



ELEPHANT TALES

Fellow Republicans,

Every year, we honor one person/couple that has made a difference in the Wells County Republican Party. This is our collective opportunity to send a huge thank you for years of service, dedication to the party, and Republican activism. Are there folks you believe deserve to be in this illustrious Hall of Fame of Wells County Republicans? If so, make sure you get your nominations in THIS month as Central Committee will decide on the recipient the first week of April. You can give your nominations to me or Sandy, or you can fill out the form on our website: <https://wells.gop/abe-award-nominations>

Zach Rodgers
Wells County GOP Chairman

Upcoming Events

- MARCH**
- 7 Breakfast
- 14 Trivia Night
- 30 CC & Committees Meet
- APRIL**
- 1 Abe Award Nominations Due
- 4 Breakfast
- 6 GOP Women
- 6 Candidates' Forum
- 6 Voter Registration Ends
- 7 Early Voting Begins
- 16 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- 27 CC & Committees Meet
- MAY**
- 2 Breakfast
- 5 Primary Election
- 7 Lunch & Listen
- 14 Dist 3 Candidate Training
- TBD Lincoln Day
- JUNE**
- 1 CC & Committees Meet
- 6 Breakfast
- 19-20 GOP State Convention

Welcome New 2020 Club Members

- FEBRUARY**
- Lynne Adam
- Marty Adam
- Carolyn Bertsch
- Jeff Bertsch
- Beth Davis
- Patty Elwell
- Bill Fair
- Joan Gavilanez
- Marcelo Gavilanez
- Kelly Herman
- Brenda Jackson
- Mick Jackson
- Diane Markley
- Gary Markley
- Mike Mossburg
- Rina Stuck

Voter Registration Deadline

You must be registered to vote on or before Monday, April 6, 2020 to vote in the 2020 Primary Election held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

Register or Check Your Status: indianavoters.com

Early Voting @ Court House: April 7-9, 13-17, 20-24, 27-May 1, 8AM-4:30 PM; April 25 & May 2, 7AM-2PM May 4, 8AM - Noon

Early Voting @ 4H Park: April 30 & May 1, 10AM-7PM

Early Voting @ First Presbyterian Church: April 25 & May 2, 8AM - 3 PM; April 30 & May 1, 10AM - 7 PM

Early Voting @ Lighted Gardens: April 20 & May 1, 10AM 7 PM

Election Day Voting, May 5: 6AM - 6 PM @ 4-H Park, First Presbyterian Church, Lighted Gardens, SW

WHO ARE WE?

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE IDEALS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

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Zach Rodgers, Chair

Sandy Garcia, Vice-Chair

Preston Wright, Secretary

Colin Andrews, Treasurer

WHERE ARE WE?

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Meet the Primary County Council At-Large Candidates

The four County Council At-Large candidates have provided information so that you might make an informed choice. You will voting for three of the four candidates to represent you on the council as at-large members.

Incumbent Mike Mossburg



I am Michael K. Mossburg, a 1983 graduate of Southern Wells High School, and I completed the Purdue Short Course in 1985. I have been married to Shelley (Oliver) Mossburg of Bluffton for 35 years and have two daughters: Chelsea Mossburg, a Purdue Graduate and Olivia Mossburg, an Indiana State Graduate. Both have returned to Wells County and are working locally.

I am currently serving as president of the Wells County Council, president of the Wells County Regional Sewer District, president of Tech Services, Inc, and president of Mossburg Enterprises, Inc. I own/operate Tech Services which employs 16 full-time staff and 40 seasonal workers. I am a member of the American Seed Trade Association, Indiana and Illinois Seed Trade Associations, Wells County Chamber of Commerce, Wells County Soil and Water Conservation, Wells County Comprehensive plan steering committee and Indiana Crop Improvement Association (ICIA). I have served as past president of ICIA as well as several other agricultural committees. I also own/operate a 1250 acre seed production and grain farming operation south of Liberty Center.

I have served on Council for the past 7+ years maintaining a strong fiscal position in the county and focusing on improving key departments in government. My past experience in operating my own service business has been very beneficial in reviewing county services and budgets.

As a Councilman, my goals will be to continue working with other council members on managing budgets. The focus in 2020 will be on capital projects which include a new highway garage, the north and south corridor projects, future zoning and affordable housing options, and new quality of life initiatives.

Successful economic development remains a top priority for me in Wells County government. I fully support and intend on maintaining a balanced county budget with strong rainy day reserve.

Incumbent Vicki Andrews



My name is Vicki Andrews and I am running for Wells County Council At-Large. I am currently serving my 7th year on the County Council. I am running for this position as I feel a strong desire to serve the community. I have lived in Wells County most of my life and on our family farm in southern Wells County. My parents Dean and Pat Mounsey were farmers for over 60 years and continue to own the family farm. I have 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren. The County Council is the financial body of the county and my experience working in banking, Wells County Clerk and Treasurer's offices, and corporation treasurer at Southern Wells Community Schools has given me much knowledge to use in the county position. These experiences have also given me much knowledge as to how the county government works and how to work with all people in the community. I am a member of Sonlight Wesleyan Church as well as a board member for Wells County Chamber of Commerce, Wells County Trails, Junior Achievement and the County Extension Board. I have a passion for people and I have found that Wells County has wonderful people.



Meet the Primary County Council At-Large Candidates

Incumbent Seth Whicker



I am excited to announce my candidacy for re-election to Wells County Council, At Large. The people of Wells County make this a great place to live. Building on my last elected term and with an eye to the future, it is my strong desire to continue my efforts to improve the quality of life for our families and neighbors.

Both my wife Cari and I were raised in Wells County. We have three children: Keller, 15, Wilson, 18, and JJ, 20. Cari is the Southern Wells Elementary School principal and I am an owner of SYM Financial Advisors. We have both been active in Wells County and the Republican Party for decades. I currently serve as Chair or board member of Wells County EMS, Bluffton NOW, Pathfinder Services, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, and Junior Achievement.

One of the Republican Party's most important core values is fiscal responsibility. This applies to those elected to council who must ensure that every tax dollar spent is done so in the most efficient way possible. My educational background and work experience make me uniquely qualified to be a "fiscal watchdog" on the council. In addition to having earned the Certified Financial Planner Credential, I have a bachelor's degree in finance from Ball State University and master's degrees in both financial analysis and financial planning. I work on financial and budgeting issues on a daily basis.

Over the past four years, the Council has improved Wells County's infrastructure through road and bridge improvement. We also passed the first tax abatement which results in bringing high speed internet to rural Wells County. Another area of focus has been fair pay for county employees while maintaining fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget.

Challenges that demand our attention will always exist. Today it is continuing to improve county roads, building a highway garage, jail upgrades, and rural sewer issues. Expanding high speed internet to additional areas of Wells County must continue and is a critical area need. Each of these priorities must be balanced with a conservative property tax policy. My goal is to make Wells County the greatest place to live, work, and raise families.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent the Republican Party and serve citizens of Wells County. I look forward to continuing my work for the party and people of Wells County.

Scott Elzey



Scott Elzey grew up in Wells County. Except for work-related time in Atlanta, Houston, and Fort Wayne, he has resided here all his life. He has been married to his wife, Deanna, for 37 years. They have two grown children and one grandson. Scott graduated from Indiana University with a BS degree in business administration with a focus on marketing and psychology.

Elzey has held several leadership positions through his business career. He performed numerous technical and managerial roles for IBM for 13 years. He then held a senior management position at AT&T for 16 years managing a 30 million dollar budget across five departments. He was a call center manager at Frontier Communications for five years overseeing four departments and 50 employees. He then performed business consulting in the healthcare and food industries. He is now semi-retired and manages his rental properties and farm.

This is Elzey's sixth political election after five successful terms on the Northern Wells School Board. He has served as president, and is presently vice-president on that board. He also serves on the Wells County Historical Society board and the Wells County Strategic Planning Committee. He served previously on the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission.

"I feel blessed to live in Wells County. We are a community of strong traditional values. We offer a great place for people to live and raise their families."

One of his hobbies is metal fabrication and some of his projects have been featured in the News-Banner. Other hobbies include boating on the Wabash, hiking, and motorcycling.

