commit crimes or threaten our citizens is key to keeping our area the best place to live and work in the great State of Texas.

Thomas: To improve services to the citizens of this district the experience and quality of assistant district attorneys serving the district will be increased. Experienced prosecutors bring a quality of performance necessary to bring justice for victims of crime. This will be done by providing an atmosphere of service to the district through attorneys who have a passion and concern for representing victims of crime. Increasing the speed with which cases are prosecuted will bring quicker justice for crime victims while serving as a deterrent against future criminal activity from offenders.

Llano County Sheriff

A county sheriff in the state of Texas is elected for a term of four years.

Duties: serves as a licensed peace officer who is responsible for enforcing the criminal laws of the State of Texas; manages and operates the county jail; supervises prisoners in the county jail; provides security for the county and district courts; serves writs and processes of the courts; seizes property after judgment; and enforces traffic laws on county roads.

Republican Primary

Marquis Cantu	Les Hartman
Website: www.CantuforSheriff.com	No response received.

What in your background qualifies you to serve as the Llano County Sheriff?

Cantu: I am a United State Marine veteran who retired as a Texas Ranger with twenty-five years of service. I hold a Master Peace Officer license, with 4227 hours of TCOLE credited training. I served as a Texas Highway Patrol State Trooper, was later promoted as a DPS Narcotics Sergeant. In 2008 I was promoted to Sergeant in the Texas Rangers where I served until my retirement in 2020. In 2023 I was sworn in as a Llano County Justice of the Peace. With your support, I look forward to continuing to serve Llano County as your next Sheriff.

Hartman: No response received.

What are the most pressing issues facing the Llano County Sheriff?

Cantu: When I meet with people throughout Llano County, they voice their concerns about the drug problems in our community. Drug activity leads to many other violent crimes including burglary, theft, assault, and murder. As a Texas Ranger, DPS Narcotics Sergeant and State Trooper and narcotic k-9 handler I have seized thousands of pounds of drugs across Texas. I understand how criminals operate because I have seen it firsthand. I have the experience and contacts necessary to further train our deputies and create a safer community for our families.

Hartman: No response received.

What are the citizens of Llano County telling you about law enforcement problems?

Cantu: With the recent growth in Llano County the citizens are concerned about coverage and response times to emergencies. Llano County covers nearly 1000 square miles and has a population of over 21,000. A typical day and night shift has four patrol deputies per shift. These deputies are responsible for coverage in the entire county. The patrol deputies focus their attention on areas of high crime, however many times this leaves the other areas of the county without coverage. All emergency calls in the county are important, and a quick response is critical to keeping our community safe.

Hartman: No response received.

Llano County Commissioner Precinct 3

A county commissioner in the state of Texas is elected to the County Commissioners Court to conduct the general business of the county. The Court consists of the county judge who is elected at-large and four commissioners who are elected by geographical precinct. Each commissioner is typically responsible for building and maintaining county roads and bridges with the precinct. The term of office is four years.

Duties: adopts the county budget and the county tax rate; approves all budgeted purchases of the county; sets all salaries and benefits for county employees; authorizes all county contracts; provides and maintains all county buildings and facilities; and fills vacancies in elective and appointed county offices.

Republican Primary

Bull Guthrie	Brent Richards	Karen Shaw
No response received.	Email: brent4commissioner3@outlook.com	Email: karensshaw24@gmail.com

What in your background qualifies you to serve as the Llano County Commissioner for Precinct 3?

Guthrie: No response received.

Richards: I have 36 years as a Licensed Engineer and retired my license in November 2020. I have 29 years working in the Civil and Traffic Engineering field. Of those 29 Years 12 were spread out over 3 different Cities in 3 different Counties working with Professional Engineers who submitted plans and working with numerous concerned citizens. I then left the public domain and went to work in the private sector with a Civil & Traffic Engineering Firm, starting out as a Senior Project Engineer, then I was promoted to Vice-President of the Company and retired 14 years later.

Shaw: Commissioners must be good listeners, adept problem-solvers, and skillful communicators.

Working 40+ years in Houston ISD taught me how to find solutions for immediate issues without losing track of the big picture, and, of equal importance, how to communicate with all involved so everyone felt heard. Here in Kingsland, I've put those same skills to use in numerous situations, assimilating all the information available in order to make responsible decisions. Communication, compromise, diplomacy, and dedication are extremely important to me and are, I believe, the foundation upon which all solutions are built.

What are the most pressing issues facing the Llano County Commissioners Court?

Guthrie: No response received.

Richards: I have attended all but 2 County Commissioner's Court over the last months and the biggest issues I have witnessed is the appointment of Board Directors due to individuals resigning from their positions. The subdivision of property or the combining of lots to a smaller number. The approval of agreements with other entities or municipalities. The establishment of the 2024 County wide budget. The approval of AT&T phone services, extra money budged for the Sheriff's Department, whether the County should stop or continue to allow the burning of debris and the maintenance of road issues.

Shaw: The most pressing issues facing the Llano Commissioners Court are the libraries and corresponding lawsuit; the explosive growth and expansion in Kingsland and all of Llano County and the corresponding demands of that growth on our dwindling natural resources; the necessity for local responsible supervision and management of infrastructure development based on the above; the lack of services for senior citizens and the increasing number of those in need; working with the LCRA on dredging and flood control; and last but by no means least, the importance of consistent two way communication between leaders and citizens.

What are the citizens of Llano County telling you about county problems?

Guthrie: No response received.

Richards: The County problems I hear are: I would like my road paved, there are pot holes that should be repaired. There are some individuals that are collecting trash in trash bags on their property. Some think that the County should install a traffic signal at River Oaks Drive and the 2900 (This is a little tricky as the Farm to Market Road 2900, according to TxDOT is owned and maintained by TxDOT and therefore would need the state of Texas to be involved with the installation of a traffic signal there).

Shaw: The citizens of Llano County want their libraries restored and updated. Kingsland citizens in Precinct 3 feel neglected and unheard. The area is growing fast, and they feel like they have no say in what is happening. The big truck traffic from increased construction has taken a toll on Kingsland roads. Affordable housing is increasingly hard to find. The food bank is supplying food for a record number of families in Kingsland. Senior citizens are finding it difficult to get local assistance. While change is inevitable, having someone working for Kingsland directing that change is imperative.

Llano County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 (unexpired term)

A justice of the peace in the state of Texas presides over the justice court in a geographical area (precinct) in cases involving misdemeanors, small civil disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, conducts inquests, and may perform marriage ceremonies. The term of office is four years.

Duties: hears traffic and other Class C misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only; hears civil cases with up to \$20,000 in controversy; hears landlord and tenant disputes; hears truancy cases; performs magistrate duties; and conducts inquests and marriage ceremonies.

Republican Primary

Allen Fletcher	Sam Silver
No response received.	Website: www.silverforjp.com

What in your background qualifies you to serve as the Llano County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1?

Fletcher: No response received.

Silver: Strong Work Ethic and proven track record. Served 30 years as a firefighter/paramedic and 20 years as a Texas high school teacher.

What are the most pressing issues facing the Llano County JP for Precinct 1?

Fletcher: No response received.

Silver: I feel most importantly we need to maintain the high quality & positive atmosphere currently in the J.P. 1 office.

What changes or improvements would help the Llano County JP Precinct 1 office?

Fletcher: No response received.

Silver: I feel currently there is no need for change. Improvement are always welcome, however, prior to taking office it would be difficult to determine all the needs.

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