

**NOVEMBER 2019 ELECTIONS – HANOVER COUNTY**  
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**Hanover County Commissioner of Revenue**

Duties - The Commissioner of the Revenue is the chief tax authority for the county. Duties include assessing all taxable personal and business property, administering tax relief programs, and processing state income tax returns.

Term - 4 years

Salary - \$109,059 minimum from Virginia Compensation Board and not including any increase for certification or optional county supplement

**T. Scott Harris**



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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is the most important responsibility of the Commissioner of the Revenue?*

**A:** Ensuring that local property taxes are assessed in an equitable, uniform and fair manner.

**Q:** *What is the greatest challenge facing the office and how will you address it?*

**A:** Keeping pace with technological changes in communicating with taxpayers. We are and will continue pursuing new opportunities to allow citizens to interact with our office in the manner and within the time schedule best suited for them.

**Q:** *What will be your priorities during your term?*

**A:** My goal is to continue efforts for improved automation while maintaining contact with the citizens we serve. This will include reorganizing personnel resources as appropriate to meet the needs of our changing community to ensure our role as not only tax assessors but also as citizen advocates.

### **Hanover County Commonwealth's Attorney**

Duties - The Commonwealth's Attorney prosecutes violations of state law and local ordinances in circuit, district, and juvenile courts and provides legal advice to the local government.

Term - 4 years

Salary - \$144,745 minimum from Virginia Compensation Board and not including any optional county supplement

### **R.E. "Trip" Chalkley III**

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is the greatest challenge facing the Commonwealth's Attorney's office and how will you address it?*

**A:** Funding for staff and essential technology

**Q:** *What is your position on the use of diversion, alternative sentencing, and restorative justice?*

**A:** Each case is evaluated on its particular facts and an appropriate disposition is recommended if there is a conviction

**Q:** *What will be your priorities during your term?*

**A:** Continue to keep Hanover a safe place to live, work and visit.

### **Hanover County Board of Supervisors**

Duties - The seven-member Hanover Board of Supervisors is the policy making body of the county. It passes ordinances and approves the annual budget. Members are elected from the seven magisterial districts and they choose a chair and vice-chair each year. The Board of Supervisors appoints a County Manager, who directs the county's day-to-day operations, and the seven members of the School Board, one from each magisterial district.

Term - 4 years

Salary - \$27,061 (\$29,061 chair)

**Hanover County Board of Supervisors Beaverdam District**

**C. B. Robens**



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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your priorities for managing residential and commercial growth in the county?*

**A:** Our district needs to remain rural, while still matching the growth planned for the district. By focusing on expansion of broadband internet, we can better support family farms and help them to not need to sell to developers. We can also improve the infrastructure enough to have real economic growth (employers, services and small businesses) for the first time in decades.

**Q:** *What are the chief transportation needs in your county, and how will you address these needs?*

**A:** Our major arteries - Routes 54 and 33 have long been neglected for other projects in the county. Before we approve additional homes in our district, the board must address the existing infrastructure needs. I would not approve any development that does not include road proffers in the district.

**Q:** *What investments or policy initiative would you support to meet housing needs in your county?*

**A:** We must invest in broadband to remain competitive in the future. This includes new construction and existing structures, which are largely ignored at this time and highly underserved in this area. The future of housing, given longer lifespans and more people under 30 living at home is multi-generational housing, while many zoning restrictions have not kept up with this trend. I would support more policy initiatives in this area, if supported by our constituency.

**Q:** *What do you think are the most important issues for the county and what will you do to address them?*

**A:** I strongly believe lack of access to high speed internet is one of the most important issues. I conducted a survey of Hanover residents, receiving nearly 150 responses, and 97% said this was an important issue to them. That is a pretty compelling number! High Speed Internet is the tide that rises all boats in rural America and is how we can support economic growth to match today's market.

**Aubrey M. "Bucky" Stanley Jr.**

**Party:** Rep

**No response**

**Hanover County Board of Supervisors Ashland District  
Faye Oliff Prichard**



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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your priorities for managing residential and commercial growth in the county?*

**A:** Hanover county citizens are clear that they cherish our rural community. Maintaining that is my priority. However, some growth is necessary to ensure our vitality. My goal is that development should pay for itself. The old model of using retail to pay for residential doesn't work in an increasingly on-line world. Commercial growth should cluster around existing infrastructure and not only bring revenue and jobs to the community but also contribute to the kind of community our citizens value.

**Q:** *What are the chief transportation needs in your county, and how will you address these needs?*

**A:** Currently there are a number of extremely challenged roads in Hanover. There isn't one answer to solving this problem. Roads are one of the most expensive things we do and the state has cut funding dramatically. We must lobby our state officials, build strategically and limit development on already overtaxed roadways as well as work to lessen the impact on our citizens. We need to continue to work on transportations for seniors and partner with agencies who can help get to doctors appts. etc.

**Q:** *What investments or policy initiative would you support to meet housing needs in your county?*

**A:** Many of our seniors see "age in place" housing as the biggest deterrent to remaining in their homes. I urge developers doing "senior" housing to consider single floor plans and no maintenance options in communities. Senior housing communities are great, most developments should have senior housing options. After all, seniors often don't want, to be segregated by age. I also support redevelopment. Rehabbing older homes in traditional neighborhoods is good for both neighborhoods and buyers.

**Q:** *What do you think are the most important issues for the county and what will you do to address them?*

**A:** Hanover county has rich rural roots and most people live or move here because they want to live in this setting. Our challenge is to provide that opportunity, to resist the Henrico and Chesterfield models of development while still providing our citizens with modern day amenities. Every citizen in Hanover County deserves respect and to be heard. I will continue to meet with citizens and try to really understand their concerns. I will continue to listen to how citizens want Hanover to grow.

**Hanover County Board of Supervisors Henry District  
Daryl Henry Chesley**



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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your priorities for managing residential and commercial growth in the county?*

**A:** For any proposal, I will be consistent in supporting staff to allow them to conduct their research and work without interference or outside influences to make their recommendations. A thorough and transparent vetting with the community follows this step. This way the appropriate stakeholders are involved and have a voice in the process. I will be a true representative of the community.

**Q:** *What are the chief transportation needs in your county, and how will you address these needs?*

**A:** Working in partnership with community leaders and VDOT to continue an ongoing maintenance strategy. In the Henry district, Pole Green Road is the one of the areas of greatest concern for congestion.

**Q:** *What investments or policy initiative would you support to meet housing needs in your county?*

**A:** Adhering to the county strategic plan while actually listening to citizen input regarding growth is critical. Currently the BOS has 'tabled' a decision on another major housing development. My take is they are waiting until after the election to approve it (against the will of citizens, but supported by developers) in the hopes that if they are re-elected, citizens will forget about this unsupported decision the next time elections come around. They're playing politics without leadership.

**Q:** *What do you think are the most important issues for the county and what will you do to address them?*

**A:** Affordable and high quality internet service to all areas of the county is a desperate need. By partnering with providers to bring this critical service to the county, I will begin to restore public trust in the elected officials of Henry district. Taking politics out of leadership is long overdue.

**Sean Davis**

**Party:** Rep

**No response**

**Hanover County Board of Supervisors South Anna District**

**Susan P. "Sue" Dibble**

**Party:** Rep

**No response**

**Clara James Scott**



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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your priorities for managing residential and commercial growth in the county?*

**A:** My priority is to ensure that residential and commercial development in Hanover does not outpace our ability to provide the adequate infrastructure needed to handle this new growth. Adequate infrastructure impacts quality of life issues important to all of our residents. In developing areas of the county, such as the South Anna District which I represent, we must be really careful to upgrade our infrastructure. Otherwise, growth will explode, far beyond the capability of our rural infrastructure.

**Q:** *What are the chief transportation needs in your county, and how will you address these needs?*

**A:** Poor maintenance of secondary roads and the lack of public transportation are transportation needs. Finally, our biggest transportation need is to modernize our rural roads to handle new heavier traffic loads. Country roads that once were more than adequate to handle traffic from small developments are now generally overcrowded as developments have increased. These needs can be addressed working with departments and/or companies that provide these services and to ask developers to pay.

**Q:** *What investments or policy initiative would you support to meet housing needs in your county?*

**A:** I would research workforce housing, container houses and revisit the acreage requirement for building a house. I would like to see the General Assembly pass legislation so that once again, localities have the option to use proffers to help cover the cost of development. This is critical to my district which is on the cusp of a building boom. It's crucial to our schools, roads, park facilities, libraries and other facilities that residents expect when they move to Hanover County.

**Q:** *What do you think are the most important issues for the county and what will you do to address them?*

**A:** I think the most important issue is extension of Broadband internet into the rural areas of the county so that our students, businesses and residents can have internet connectivity needed in all areas of modern day communication. I would partner with a cable provider and apply for federal and state grants. Without the grants, I would propose a bond referendum to run the fiber optic cables and ask the cable companies to lease the cables.

**Hanover County Board of Supervisors Chickahominy District**

**Angela Kelly-Wiecek**

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your priorities for managing residential and commercial growth in the county?*

**A:** Hanover County has an excellent Comprehensive Land Use Plan calling for 80% of the county to remain in agricultural and rural conservation uses while balancing the need for suburban residential, retail, commercial, and industrial areas. We review this plan every five years with extensive resident input. I believe that adhering to the comprehensive plan provides protection for our rural character and supports our business community, while providing an outstanding quality of life for Hanoverian

**Q:** *What are the chief transportation needs in your county, and how will you address these needs?*

**A:** Like many counties across Virginia, we have a significant lack of secondary road funding. In the last 10 years, we've seen our funding cut by roughly 90% and our ability to collect cash proffers removed by the General Assembly. We are working with VACO to address these issues, and continue to press our representatives increase SmartScale funding as well put a comprehensive funding program in place to improve infrastructure maintenance and secondary road funding.

**Q:** *What investments or policy initiative would you support to meet housing needs in your county?*

**A:** Our Comprehensive Land Use Plan calls for a variety of housing type. We consider this when evaluating developer proposals. However, new construction does not always meet the needs of young families who want "starter homes" nor does it help seniors looking for affordable age-targeted housing. I've been working with Partnership for Affordable Housing on initiatives and I am supportive of the joint effort to create a Regional Housing Plan to look at best practices for each locality and their needs.

**Q:** *What do you think are the most important issues for the county and what will you do to address them?*

**A:** 4. As indicated above, a comprehensive plan to address major road projects as well as secondary road improvements and overall maintenance is essential. We continue to press the General Assembly and the Commonwealth Transportation Board which controls these policies. We also need to increase our inventory of commercially zoned property in Hanover to support our economic development efforts, and our recent Strategic Rezoning Initiative is an example of a project I supported to address this.

**Hanover County Board of Supervisors Cold Harbor District**  
**James P. Doran II**



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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your priorities for managing residential and commercial growth in the county?*

**A:** Managing residential and commercial growth in Hanover County is one of the most important responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors. Since I'm running for the Cold Harbor District seat, it's important for me to let voters know that I am for the preservation of the rural character of our district. Folks have made Cold Harbor home because they like the quiet, open space that living here comes with. A vibrant commercial sector can be maintained in the area of the county designated for it.

**Q:** *What are the chief transportation needs in your county, and how will you address these needs?*

**A:** There are several chief transportation needs in Hanover. One issue that I've heard from folks on is the increased congestion on a couple of our major thoroughfares (Route 360, Pole Green Road). The pace of residential and commercial growth has outpaced the infrastructure to handle the traffic. A longer term vision for our road system would allow us to be prepared when growth occurs. Another need is making any new roads biker and walker friendly.

**Q:** *What investments or policy initiative would you support to meet housing needs in your county?*

**A:** As with any suburban county, there are a wide variety of housing needs in Hanover. I would advocate more strongly for making sure infrastructure (roads, schools, safety personnel) grow as housing continues to develop. It's important that housing growth in Hanover be limited to the areas of the county that are equipped to handle it (or can be made ready in a cost effective manner). As the houses in Hanover age, we also want to make sure residents have the options they need to make improvements

**Q:** *What do you think are the most important issues for the county and what will you do to address them?*

**A:** Expansion of high speed internet access, addressing road congestion and making sure our teachers are compensated fairly. I spoke about roads earlier so I'll address internet and teacher pay here. High speed internet is a utility that should be expanded as quickly and cost effectively as possible. Students without it are at a serious disadvantage. Our teachers make less than other nearby localities. I want to keep Hanover schools the best and that means retaining our great educators!



**F. Michael Herzberg IV**

**Party:** Rep

**No response**

**Hanover County Board of Supervisors Mechanicsville District**

**W. Canova Peterson IV**



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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your priorities for managing residential and commercial growth in the county?*

**A:** We must maintain a reasonable rate of growth with a proper balance between residential growth and economic development. This balance is necessary to maintain reasonable tax rates for our citizens and to retain the county's current AAA bond rating.

**Q:** *What are the chief transportation needs in your county, and how will you address these needs?*

**A:** Road maintenance across the board and improvements to key arterial roads are needed. Roads in Hanover are controlled by VDOT and I will continue to work closely with this state agency to insure that Hanover receives its fair share of funding. I will support the services of Senior Rides, a volunteer transportation program in the county for seniors in need. I have begun the process of supplementing these services with a specialized transportation program serving seniors and disabled residents.

**Q:** *What investments or policy initiative would you support to meet housing needs in your county?*

**A:** I will work to insure that appropriate workforce housing is available for our citizens and that seniors on fixed incomes will have the opportunity to remain in their homes.

**Q:** *What do you think are the most important issues for the county and what will you do to address them?*

**A:** Balanced growth is the most important issue facing our community. I will continue to support the approach of a suburban service area to minimize the impact on the rural areas of the county. This maximizes the return on investment in infrastructure and will allow us to maintain the best in schools, safety and security for our citizens.

**Hanover County Sheriff**

Duties - The Hanover County Sheriff's Department provides court security, serves legal documents, and provides law enforcement services through its Uniform patrol and Investigative Divisions. The Sheriff's Department does not provide jail services. The Pamunkey Regional Jail Authority, an independent government body, provides jail services for Hanover and Caroline counties and the Town of Ashland.

Term - 4 years

Salary - \$118,803 from Virginia Compensation Board and not including any increase for accreditation or an optional county supplement

**David R. Hines**

**Party:** Rep

**No response**

**Hanover County Soil and Water Conservation Director**

Duties - Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) are subdivisions of state government responsible under state law for resource conservation. Activities include outreach, education, technical assistance, and conservation planning. The Hanover-Caroline SWCD serves Hanover and Caroline counties. The District is Governed by a Board of Directors of local citizens who serve without pay. Two directors are elected from each county. The Virginia Soil and Water Board appoints two additional directors. District staff provide technical assistance in cooperation with other government agencies.

Term - 4 years

Salary - None

**Candidates (choose 2):**

**George T. Rice**

**Party:** I

**No response**

**Donald L. Wells**

**Party:** I

**No response**

**Hanover County Treasurer**

Duties - The Treasurer is the custodian of all county public monies and is responsible for ensuring that local funds, including taxes and fees, are collected, received, invested, safeguarded, and properly disbursed.

Term - 4 years

Salary - \$109,059 minimum from Virginia Compensation Board and not including any increase for certification or an optional county supplement

**M. Scott Miller**

**Party:** Rep

**No response**

**NOTE: Rep = Republican, Dem = Democratic, L= Libertarian, I = Independent**

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