

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY



Detroit Law School, J.D.
POLITICAL CAREER: Charlevoix County Republican Party, vice-chairwoman; appointed Charlevoix County prosecutor, 1995; elected prosecutor, 1996 and 2000.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Private law practice prior to starting as Charlevoix County's chief assistant prosecutor.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? I have tried more than 100 cases., including two high-profile cases last year — attack on Sheriff George A. Lasater and the East Park murder of a boater visiting Charlevoix. Not one conviction obtained by my office has been reversed by an appellate court —a 100 percent success rate on appeal.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Because of my experience and performance. My office has consistently operated at or below the budget. I have applied for and received federal and state grants to allow increased services to our county taxpayers with limited county expense.



PROSECUTOR
JOHN JAREMA
 Republican
AGE: 35

RESIDENCE: Charlevoix
EDUCATION: B.S in psychology, Central Michigan University 1990; J.D., Detroit College of Law, 1995.

POLITICAL CAREER: No previous elected public office.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Charlevoix County assistant prosecutor, 1995-1999; chief assistant prosecutor, 1999-2002; law practice, Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof & Snyder P.C., 2002 to present.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Fiscal responsibility in the prosecutor's office and courtroom role of prosecutor. A prosecutor's place is in the courtroom, seeking justice to ensure the safety of the public and protecting rights of victims.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I take cases to trial, over 100 personally with 80+% convictions. Being endorsed by the Police Officers Labor Council representing Boyne City Police, East Jordan Police, Charlevoix County deputies and the Michigan State Police Troopers Association representing local members, which collectively represents 38 officers, speaks volumes. Officers work with the prosecutor daily and their endorsement for change speaks for itself.

MARY BETH KUR
 Republican
AGE: 41
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, University of Michigan; University of

SHERIFF

GEORGE T. LASATER
 Republican
AGE: 66
RESIDENCE: Boyne City
EDUCATION: Associate's and bachelor's degree.
POLITICAL CAREER: 27 years as sheriff.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Football coach, school counselor, probation officer, peace officer.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?: None provided.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Continued professional law enforcement, responsive to the needs of the citizens of Charlevoix County, approachable to the citizens.

CLERK

JANE BRANNON
 Republican
AGE: 52

RESIDENCE: Charlevoix
EDUCATION: High school and some college.
POLITICAL CAREER: 24 years as elected county clerk.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 3 years as deputy county clerk for Emmet County; 7 years as deputy county clerk for Charlevoix County.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? To continue to keep Charlevoix County fiscally solvent. To comply with continuing changes in federal and state mandates.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My experience and expertise will continue to give the taxpayers of Charlevoix County the service they have come to expect.

NATHAN JASON
 Republican
AGE: 34
EDUCATION: B.S., business administration, Lake Superior State University.

POLITICAL CAREER: First-time candidate.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Restaurant management, six years; public relations, six years; restaurant sales/consultant, one year.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Quality of service. The clerk's office is often the first contact point those seeking service and information.

Charlevoix County citizens and public at large deserve to have their individual needs met in a timely manner with compassion and respect.

WHY VOTE FOR ME? As clerk I will maintain the integrity of Charlevoix County vital records, accounts, and elections and provide other quality services to the public. I will utilize the best technology while maintaining a friendly customer-focused office.



TREASURER

MARILYN COUSINEAU
 Republican
AGE: 51
RESIDENCE: Boyne Falls
EDUCATION: One year of college
POLITICAL CAREER: Was clerk

for the Village of Boyne Falls for 16 years.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Worked in banking for 22 years and for a investment company for 1 1/2 years.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? No response.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Experience in working for governmental units for 16 years. I was in bank in management for 15 years. I have had experience working with boards, budgets, and the financials for the Village of Boyne Falls for 16 years. I have had some experience with investing.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

CHARLENE NOVOTNY
 Republican
AGE: 62
RESIDENCE: Charlevoix
EDUCATION: High school; Holloway Real Estate School;

classes at Michigan State University.
POLITICAL CAREER: 20 years as Charlevoix County register of deeds.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Worked in the register of deeds office for 2 years before becoming register of deeds.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? My top issue is to bring scanning to my office. This will streamline recording process. Our records will be Internet accessible.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am an honest, hardworking elected official who believes in working with my office staff to keep detailed and accurate records.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

MARC SEELYE
 Republican
 Did not respond

SURVEYOR

LAWRENCE FEINDT
 REPUBLICAN
AGE: 54
EDUCATION: B.S. degree, civil engineering; graduate courses in municipal engineering; U.S. Army Officers Basic Course; courses in global positioning

systems, computer programming and networking.

POLITICAL CAREER: City of Charlevoix Charter Commission, 1978-81; county surveyor, 2003 to present.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Michigan Professional Surveyor, 1974; Illinois Professional Land Surveyor, 1985.

TOP ISSUE/ WHY? Direct the Charlevoix County survey remonumentation program efficiently . Use latest technology to complete measurement of state plane coordinates on all county public land survey corners. Facilitate permanency of property boundaries and promote the production of accurate GIS mapping.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? 30 years of professional experience with advanced geomatics. I have directed land surveying projects ranging over 40 counties and was with the land title insurance business until 1995.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1

VALERIE SNYDER
 Republican
AGE: 35
RESIDENCE: Charlevoix
EDUCATION: 1987, Charlevoix High School; 1992, B.A. in English and journalism, Adrian College; 1995, J.D., Willamette University College of Law.

POLITICAL CAREER: 1998, Charlevoix City Planning Commission; 1998-2001, Charlevoix City Council; 2002-2004, Charlevoix County Commission.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 1995-present, attorney/partner with Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof & Snyder, P.C.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Budget constraints facing the county. We need to look for ways to tighten our budget without sacrificing services to the public.