

2026 Bradley County Republican Primary Election

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County Commission Dist. 3A

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Introduction to the Voter Guide

This Guide is brought to you by Advocates for Bradley County in partnership with Church Voter Guides.

Church Voter Guides is an independent 501(c)(3) faith-based nonprofit organization. We serve the public by providing objective research and education on matters specifically of interest to Christians, primarily through the production and distribution of 501 (c)(3)-compliant, nonpartisan voter guides.

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Church Voter Guides, a Tennessee nonprofit, initially started in Colorado Springs in April of 2021. This new Voter Guide for the 2026 Republican Primary is being distributed electronically only, both through our interactive website and by downloadable and printable PDF files. We have produced one Voter Guide for each seat that is: (1) conducting a contested election this year, and (2) for which at least one candidate in that election answered our Questionnaire. Our Voter Guides are being promoted through a wide-ranging network of area churches, faith-based non-profit organizations, mainstream and social media, and other means.

The purpose of our Voter Guides is to educate and inform voters of each candidate's positions on a variety of policy issues that they are likely to address if elected. As a Voter Guide designed to be distributed through Churches, we ask the candidates questions on topics that are of utmost interest to the Christian voter

How to Get the Most Benefit from this Voter Guide

The core information in this Voter Guide comes directly from the County Primary Elections candidates themselves. We asked them questions, they answered (with a 120 word limit), and we have published their responses here. In order to understand and utilize this information to the fullest, so that you may vote in the most informed way, we suggest the following:

1. Pray and ask the Almighty for discernment. The Kingdom of God is all about truth, while politics is a system fraught with compromise. Make sure you consider the candidates' answers with a Heavenly mindset.
2. Ask yourself, "Did the candidate actually answer the question, or rather side-step it, or give a fluff, wishy-washy, and/or 'political' type answer that leaves you not really knowing where he/she truly stands on the issue?"
3. Learn more about the candidates running for County Commission Dist. 3A including their positions on issues we did not cover in our questionnaire, by visiting their official campaign websites (if they have one.) The website URL for each candidate is listed in the Voter Guide.
4. Educate yourself more about the Christian/Biblical perspective regarding many of the subjects covered in our Voter Guide.
5. Use search engines to find additional information about each candidate, including written articles and videos, other voter guides, and even voting records for those who have served in public office before. You may even want to watch online recordings of the local County Commission Dist. 3A meetings to see how incumbents conduct themselves and vote.
6. Reach out to the candidates themselves through the provided email addresses and other means, in order to ask them questions of personal importance to you. Please make sure to show great respect toward each candidate and his/her time, especially to those with whom you disagree. Running for office is hard, stressful, time consuming work, and these are your fellow citizens who have lives, families, jobs...and feelings (just like you!)

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What makes a Voter Guide 501(c)(3) - Compliant and Nonpartisan?

Federal tax law permits nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations to develop and distribute materials about political candidates' positions on issues, in order to educate voters impartially and on a nonpartisan basis; meaning that it is free from party affiliation, bias, or designation. The IRS states that 501(c)(3) organizations may conduct any range of activities to promote voter participation and educate voters so long as it is nonpartisan. But, 501(c)(3) organizations are explicitly prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

Some of the activities 501(c)(3) nonprofits *MAY* perform: Conduct or promote voter registration; educate voters on the voting process; distribute nonpartisan sample ballots, candidate questionnaires, and **voter guides**; organize "get-out-the-vote" activities; encourage and help people to vote; educate the candidates on issues important to their organization; and continue to do issue advocacy during an election.

So, first and foremost: **Church Voter Guides** does **NOT** endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party.

Second, all of our staff and volunteers are required to act in a nonpartisan manner when working for or representing the organization and the creation of the Voter Guide.

Third, we do not edit, revise, or editorialize candidate responses to our Questionnaire. We do not even correct typos. **Candidate answers are published verbatim**, ensuring that their responses accurately represent their positions and perspectives on these issues. We then simply share this information through the Voter Guide, and you decide whom you believe to be the best candidate.

To be fair and impartial, we reached out by email, text, and phone when determined necessary, to all registered candidates running for County Commission Dist. 3A throughout Bradley County for their 2026 elections, inviting them to answer our questionnaire. Candidate information is presented in alphabetical order by **last name**. If a Candidate did not respond at all, or did not choose to participate, or did not choose to respond to certain answers in the questionnaire, then it is noted where applicable. If there were not enough candidates running, then we did not produce a Voter Guide for that seat.

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Tell your friends and neighbors, post on social media, and ask your Pastors to promote it to your congregation (we'll even provide you /them with the announcement info and the slide deck.)

Please contact us for any reason, we'd love to collaborate with you:

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Key Dates for the 2026 Election Cycle

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - State and County Primary Election

Primary elections may be held for **state judicial offices and applicable county offices**, subject to the call by political parties.

Deadline to Call Primary	Monday, August 25, 2025
Deadline to Rescind Call for Primary	Friday, November 21, 2025
First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Monday, December 22, 2025
Qualifying Deadline*	Thursday, February 19, 2026, 12:00 Noon
	* This qualifying deadline applies to primary candidates, candidates nominated by caucus, and independent candidates for the offices on the May primary ballot.
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, February 26, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, April 6, 2026
Early Voting Period	Wednesday, April 15 – Thursday, April 30, 2026
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Saturday, April 25, 2026

Thursday, August 6, 2026 - Primary and General Election

Primary elections will be held for **Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Tennessee Senate (odd-numbered districts), Tennessee House, and Republican and Democratic State Executive Committees**. General elections will be held for **vacant state judicial offices and applicable county offices**.

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Friday, January 9, 2026
Qualifying Deadline*	Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 12:00 Noon
	* This qualifying deadline applies to primary and independent candidates for the offices on the August primary ballot.
Withdrawal Deadline	Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Tuesday, July 7, 2026
Early Voting	Friday, July 17 – Saturday, August 1, 2026
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Monday, July 27, 2026

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - State and Federal General Election

All candidates (including independents) for **Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Tennessee Senate (odd-numbered districts), and Tennessee House** must follow the qualifying dates for the August election. For **municipal elections** held with the November election, the qualifying dates below apply.

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Monday, June 22, 2026
Qualifying Deadline	Thursday, August 20, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, August 27, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, October 5, 2026
Early Voting	Wednesday, October 14 – Thursday, October 29, 2026
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Saturday, October 24, 2026

Where is my Voting District or Precinct?

Precincts and Commissioner Districts

The 18 Bradley County Precincts



The 7 Commissioner Districts



The New 2022 Senate and House Districts

Tennessee Senate District 1 and 2



Tennessee House Districts 22 and 24



Map Resources: [Enter Your Address](#) to see your New Voting Districts • [Bradley County GIS Maps](#) • [Voting Maps](#)

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**County
Commission**

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- 4) **Budget:** What would be your top three spending, savings, and economic development priorities?
- 5) **COVID Recovery:** Has the COVID situation created problems that the Commission can mitigate, specifically regarding businesses, schools, healthcare systems, and other vital services?
- 6) **Protecting Life:** What legal means, if any, would you support, to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, the poor and homeless, and the elderly?
- 7) **Business/Jobs:** How should the commission handle development of housing, zoning and infrastructure in Bradley County?
- 8) **Homelessness/Vagrancy:** How can the Commission address any increase in the homeless/vagrant population in our county in ways that best serve all Bradley county residents?
- 9) **Constitutional Liberties:** As the County Commissioner, what measures will you champion to protect the individual Constitutional liberties of all Bradley County residents, such as freedom of speech, peaceable assembly and exercise of religion?

County Commission Dist. 3A

(In alphabetical order)



Tommy "Big Tom" Anderson



Milan M. Blake



Tommy "Big Tom" Anderson

Candidate Information

Email Address: tommyanderson96@gmail.com
Occupation/Vocation: Restaurateur
Years as a resident of Bradley County: 49

1) Purpose: What do you view as the purpose and role of the Bradley County Commissioner?

To be a voice for the residents & to go about the people's business.

2) Candidate's Focus/Initiatives: What are your areas of special focus and/or expertise and what initiatives would you undertake as Bradley County Commissioner?

As a local business owner, I want to bring common sense, a business sense, to the table. I would like to set down and audit our budget to see where we can find money.

3) Moral Values: Should government laws, ordinances, regulations, etc. follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments? Why, or why not?

I think that every Christian should follow the Ten Commandments.

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4) Budget: What would be your top three spending, savings, and economic development priorities?

I want to look at the budget, line by line, page by page, to find money, that has to be there. With the growth coming into Bradley County, this means more houses, which means more property taxes coming in, without having to have a tax increase.

5) COVID Recovery: Has the COVID situation created problems that the Commission can mitigate, specifically regarding businesses, schools, healthcare systems, and other vital services?

We are still feeling the strain of Covid & I feel like there is still more to do to get us back where we were before Covid.

6) Protecting Life: What legal means, if any, would you support, to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, the poor and homeless, and the elderly?

I would do everything in my power to help with this. It is our calling to take care the unborn, less fortunate, & elderly.

7) Business/Jobs: How should the commission handle development of housing, zoning and infrastructure in Bradley County?

More transparent, not behind closed doors or late night meetings at the dinner table, but out in the open.

8) Homelessness/Vagrancy: How can the Commission address any increase in the homeless/vagrant population in our county in ways that best serve all Bradley county residents?

First off, is to realize there is a problem & actually discuss it, instead of acting like it doesn't exist.

9) Constitutional Liberties: As the County Commissioner, what measures will you champion to protect the individual Constitutional liberties of all Bradley County residents, such as freedom of speech, peaceable assembly and exercise of religion?

I support them all & I will always be a voice for the people.



Milan M. Blake

Candidate Information

Email Address: milan.blake@gmail.com
Occupation/Vocation: Financial System Analyst
Years as a resident of Bradley County: 25
Military Background: US Army, Combat Veteran
Campaign Website: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580082032204

1) Purpose: What do you view as the purpose and role of the Bradley County Commissioner?

A Commissioner's job is to be a responsible steward of tax dollars. We approve the budget, set the property tax rates, and make policy decisions that affect every resident in Bradley County. I have served as Finance Committee Chairman for 12 years, and my approach has never changed: read every document, review every line item, and ask the hard questions when the numbers don't add up. That level of accountability is what taxpayers deserve. Oversight is only part of it. A commissioner should be accessible, prepared, and accountable. When someone has a concern, they deserve a commissioner who listens and follows through. That's public service, It isn't a title. It's a commitment to doing the work every day.

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2) Candidate's Focus/Initiatives: What are your areas of special focus and/or expertise and what initiatives would you undertake as Bradley County Commissioner?

My areas of focus are financial oversight, education, and economic development. After 12 years chairing the Finance Committee, I know where the money goes, how it gets there, and where the gaps are. I love it when people ask me questions about the budget because transparency starts with conversation. That experience and openness allow me to hold the line on accountability. My focus going forward is a continuation of the work I've already been doing: ensuring fiscal transparency, supporting K-12 education, and uplifting small businesses in our community. As one of the senior members of the commission, I want to provide steady leadership and help guide newer commissioners through the complexities of county government and the budget process.

3) Moral Values: Should government laws, ordinances, regulations, etc. follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments? Why, or why not?

I 100% believe the moral principles found in the Ten Commandments provide a strong foundation for how we treat one another, and many of our laws already reflect those values. Don't steal, don't lie, don't harm your neighbor. These aren't just religious principles. They are the building blocks of a just society. As a commissioner, I have sworn an oath to uphold the Constitution three times, and I did the same as a U.S. Army veteran. I take every one of those oaths seriously. I believe that good governance and moral principles are not in conflict. When we make decisions rooted in honesty, fairness, and respect for others, sound moral character and sound government go hand in hand.

4) Budget: What would be your top three spending, savings, and economic development priorities?

In every public Finance Committee meeting, I remind members of the laws that dictate how we budget. Maintenance of Effort requirements mean we must appropriate the same amount or more to certain government functions. Schools, roads, elections, the library, and many more carry MOE protection. That accounts for roughly 64% of the budget. Add contractual obligations like feeding inmates, and discretionary spending narrows quickly. Understanding that reality is step one. Where we can save is through efficiency. Streamlining operations and, when the political climate allows, centralizing services. That requires elected officials to set aside territory, trust me, that's not easy! For economic development, smart incentives to organizations that commit to bringing good jobs to Bradley County.

5) COVID Recovery: Has the COVID situation created problems that the Commission can mitigate, specifically regarding businesses, schools, healthcare systems, and other vital services?

COVID exposed real weaknesses in how government communicates with its citizens. Many people lost trust during that time, and I understand why. The best way to rebuild that trust is through transparency and accountability in everything we do.

Bradley County received ARPA funds to address COVID impacts. As Finance Committee Chairman, I have worked to ensure those dollars are spent responsibly on infrastructure and services that provide lasting value.

6) Protecting Life: What legal means, if any, would you support, to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, the poor and homeless, and the elderly?

The County Commission does not have legislative authority over these issues. We cannot pass laws. But what we can do is advocate, educate, and support. Every September and October, I sit down with nonprofit organizations that work on these very causes to review their funding and understand their needs. That's how I stay connected to the work being done for the unborn, the trafficked, the poor, the homeless, and the elderly. Bradley County is blessed with churches, nonprofits, and volunteers doing incredible work. As a commissioner, my role is to make sure government is a partner in that effort, not an obstacle.

7) Business/Jobs: How should the commission handle development of housing, zoning and infrastructure in Bradley County?

This is one of the most important issues facing Bradley County. Residents feel growth is happening too fast. Developers and utility companies see demand for more housing. The commission's job is to find the healthy balance. That means responsible zoning that protects existing neighborhoods while allowing smart, managed growth. Infrastructure must keep pace with development, not chase it. It is important to understand the limits of our authority. Annexation falls under the Cleveland City Council, not the commission, and only property owners who request it can be annexed. I respect property rights, but a corporation in Manhattan that sees Bradley County as a revenue line on their bottom line is not the same as a local property owner.

8) Homelessness/Vagrancy: How can the Commission address any increase in the homeless/vagrant population in our county in ways that best serve all Bradley county residents?

I have spent time with organizations on the front lines: the Caring Place, City Fields, the Salvation Army, and others. They consistently tell me there are people who are homeless by circumstance and people who are homeless by choice. These require very different approaches. Those who have fallen on hard times and want help, the commission should support organizations and programs that provide a path forward. Housing assistance, job training, and mental health services make a real difference when someone is ready to accept them. We cannot force help on those who do not want it. But for those who do, Bradley County should make sure the door is open and the resources are there.

9) Constitutional Liberties: As the County Commissioner, what measures will you champion to protect the individual Constitutional liberties of all Bradley County residents, such as freedom of speech, peaceable assembly and exercise of religion?

I have sworn an oath to uphold the Constitution three times as a county commissioner. I don't take those words lightly. Right here on the commission, other members have suggested eliminating communication from audience, the portion of our agenda where the public speaks directly to their government. I was emphatic that I would never support that. People have a protected right to address their government, and I will always defend that right. Freedom of speech, peaceable assembly, and the exercise of religion are not negotiable. They are not granted by the commission. They belong to the people. It is all of our jobs to make sure local government never stands in the way of those liberties.

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