

2026 Bradley County Republican Primary Election

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County Commission Dist. 4A

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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. 4A 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. 4A 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. 4A 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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- 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?
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- 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?

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County Commission Dist. 4A

(In alphabetical order)



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CJ Davis

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Public Safety
Years as a resident of Bradley County:	40
Campaign Website:	None

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

A Bradley County Commissioner represents their district while helping make decisions that guide the county. This role includes approving the budget, setting policies, overseeing spending, and ensuring accountability. Commissioners work with the county mayor, who manages the budget, while they provide funding and oversight, all to support services like public safety, infrastructure, and growth in the community.

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 public safety, emergency management, and responsible government operations, built on over 20 years of experience in fire, EMS, and county government leadership. I have a strong background in budgeting, grant management, and policy development, along with hands-on experience coordinating multi-agency operations and planning for large-scale events and emergencies. I also understand the day-to-day impact county decisions have on employees, families, and local businesses.

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

As a Christian, I believe the moral principles in the Ten Commandments, honesty, respect for others, and personal responsibility provide a strong foundation for how we should live and treat one another. Those values have helped shape many of the principles our laws are built on today. However, as a County Commissioner, I am elected to represent everyone in the community, regardless of their beliefs. Laws and ordinances should be grounded in fairness, accountability, and protecting individual rights, not tied to any single religion. I believe we can stay true to our personal faith while ensuring our government remains fair, respectful, and focused on serving the entire community.

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

My top spending priorities would be strengthening public safety—making sure our fire, EMS, sheriff's office, and 911 personnel are properly staffed, trained, and paid competitively. Also, investing in infrastructure and schools to keep up with growth. On the savings side, I would focus on a thorough review of the county budget to eliminate waste, improve efficiency, and ensure we are maximizing all available state and federal grants before considering any tax increases. For economic development, my priority is responsible growth—supporting small businesses, attracting quality industry, and working with planning and city partners to make sure development is matched with infrastructure, workforce readiness, and long-term sustainability for 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?

Yes, COVID created lasting challenges for businesses, schools, healthcare systems, and essential services. The Commission can help by supporting local businesses, strengthening public health partnerships, investing in workforce and school support, and ensuring our emergency services are prepared and properly funded to handle future disruptions.

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?

As a conservative Republican, I believe government should protect the most vulnerable while respecting the rule of law and the proper role of local government. At the county level, that means supporting law enforcement and multi-agency efforts to combat human trafficking, strengthening partnerships with nonprofits and faith-based organizations that serve the poor and homeless, and ensuring our elderly are protected through strong public safety, emergency response, and community support programs. I also believe in protecting life and supporting policies that value the unborn, while recognizing that many of those decisions are made at the state level. Locally, I will focus on practical solutions—funding essential services, supporting families in need, and working with community partners to make a real impact.

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

The Commission should focus on responsible growth by aligning housing, zoning, and infrastructure planning. That means working closely with planning and city partners to ensure roads, schools, utilities, and emergency services keep pace with development, while protecting the character of our communities and making smart, long-term decisions.

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?

The Commission should take a balanced approach that addresses both compassion and public safety. This means working with local nonprofits, faith-based groups, and service providers to connect individuals with housing, mental health resources, and job assistance, while also supporting law enforcement in maintaining safe public spaces. The goal is to help people get back on their feet while ensuring the quality of life for 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?

As County Commissioner, I will uphold and defend the Constitutional liberties of every resident by ensuring our policies respect freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, and religious expression. I'll support clear, consistent ordinances that protect these rights while maintaining public safety, and I'll work with law enforcement and county departments to ensure those rights are respected in practice. Just as importantly, I'll promote transparency and accountability so citizens always have a voice and confidence their freedoms are being protected.



Josh Taylor

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation: L&B Appliance
Years as a resident of Bradley County: Life Long Resident
Campaign Website: votejoshtaylor.com

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

County legislative body. Highest ranking legislative body within the county. Controls budget for all county departments as well as develop policy and planning for the county. Individual commissioner represents the needs and interests of not only their district but Bradley County as a whole.

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?

I've served on the Board of Education, working through budgets, policy decisions, and real issues that affect families every day. I manage a family business, which has taught me responsibility, accountability, and how to make decisions that matter. As a pastor, I've also spent years working with people, listening, and leading through real life situations. I hold dual bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Accounting along with an MBA from Lee University. That background gives me a practical, grounded perspective on growth, education, public safety, infrastructure, and responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

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

The Ten Commandments are a strong moral foundation and I feel they reflect values that helped to shape this country. Being a Christian is who I am and the morals and principles that come along with that are part of what makes me who I am. My faith in God guides everything I do in life. I am a Conservative who believes that family values and morals still matter.

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

Fiscal responsibility. My ultimate goal is managing public finances prudently by spending no more than revenue collected, having a goal of reducing debt, ensuring economic stability, and maintaining public trust. I intend to be a part of setting strict budgetary limits, reducing wasteful spending, and ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability.

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

The pandemic created real challenges, it also highlighted areas where thoughtful planning and local leadership can make the community more resilient moving forward.

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?

To vote my conscience in a way that represents my constituents while also standing up for those who are often unheard. I believe every life has value and should be protected. I support protecting the unborn, fighting human trafficking, helping the poor and homeless, and caring for the elderly. Our laws should reflect compassion, justice, and respect for the most vulnerable.

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

So often growth is handled reactionary or after the fact. I believe this "inventible growth" should be carefully planned for and handled in such a way to not outpace the counties capacity and infrastructure or ability to support it.

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?

Addressing homelessness and vagrancy in Bradley County requires a multi-faceted approach that focuses on both immediate needs and long-term solutions.

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?

To vote my conscious in the interest of representing my constituents and protecting against federal overreach in our personal lives. I believe the constitution should be followed as originally intended.

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