

ELECTION 2002: COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS



ANTRIM COUNTY

DISTRICT 7
(Warner, Jordan, Star and Chestonia townships)

WILLIAM KITCHEN
Republican
■ AGE: 58
■ RESIDENCE: Star Township
■ EDUCATION: Alba High School

■ PROFESSION: Potato farmer

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Former Alba School board member for 12 years.

■ PRIORITIES: I'm for the people's rights in the county. Protect Jordan Valley, but keep it open for people to use. Opposed to wetlands protection ordinance because of its restrictions on individual property rights.
■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I'm a stable longtime resident. I'm a business owner who cares about the community and the county. I'm a farmer. I make my living on the environment; therefore, we take care of it. And I care about people and people's rights.

LAURA STANEK
Democrat

■ AGE: 46
■ RESIDENCE: Jordan Township
■ EDUCATION: East Jordan High School
■ PROFESSION: Dairy farmer

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner six years, Jordan Township treasurer for 11 years.
■ PRIORITIES: Balanced budget, better communication with the townships.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I've worked hard for the people of my district. I have no personal agendas, and I've always tried to exercise honesty.

DISTRICT 8
(Village of Mancelona and por-

tions of Mancelona and Custer townships)

BERNARD BLACKMORE
Republican

■ AGE: 53
■ RESIDENCE: Village of Mancelona
■ EDUCATION: Traverse City High School

■ PROFESSION: Restaurateur, Mancelona Schools bus driver
■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner for 10 years

■ PRIORITIES: Wetlands protection, implement comprehensive county solid waste plan, continue progress in reforming Antrim-Kalkaska Community Mental Health; finishing new animal shelter project.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Experience. We have so much going on in the county, it's really a scary thought to leave inexperienced candidates to operate the county.

GERALD "TUT" PATRICK
Democrat

■ AGE: 61
■ RESIDENCE: Village of Mancelona

■ EDUCATION: Mancelona High School graduate, some college

■ PROFESSION: Real estate broker/owner

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Currently on village council. Served number of years on council in the past in different terms. Previously county commissioner for three years. Mancelona Township board supervisor for 5.5 years.

■ PRIORITIES: Better lifestyle for people in the county — jobs with better wages, less taxes. The eastern side of the county does not get the attention that it deserves on the county board.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I work for the people, and the people only.



BENZIE COUNTY

DISTRICT 5
(Homestead Township)

FRANK WALTERHOUSE
Republican

■ AGE: 59
■ EDUCATION: Graduated from Honor High School
■ PROFESSION: Owns Honor Insurance Agency
■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner for 21 years.

■ PRIORITIES: The county budget is the number one issue.
■ WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE FOR YOU? A long history of service to the county and experience working with the county's tight budget.

ROSALIE "ANNE" PELCH

Green Party
■ AGE: 58
■ EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State University

■ PROFESSION: Medical insurance biller
■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Served on the board of Local 1603 of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, also served as treasurer and union representative.

■ PRIORITIES: Implementing smart growth in the county and developing public transportation, along with preserving small family farms are Pelch's goals.
■ WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE FOR YOU? It's time for the county to have a Green Party candidate with the party's commitment to communities and the environment.

DISTRICT 6
(Inland and Colfax)

BRUCE ANDERSEN SR.
Republican
■ AGE: 76
■ EDUCATION: Graduate of Redford High School in Detroit.

■ PROFESSION: Retired from United Tech-nologies Corp.

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner for 10 years, Inland Township Board trustee for 8 years.

■ PRIORITIES: Andersen says the county needs to find a way to balance the budget and continue to provide human service programs.
■ WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE FOR YOU? Says he is the "human services commission-

er," serving on several boards that deal with issues from mental health to veterans affairs to surplus food distribution for the poor and elderly.

MICHAEL MOORMAN
Democrat
■ AGE: 55
■ EDUCATION: Attended Lansing Community College and Michigan State University without attaining degree

■ PROFESSION: Building contractor, also raises and sells Rocky Mountain horses
■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: 1996-2000 as Colfax Township clerk, also have served as an elections officer

■ PRIORITIES: Top priorities include maintaining fiscal responsibility and implementing county's new master plan.
■ WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE FOR YOU? Says he cares about Benzie County, welcomes growth but recognizes need to manage the growth.

WILLIAM HENNE
Green Party
■ AGE: 59
■ RESIDENCE: Hayes Township
■ PROFESSION: Retired health department inspector, organic farmer
■ EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in environmental health Ferris State University
■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: 12 years on Hayes Township planning commission, board of directors Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for eight years, president of Water and Air Team Charlevoix.

VALERIE SNYDER
Republican
■ AGE: 33
■ OCCUPATION: Attorney
■ GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Former Charlevoix City Council member for 2.5 years.

■ PRIORITIES: County board accountability, questions whether commissioners should have pension and health care benefits, county administrator question.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I read in the newspapers all the investigations going on (with the possible Open Meetings Act violation), and I was concerned. I can do a better job than that.

PAUL RICHARDS
Democrat
■ AGE: 67
■ RESIDENCE: Hayes Township
■ PROFESSION: Retired

DISTRICT 3
(Melrose, Chandler, Hudson, Boyne Valley and part of Wilson townships)

RONALD REINHARDT
Republican
■ AGE: 62
■ RESIDENCE: Wilson Township
■ PROFESSION: Four years in the Air Force, Retired East Jordan Iron Works superintendent, beef farmer
■ EDUCATIONAL: Boyne Falls High School graduate
■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

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high school principal and teacher

■ EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in political science and government, Central Michigan University. Master's degree - education with emphasis on administration and counseling, Wayne State University.

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Former mayor of Harbor Springs for two years.

■ PRIORITIES: Controlling urban sprawl, maintaining environmental quality, the prudent use of tax money.

Supports hiring county executive, using "excessive" pay and benefits county commissioners currently receive to help fund it. Repair and improve county roads.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I think we've had enough of the old guard, and I don't mean that in an age sense. I think we need a change. I think they have made some mistakes that leave them less qualified to remain on the county commissioners. I don't have any vested interests. I don't have anything that sways me. I will therefore always try to simply do what's right.

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