



FACT: The funding of the Knox County Public Library is determined by a vote of the County Commission.

Knox County will elect County Commissioners in seven districts during the current election cycle. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Friends does not endorse any candidate or party but does encourage voters to be informed about the candidates' positions on the issues.

Early voting runs from February 10–23. The **primary election** will occur on March 1.

Friends Advocacy Committee Chair Lillian Mashburn has provided this list, organized by district, of County Commission candidates and their contact information. The Election Commission does not list email addresses. The candidates listed as Independent will not be on the March ballot.

District 1:

Michael Covington: Republican, 2566 Brooks Ave., 37914, 314-0441
Evelyn Gill: Democrat, 2504 Linden Ave., 37915, 524-7177
Rick Staples: Democrat, 926 Wilder Place, 37915, 385-3589
Tyrone LaMar Fine: Independent, 1306 Minnesota Ave., 37921, 200-6184

District 2:

Michele Carringer: Republican, 5024 Ivy Rose Dr., 37918, 247-5756
John N. Fugate II: Republican, 5118 Stokley Rd., 37918, 633-9946
Laura Kildare: Democrat, 2632 Emoriland Blvd., 37917, 455-1004

District 4:

Hugh Nystrom: Republican, 613 Scotswood Circle, 37919, 308-3565
Jeffrey C. Ownby: Republican, 7113 Rockingham Circle, 37909, 441-6163
Janet Testerman: Republican, 423 Scenic Dr., 37919, 250-4860
Marleen Davis: Democrat, 1935 Cherokee Blvd., 37919, 851-3911

District 5:

John Schoonmaker: Republican, 1004 Tan Rara Dr., 37922, 607-6625
Sheri Ridgeway: Democrat, 10707 Eagle Glen Rd., 37922, 406-5573

District 6:

Brad Anders: Republican, 3428 Hackworth Rd., 37931, 539-5348
John Ashley: Republican, 8805 Wakerly Place Lane, 37931, 621-1004
Donna Lucas: Democrat, 6916 Mary Sharp Way, 37931, 970-901-4664

District 8:

Dave Wright: Republican: 6930 Boruff Rd., 37721, 687-6677
Donald Wiser: Independent, 4524 York Rd., 37938, 210-0402

District 9:

Carson Dailey: Republican, 7508 Government Farm Rd., 37920, 660-0019
James "Brandon" Hamilton: Democrat, 3536 Blow Dr., 37920, 809-3685
Tom Pierce: Independent, 409 Hendron Chapel Rd., 37920, 385-4855