

2023 ELECTION
PROFILE OF
CANDIDATES

CITY OFFICES
CITY COMMISSION

TRENT W DAVIS
CHAD FARBER
HALEY HELZER
MICHAEL L HOPPOCK
JERRY IVEY II
ROBERT KLINGENBERG

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES
USD 305

MARK BANDRE
SCOTT GARDNER
PAUL GEBHARDT
DANA KOSSOW
ANN ZIMMERMAN



As the leading business organization in Salina, the Chamber takes a vital interest in local elections, most importantly, the candidates running for office and the issues facing our community.

The Chamber feels it is extremely important to inform you of the candidates, their background, experience, their reason(s) for seeking public office, and their priorities if elected.

We want to encourage you to vote on November 7th. Included in this booklet is an Official Candidate List from the Saline County Elections Office. The information on each Candidate was reproduced by the Chamber exactly as it was received from the candidates. No corrections were made for spelling and/or grammar. The original questionnaires are on file at the Chamber office, 120 W. Ash.



2023 Election Candidate Profile

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Occupation:

Campaign Treasurer:

Work History:

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Name: Haley Helzer

Address: 216 W Crawford St, Salina, KS 67401

Phone: 785-342-6123

Email: haley.helzer67401@gmail.com

Occupation: Insurance Agent

Campaign Treasurer: Deborah Hanna

Work History:

Insurance Agent - 2016 to current

Executive Assistant at steel manufacturing facility - 2011 to 2016

Office Manager for 4 clinics in northern KS and Salina - 2007 to 2011

Various second and third jobs including retail, housekeeping, CNA, & CMA

Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:

Currently on a council at USD 305.

Salina Business Improvement District, Design Review Board.

Various Committees at Boy Scouts of America, Coronado Area Council.

10 years as a Boy Scout Leader in Salina.

20+ years of clean-up/spruce-up efforts for North Salina, Smoky Hill River, and Downtown Salina.

I am seeking public office because:

I'm a proud Salinan and am invested in its future for our children and generations to come.

I see the Salina City Commission as an extension of the comprehensive community service that I've dedicated my entire adult life to for the City of Salina.

I've been a single mother, working up to 3 jobs at once to make ends meet for nearly 20 years. I know the struggles of working Salinans. I'd like to make Salina a better place for everyone!

If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:

1. Develop a city-wide plan for childcare initiatives and include families, schools, and our city's industries in the process. I'd like to see this include evening and overnight childcare for those who work 2nd and 3rd shifts.
2. Work to establish more affordable housing in our community for working families.
3. Create jobs that pay good wages to the hard-working people of our community, and attract new people to Salina for years to come.



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2023 Election Candidate Profile

Name: Mike Hoppock

Address: 914 Oak Lane Salina, KS

Phone: 785-493-5350

Email: mike@landtitlesalina.com

Occupation: Business Owner

Campaign Treasurer: Daran Neuschafer

Work History:

2002 to Present

Land Title Services, Inc

1995 to 2002

Bennington State Bank

1979 to 1995

Security Savings Bank

Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:

Salina City Commission

Sculpture Tour Salina Chairman

Salina Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Salina Airport Authority Board of Directors

Salina Education Foundation Board of Directors

Salina Regional Health Center Foundation Board of Directors

I am seeking public office because:

When I ran for City Commission six years ago, I used the tag line "It's about our Future". I still believe that to be true. Over the last six years we have made tremendous strides in several areas. First, we have been able to increase our general reserve fund balance significantly. Increasing our reserves fund has and will allow us to address many of the city's needs while also protecting our bond rating. Second, Salina has seen significant economic growth over the last couple of years. With growth come challenges. I look forward to the chance of working with our partners to help bring a qualified work force to Salina. In order to bring workers to the community we must address our housing shortage. Salina has secured \$25,000,000.00 from the State of Kansas to help build workforce housing. I believe my background and experience will help in structuring a development agreement with the developer chosen for this project.

If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:

1. Work with the private sector to analyze and address our community's child care needs.
2. Build on Salina's momentum. The Lieutenant Governor has been in Salina seven times this year for announcements and tours. Continue to make Salina a destination location. Bringing individuals from out of town into our community increasing sales tax and transient guest tax revenue, allowing us to put less pressure on property taxes.
3. The community has recently started to discuss the homeless population in Salina. I am not sure what the answer is, in fact this has become a national problem. We need to assess the situation, then work within the laws allowed to address the issue.



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Name: Scott Gardner

Address: 2908 Berkley Ln

Phone: 785-787-0378

Email: slg1088@yahoo.com

Occupation: CT/CPI/Media Director City of Salina

Campaign Treasurer: N/A

Work History:

City of Salina

Schwans

MAMTC

Raytheon Aircraft

Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:

USD 305 School Board

I am seeking public office because:

I want to finish what I started.

If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:

1. School Funding
2. Everyone Matters
3. Quality Athletics

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Saline County, Kansas

Last Updated June 1, 2023

City Offices

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Salina City	3 Commission Members (2 - 4 yr terms, 1 – 2 yr term)				
	Ordinance 16-10830				
	At Large	Trent W Davis	2145 Hillside Dr Salina, KS 67401	h (785) 823-0287 w (785) 309-0012 c (785) 493-1038	twdavis22@gmail.com
	At Large	Jerry Ivey II	2014 Lewis Salina, KS 67401	w (785) 820-2831 c (785) 822-4133	acsjerry@live.com
	At Large	Raiden AJ Gonzales	237 S Oakdale Ave Salina, KS 67401	(785) 643-3076	gonzales4salina@gmail.com
	At Large	Robert Klingenberg	1312 Kiowa Salina, KS 67401	(785) 577-6879	rjklingsberg07@gmail.com
	At Large	Haley Helzer	216 W Crawford St Salina, KS 67401	w (785)827-1011 c (785) 342-6123	haley.helzer67401@gmail.com
	At Large	Chad Farber	1311 E Beloit Ave Salina, KS 67401	(785) 376-2880	farberchad@gmail.com
	At Large	Michael L Hoppock	914 Oak Ln Salina, KS 67401	w (785) 823-7223 c (785) 493-5350	mike@landtitlesalina.com
	At Large				
Assaria City	3 Council Members (4 yr terms)				
	Ordinance 423-C				
	CM	Margaret Reeves	113 W 2nd St PO Box 84 Assaria, KS 67416	(785) 667-2385	mjr@hometelco.net
	CM				
Brookville City	1 Mayor (2 yr term), 5 Council Members (2 yr terms)				
	Ordinance 1240				
	Mayor	Ralph Johnson	312 W 5th Brookville, KS 67425	(785) 452-1350	ralph.johnson1351@gmail.com
	CM	Joe L Wright	102 E 4th Box 62 Brookville, KS 67425	(785) 472-1800	
	CM	David Graf	216 W Anderson PO Box 182 Brookville, KS 67425	(785) 577-2629	littleman2029@yahoo.com
CM	Faye Woodson	502 N Clement St Brookville, KS 67425	(785) 341-0879	kf419@royceman.net	
Gypsum City	3 Council Members (4 yr terms)				
	Ordinance 1283				
	CM	Deborah K Murphy	203 Maple St Gypsum, KS 67448	(785) 309-6916	allaboutdkm@yahoo.com
	CM	Jerry L Sorenson	714 Melbert Gypsum, KS 67448	(785) 820-7970	jerrys66ford@yahoo.com
	CM				
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* Highlighted candidates have withdrawn

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New Cambria City	1 Mayor (4 yr term), 2 Council Members (4 yr terms)				
	Ordinance 2017-1				
	Mayor	Mack Villalpando	101 Rock Island New Cambria, KS 67470	(785) 452-1913	mackv08@yahoo.com
	CM				
	CM				
Smolan City	1 Mayor (4 yr term), 2 Council Members (4 yr terms)				
	Ordinance 50				
	Mayor	Tom Hawks	108 3rd St Smolan, KS 67456	h (785) 668-2628 w (785) 577-4773 c (785) 577-4773	thawks@hometelco.net
	CM	Neal Slattery	220 Main St Smolan, KS 67456	(406) 599-7834	n.slattery@hometelco.net
CM	Jason Hutchinson	310 Main St Smolan, KS 67456	h (785) 668-2023 c (785) 819-1659	big.hutch80@gmail.com	
Special Districts					
Central Kansas Extension District #3	2 Board Members (4 yr terms)				
	BM	Randy D Lamer	1120 Eastgate Dr Salina, KS 67401	(785) 820-7020	
BM	Mary Bernhardt	1838 Fawn Salina, KS 67401	(785) 820-6314	mary_bernhardt@cox.net	

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School District Offices

Home County Based USD's

4 Board Members (4 yr term) - At Large					
Voting Plan A - K.S.A. 72-1083					
Salina USD #305	At Large	Mark A Bandre'	95 Wildcat Circle Salina, KS 67401	(785) 241-9459 markbandre@gmail.com	
	At Large	Dana Kossow	625 Uppermill Heights Dr Salina, KS 67401	(785) 643-8972 lokossow@cox.net	
	At Large	Scott Gardner	2908 Berkley Ln Salina, KS 67401	(785) 787-0328 SLG1088@yahoo.com	
	At Large	Ann Zimmerman	3904 N Ohio Salina, KS 67401	h (785) 825-7135 w (785) 309-0390 c (785) 493-2981 Ann@annzimmerman.com	
	At Large	Paul Gebhardt Jr	1312 Pershing St Salina, KS 67401	(757) 803-2740 pjmacht@gmail.com	
	4 Board Members (4 yr term) - Assaria District #1 Position #1, Gypsum District #2 Position #2, Kipp District #3 Position #3, At-Large				
Voting Plan B - K.S.A. 72-1083					
Southeast of Saline USD #306	Pos #1	Charisse Nurnberg	11500 S Hopkins Rd Assaria, KS 67416	h (785) 667-4668 c (785) 452-5037 charissenurnberg@yahoo.com	
	Pos #2	Kenneth D Johnson	2340 E Hobbs Creek Rd Assaria, KS 67416	(785) 541-1550 hobbscreekvs@gmail.com	
	Pos #3	James (Jimmy) C Shelby Jr	5212 E Crawford Salina, KS 67401	(785) 493-5620	
	At Large	Justin Knopf	6544 S Kipp Rd Gypsum, KS 67448	(785) 452-5550 justinjknopf@gmail.com	
4 Board Members (4 yr term) - Position #1, #2 & #3, At-Large					
Voting Plan B - K.S.A. 72-1083					
Eil-Saline USD #307	Pos #1	John Fouard	2682 S Reese Rd Brookville, KS 67425	(785) 829-0331 fouardfarm@gmail.com	
	USD307!!	Emily Komarek	7400 W Cloud Salina, KS 67401	(785) 787-8065 emilykomarek@gmail.com	
	Pos #3	Cheryl Higgins	1975 N Halstead Rd Salina, KS 67401	(785) 577-2408 dcjmhiggins@hotmail.com	
	Pos #3	JD Garber	5000 W Shipton Rd Salina, KS 67401	w (785) 827-4426 c (785) 341-6237 jd.garber@gmail.com	
	At Large	Mitch Drees	330 S Brownhill Rd Brookville, KS 67425	(785)643-3890	
	At-Large	Mindy Tillberg	4113 W Armstrong Rd Salina, KS 67401	w (785) 825-4750 c (785) 577-5604 mt2820b@gmail.com	

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Joint County Based USD's

Bennington USD #240 (Ottawa Co)	4 Board Members (4 yr term) -Position #1, Position #2, Position #3, At-Large; 1 Board Member for an Unexpired Term Position #6			
	Voting Plan C - K.S.A. 72-1083			
	Pos #1	Robert Miller	11640 W Lockard Rd Tescott, KS 67484	h (785) 283-4693 c (785) 567-6415 smiller@usd240.org
	Pos #2	Juanita Morris	1662 Homestead Rd Minneapolis, KS 67467	(785) 392-3448 juanita.morris@gmail.com
	Pos #2	James Davidson	1856 K-106 Hwy Minneapolis, KS 67467	(785) 577-8910 jlja@rhelectric.net
	Pos #3	Michelle Murk	700 N Struble Bennington, KS 67422	w (785) 488-3300 c (785) 569-1017 michellemurk@thedavidsonagency.net
	Pos #3	Jami Simmons	2021 Ottawa Rd Salina, KS 67401	(785) 493-2484 ksurodeochick@hotmail.com
	Pos #7	Kyle Black	39 Autumn Leaf Ln Bennington, KS 67422	(785) 452-5196 wtrfwlr98@gmail.com
	Pos #7	Brian Pratt	504 N Stark Bennington, KS 67422	(785) 201-7054 bwps63@live.com
Pos #7	Jeremiah Van Doren	116 S West Ave PO Box 62 Tescott, KS 67484	(785) 392-7524 bowtie65@gmail.com	
Solomon USD #393 (Dickinson Co)	4 Board Members (4 yr term) - District #1 Position #1, District #2 Position #2, District #3 Position #3, At-Large			
	Voting Plan B - K.S.A. 72-1083			
	Pos #1	Wade D Walker	222 2800 Ave Solomon, KS 67480	(785) 577-5193
	Pos #1	Jennifer McDowell	119 Dakota Solomon, KS 67480	(785) 643-4212
	Pos #2	Brandon Legg	8369 E Shipton Rd Solomon, KS 67480	(816) 868-8221 Pos #1
	Pos #3	Andrea L McCook	411 N Walnut Solomon, KS 67480	(785) 479-6511
At Large	Brad Homman	200 N Pine St Solomon, KS 67480	(785) 655-9471	
Lindsborg USD #400 (McPherson Co)	4 Board Members (4 yr term) - District #1 Position #1, District #2 Position #2, District #3 Position #3, At-Large			
	Voting Plan B - K.S.A. 72-8003			
	Pos #1	Karla Pihl	4877 W Hedberg Rd Lindsborg, KS 67456	(785) 826-0346 karlapihl@gmail.com
	Pos #2	Joe Ryan	2572 27th Ave Gypsum, KS 67448	(785) 819-2050 jryan1313@gmail.com
	Pos #2	Wesleigh Bishop	327 Cedar Cir Lindsborg, KS 67456	(605) 641-7481 wesleighann@gmail.com
	Pos #3	Dwight Swisher	724 N First Lindsborg, KS 67456	(785) 212-1196 dlswisher@gmail.com
At Large	Spencer Crowther	1062 Wells Fargo Rd Lindsborg, KS 67456	(785) 212-0520 doublecattle@gmail.com	