

LEELANAU COUNTY

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present, soil erosion control officer; 1979-present, fruit grower.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? None provided.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? None provided.

ROAD COMMISSION

LEE BOWEN

Republican

AGE: 64

RESIDENCE: Leland

EDUCATION:

B.A., General business, Michigan State University, 1962; MBA, University of Michigan, 1968.

POLITICAL

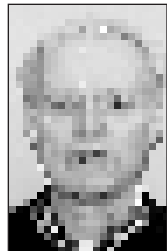
CAREER: 1998, elected to the Leelanau County Road Commission; vice chairman since January, 1999.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1992 after 27 years on the business and financial side of the company.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Continue to secure adequate funding to maintain the good winter maintenance (snowplowing) residents are accustomed to. In this way everyone can get to their jobs, and schools can operate on a normal schedule. The 0.5 extra-voted millage is essential as it is 20 percent of the budget.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have the background, education and experience, along with common-sense thinking, to continue serving as a commissioner. Further, I believe strongly in the protection of road-end lake access sites for use by all citizens.



COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1

JEAN WATKOSKI

Republican

AGE: 62

RESIDENCE: Traverse City

EDUCATION: Traverse City High School; some college courses.

POLITICAL CAREER: 12 years, Elmwood Township Board trustee; eight years, Leelanau

County commissioner.

PROFESSIONAL

CAREER: 10

years, administrative assistant, Conservation

Resource Alliance (formerly RC&D Council).

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Moving out of the county seat. After almost 30 years, the people of Leelanau County will have the opportunity to vote on moving the county seat from Leland to Suttons Bay Township and put the courthouse next to the new law enforcement center.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? After 12 years in township government and the last eight as county commissioner, I feel I know the issues and what really matters to the people of Leelanau County. I have carefully watched over the county budget and discourage any increase in millage and/or additional taxes.

STEVE VAN ZOEREN

Republican

AGE: 54

EDUCATION: BA, University of Michigan (1974), PhD Harvard University (1986)

POLITICAL

CAREER:

Board member of Elmwood Citizens for Sensible Growth, local advocacy group for good land use planning and good government.

TOP ELECTION ISSUE:

Growth. With good planning and an inclusive, open political process, we can find policies that respect the rights of property owners, minimize the costs and growth of government, and preserve the qualities that make Leelanau County such a desirable place to live.

WHY VOTE FOR ME: I have a proven record of fighting when needed for good planning, smart growth and good



government in Elmwood Township. I have been able to work together with those within the community who hold differing views to create workable, broad-based solutions.

DISTRICT 2

MARK WALTER

Republican

AGE: No response

RESIDENCE: No response.

EDUCATION: Suttons Bay

Public Schools, Northwestern Michigan College, Western Michigan University.

POLITICAL CAREER: Leelanau County commissioner, District 2, two years.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Michigan Department of Corrections, Pugsley Correctional Facility, 18 years; Michigan Army National Guard, 20 years, 119th FA, currently stationed in Guantanamo, Cuba, hope to be home for the November election.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?

Governmental facilities have been a problem for 30-plus years. Currently the best option is to move to Suttons Bay on the land in which the county has built the Law Enforcement Center. This move will meet future needs and save millions of dollars today and more in the future.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I take the responsibility seriously, and realize that decisions made today will impact the future, such as the facilities issue. Remembering that is very important in the decision-making process.

DISTRICT 3

WILLIAM BUNEK

Republican

AGE: 52

RESIDENCE:

Suttons Bay

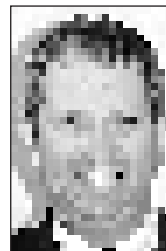
EDUCATION:

B.A., history, Grand Valley State

University; associate's

degree, Northwestern Michigan College.

POLITICAL CAREER: No previ-



ous elected office.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

1986-present, owner of Alpha Electric Company; 1978-1986, part-owner of Bunek Services and Hardware.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? The top issue is the location of a new county seat and court house.

This issue is important because of cost involved and the length of time taken to resolve the matter, the historical significance of relocating the county seat, and it directly involves constituents in Districts 3 and 5.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?

Working continually with and for others, avoiding as well as correcting mistakes and especially in solving problems in a cost-effective way make me the best candidate. I am confident my business, government and community involvement has prepared me to be a capable representative on the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.

RICHARD SCHMUCKAL

Republican

AGE: 64

RESIDENCE: Suttons Bay

EDUCATION: Hannah St.

Mary's High School; attended University of Maryland.

POLITICAL

CAREER: third-

term Leelanau

County com-

missioner.

PROFESSIONAL

CAREER:

Retired Michigan Bell-Ameritech senior account executive, Yellow Pages advertising; U.S. Army; Christmas tree farmer.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? To resolve long-standing courthouse issue on whether the county seat should stay in Leland or be moved to the Walters site on M-204.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I bring 6 years experience as a commissioner dealing with complex issues of running county government and my advertising experience to the position. My tree operation provides an understanding of what it means to balance a budget. I am retired and able



to be a full-time commissioner.

DISTRICT 4

MARY P. TONNEBERGER

Republican

AGE: 67

RESIDENCE: Omena

EDUCATION: Denison

University, bachelor's degree; University of Missouri, bachelor's and master's degrees.

POLITICAL CAREER: Leelanau County Board of Commissioners, 2 years; Leelanau Township Board, 2 years; local/intermediate school boards, Grand Rapids area.

PROFESSIONAL

CAREER: 30

years, execu-

tive market

research;

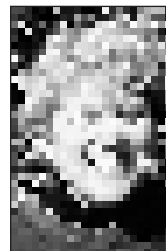
retired senior

vice president, Wirthlin

Worldwide, Reston, Va.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Balancing county budget: A new law enforcement and 911 center will open in 2005 requiring new staff and unknown demands for services. The board will continue to monitor its expenditures very closely in order to avoid use of contingency funds.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: My combination of business, community and board experiences allows me to take a balanced view for timely and effective decision-making.



DISTRICT 5

TOM EVANS

Republican

AGE: 71

RESIDENCE: Leland

EDUCATION: 1955, B.A.,

Princeton

University.

POLITICAL

CAREER:

Leelanau

County com-

missioner,

District 5; for-

mer Leland

Township trustee.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Retired head of trust and investment divisions of

