

**DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONERS**

**Eight Candidates Outline Wide Range Of Concerns Before Vote**

Candidates for the District 3 seat on the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners have a wide range of concerns they are taking before voters.

Three Democrats and five Republicans are vying for the seat held by Gene Pinkerton of Long Beach, who chose not to run for re-election. District 3 includes the Southport-Oak Island community and north to Bolivia.

Republican Joseph Tyler Lenins of Long Beach did not respond to The Brunswick Beacon's candidate questionnaire.

Voters who are registered as Republican or Independent can vote in the Republican primary. The Democratic primary is open to registered Democrats only.

The winners of the two primaries will face each other in the November election.

**Democratic Concerns**

The three Democrats include a former county commissioner, Wayland Vereen of Yaupon Beach, who wants responsible spending and holding the line on taxes.

"Our 10-year tax revaluation is coming up," said Vereen. "I have served during an evaluation and believe my experience could be of service to the county. I know an in-house evaluation would be less expensive to the county."

Vereen says people need a voice in new zoning laws and that the county needs to do more to recycle and to protect natural resources.

The 1986 revaluation wasn't fair, said Bob Thorsen of Southport, who also wants the work done in-house.

The retired real estate instructor wants to reduce unemployment.

"That is ridiculous for us to accept such a tragedy," said Thorsen. "We're not doing something right. There is an answer. We need to encourage local business development as a start."

Small businesses are overburdened with regulations and excessive fees, he said.

"It is exasperating just to apply for a permit to build a simple storage shed," said Thorsen. "The next round of regulations for clam and oystermen will probably require a Rent-A-John and walk-in freezer on the stem of his leaky skiff."

Mark Sharpe, a Long Beach patrol commander, has three goals: to improve education, to help battle the crime rate and to stop overspending.

The county needs to "prepare our schools for the 21st century by upgrading the process of learning for our children," he said.

Residents need to work together to support local law enforcement, he added. "As your commissioner, I would work hard to see that your tax dollar is spent wisely," he said, "and not on foolish pet projects."

**Republicans Battle**

Bob Slockett, one of the five Republican hopefuls, now serves on the Brunswick County Board of Education.

"I want quality progress in Brun-

wick County," said Slockett, "in the areas of residential, industry, business and educational growth."

New industries can keep top high school graduates from leaving for other areas of the state or country, he said.

Other concerns are finding ways to improve area waters and waste disposal methods. His experience in industrial environmental matters will help "in seeking creative and effective solutions to these problems," he said.

Commissioners need to communicate and work closer with the school board, said Slockett, who has worked on a proposed science and math teaching center, a joint effort of the schools and Brunswick Community College.

"Improvement of education of our children is critical," he said, "and complete community involvement is needed."

Education also concerns Steve Foster of Long Beach, who believes unemployment, land use planning, solid waste disposal and recycling are other important issues.

"I would work in a cooperative fashion with the school system," said Foster, "and in return expect a quality education for every child in the Brunswick County School system."

Unemployment causes the county to spend more on social programs, he said.

The county needs an innovative and motivated program for economic development, he said.

"When the current recession ends," said Foster, "Brunswick County has to be on the leading competitive edge to compete for new, clean, non-polluting industries."

Land use planning prepares the county for new roads, water system expansions, erosion control projects and new boating facilities while protecting against radioactive waste disposal sites and medical waste incinerators, he said.

Tom Yeagle of Bolivia, a retired U.S. Air Force engineer, said if elected he would listen to the people, push for water expansion and recruit industry.

"When water gets too expensive to put in," said Yeagle, "and people turn it down because of the cost, something is wrong. I don't think they have a countywide water program as it exists."

Yeagle said he has watched taxes

increase but has seen no increase in services.

"I have been covering the meetings for the past 10 years," he said. "I don't approve of all the things they do."

There is something wrong when a private, for-profit firm can work cheaper than county employees, he said, in reference to a county trash disposal contract.

If elected, Bill Sisk of Long Beach said he would work to recruit new industry, use conservative spending methods and try to make the future brighter for youths.

Issues Sisk said he would focus on include land use regulation, improved education, countywide recycling, public access for boaters, no higher taxes, fire and rescue service and law enforcement.

The Long Beach police sergeant believes tax dollars are spent unnecessarily. He is concerned about the "future growth of the county and the future of our youth." The county needs to create recreation and provide employment for young people, he said.

**Who's Qualified?**

Sisk says he is seeking the seat to provide "representation for the people of Brunswick County." He says his concern for the future of the county makes him qualified.

Yeagle said he wants to take county government "back to serving the people of Brunswick County. With some help, this can be accomplished."

Foster said his experience in local government, infrastructure planning and business makes him qualified to run.

"I know how difficult it is to successfully operate a business," he said. "My parents chose to retire here in 1980, and I personally know many retirees from all parts of

Brunswick County and are sensitive to their concerns."

Slockett said an ability to exploit his experience in industrial, educational and community matters makes him most qualified.

"But first, I will listen," Slockett said. "That is my mission."

Sharpe said he has spent his career working for the citizens of his community, "and I feel that it is time

that the hard-working people had a voice in local government."

Many people asked Vereen to run, he said. "If elected, I will serve to the best of my ability," he added.

Thorsen said he is retired and has the time and talent to get the job done.

"I am experienced in doing the research, developing the plans and coming prepared to do the public's business," he said.

**County Polls Open Early**

Polls open Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 a.m. in 22 county precincts for voting in local, state and national primaries.

The polling places are as follows:

Precinct	Polling Place
Shingletree	Calabash VFD
Grissettown	Sea Trails Building
Ash	Waccamaw Comm. Bldg.
Freeland	Myrtle King Building
Longwood	Roland Gore Store
Frying Pan	N.C.N.G. Armory, Shallotte
Shallotte	Shallotte VFD
Secession 1	Lockwood Folly Comm. Bldg.
Secession 2	Bellamy's Net Shop
Supply	Supply VFD
Mosquito	Sunset Harbor VFD
Bolivia	Bolivia Town Hall
Boiling Spring Lakes	BSL Rescue Squad Bldg.
Oak Island 1	Caswell Beach Town Hall
Oak Island 2	Long Beach
Southport 1	Jaycee Bldg.
Southport 2	American Legion Bldg.
Town Creek	Town Creek Park
Belville	DOT Maintenance Bldg.
Woodburn	Navassa Town Hall
Leland	Leland Comm. Bldg.
Hood Creek	Hood Creek Comm. Bldg.

**CANDIDATES RUNNING . . .**

**Name:** William R. (Bob) Thorsen  
**Age:** 64  
**Address:** Southport  
**Party:** Democrat



THORSEN

**Occupation:** Retired, U.S. Air Force; retired N.C. Department of Transportation, administration; retired real estate instructor

**Family:** Wife Lenna A. Thorsen, four children

**Education:** Bachelor's in history, University of Colorado, 1969; certified accounting and finance, King's Business College, 1949; training in management and administration, UNC-Wilmington, 1972; U.S. Air Force training at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, computer science, 1956-60

**Previous Experience:** Southport alderman, 1981-89; Southport Planning Board, 1977-80, chairman, 1979; Downtown and Waterfront Revitalization Committee; Southport Wastewater Treatment Plant Committee; Commissioner on N.C. Eastern Municipal Power Agency, 1982-89; Power Agency Research and Development Committee, chairman; Power Supply, Rate and Negotiating Committee; U.S. Air Force, 1950-70; real estate school owner/instructor 1973-88; real estate instructor Brunswick Community College; Scoutmaster 1960-68; VFW Post commander; special events chairman, N.C. Fourth of July Festival, 1971

**Name:** M.E. (Mark) Sharpe  
**Age:** 33  
**Address:** Long Beach  
**Party:** Democrat

**Occupation:** Patrol commander, Long Beach Police Department  
**Family:** Wife Donna J. Sharpe, two children

**Education:** Alexander Central High, 1977; 2,000 hours police training

**Previous Experience:** Long Beach Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, chairman; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 53 trustee; Brunswick Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training Advisory Board

**Name:** Steven H. Foster  
**Age:** 41  
**Address:** Long Beach  
**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Trial court administrator, 13th Judicial District

**Family:** Wife Robin Ann Schuster  
**Education:** Master's in public administration, Appalachian State University, 1976; bachelor's in political science, Appalachian State University, 1972; certified municipal administrator, UNC-Chapel Hill

**Previous Experience:** Executive director Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce; Long Beach town manager 1982-85; Mint Hill town manager, 1974-76

**Name:** Wayland Vereen  
**Age:** 57  
**Address:** Yaupon Beach  
**Party:** Democrat



VEREEN

**Occupation:** Self-employed merchant and propane gas dealer

**Family:** Wife Linda Peterson Vereen, three children

**Education:** Hallsboro High School; U.S. Navy; bachelor's from RCA Institute; field engineer work and government service

**Previous Experience:** Yaupon Beach town commissioner; N.C. Social Services Commission, six years; governor's appointee to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission; Brunswick County Commissioner, 1978-82; Ocean View United Methodist Church member, 33 years



SISK

**Name:** William (Bill) Sisk  
**Age:** 56  
**Address:** Long Beach  
**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Sergeant, Long Beach Police Department  
**Family:** Wife Shirley L. Sisk, four children

**Education:** Gaston College, police science; attended Fruitland Baptist College  
**Previous Experience:** line sergeant; detective sergeant; criminal investigator

**Name:** Bob Slockett  
**Age:** 68  
**Address:** Yaupon Beach  
**Party:** Republican



SLOCKETT

**Occupation:** Retired research chemist, Du Pont Co.  
**Family:** Wife Jacqueline, four children

**Education:** Master's, Temple University, 1966; bachelor's, Tulane University, 1952

**Previous Experience:** Member Brunswick County Board of Education; president Parent Teachers Assoc., 1970; chairman, administrative board (1987-90) and president (1986-89) United Methodist Men, of Ocean View United Methodist Church; U.S. Naval pilot, World War II veteran

**Name:** Tom Yeagle  
**Age:** 67  
**Address:** Bolivia  
**Party:** Republican



YEAGLE

**Occupation:** Retired, U.S. Air Force  
**Family:** Wife Rosa Lee Yeagle, one child

**Education:** University of Maryland, engineering training; high school graduate  
**Previous Experience:** Flight engineer, U.S. Air Force, 30 years; crew management, supervisor

Vote Senator  
**RC SOLES**

**BOB SLOCKETT FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (919)278-5762**

*"As a retired Research Chemist and Chemical Plant Technical Director, I will seek Creative and Effective answers to all county problems - but, first, I will Listen - That is my Mission."*

**DEWEY HILL**  
DEMOCRAT  
14th DISTRICT - NC  
**HOUSE**

Your Vote and Support on May 5 Will Be Greatly Appreciated.

**ELECT TOM SIMMONS BRUNSWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

• LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY  
• VISION FOR TOMORROW

**VOTE WILLIAM "BILL" SISK District 3 County Commissioner Republican**

**A man who will listen to the people with representation for all.**

- Age: 55
- Married 39 years
- 4 children, 3 grandchildren
- Served U.S. Air Force (Honorable Discharge)
- Education: 2 years community college (Gaston Cty.) 1 year Fruitland Baptist College (Hendersonville)
- Police officer for 31 years. Presently Sergeant Line Supervisor, Long Beach Police Department
- Owner of Oak Island Bait and Tackle Shop and commercial fishing boat charter service.
- Western Union agent •Shriner •Mason •Elk

**Concerned About...**

- The future of our youth
- Unemployment in our county
- Unnecessary spending of our tax dollars

**Against: Higher taxes**

**Support For...**

- Education—money is not the answer to the problem
- Our Sheriff's Department—to fight crime and drugs
- For: Bringing in new industry for jobs for our people

**Issues We Must Face:** Land Use Regulations, Education, Waste Disposal, Recycling County-Wide, Public Access to the Water, Boat Docks, No Tax Increase, Fire & Rescue, Law Enforcement, Reduce Crimes, Decrease Number of People on Welfare, Provide Jobs

**Commitment to the people of Brunswick County. Vote and support me.**