

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3**

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**  
**POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY - either Democratic or Republican – for ALL partisan offices on ballot.  
**Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Democrats preceding Republicans.**

**3 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term**  
**1 Democrat and 2 Republicans are running for this office in District 3**

<b>CANDIDATES for  COUNTY COMMISSION</b>  <b>ONE 2-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?</b>
<p><b><i>Democrat</i></b>  <b>MICHELLE MCCLELLAN</b>  8 Crawford St.  Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>I have worked for Beaumont Health for 10 years. Nine of those years have been in a leadership role. I am married and have two teenage boys who attend Oxford public schools. I am currently on the Planning commission in the Village of Oxford</p> <p>I am running for County Commissioner to bring a much needed new perspective and representation to District 46. I believe this area is slowly progressing and diversifying and a new way of looking at the area and issues will be welcomed by constituents.</p> <p>I stand by what I believe in but also have the ability to listen to and consider the thoughts and feelings of others. I have the ability to diplomatically disagree and make a point when needed. In my working life I have found myself in leadership roles because I don't like sitting back and watching as things are happening, if I see guidance is needed I am happy to lend my voice and thoughts (and physical labor if needed). I communicate well with people and am a trusted source to give an honest opinion.</p>	<p>If elected I would like to see Healthcare (which would include health and wellness programs), Water safety and Racial equality be at the forefront.</p> <p>Without healthy community members we can not have a strong county. As county commissioner I would look to experts in the field of health care and health and wellness, to guide us to getting healthcare for all and setting up health and wellness centers easily accessible to all residents.</p> <p>Water safety both home use and our waterways need to be addressed. I believe we should encourage communities to act quickly in fixing structural issues surrounding drinking water and to address invasive species in fresh waterways. I would look to local organizations to help with the clearing of invasive species.</p> <p>We need racial equality in our county. I would encourage the county to support minority owned business through grants and other funding. I would look into how the criminal justice system impacts minorities and help develop programs to make changes</p>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>STEVE MARTIN</b> 4105 Bold Meadows Oakland, MI 48306</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Oakland County. I grew up in Oxford and currently reside in Oakland Township with my wife and three children. Throughout my professional career, I helped build and develop systems and teams that improved the way organizations operated. My abilities to understand complex problems and my skills to collaborate, communicate and develop diverse and cross-functional teams to develop cost-efficient solutions will be critical for the next Oakland County Commissioner.</p>	<p>At present, the critical issues facing the county commission all stem from our response to Covid19. The top three issues facing the county is how well the commission addresses the following: Health and Well-being of our residents, health care workers and first responders; Education tools and support for our students, teachers and administrators; Financial impact of our response. Addressing the health and well-being of our our residents, health care workers and first responders will require us to work collaboratively with local, state and federal agencies along with private and public institutions. Working with our educational stakeholders will also be key to ensuring all students receive the educational tools and are not deprived for lack of resources. Addressing these top issues will require financial discipline and a level of transparency our residents expect.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>MICHAEL SPISZ</b>                      3661 High View Dr.                      Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Married – 20 years. 2 Daughters; Sophomore and Senior in High School</li> <li>• Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from GMI (Kettering University), and an MBA in Global Business from Davenport University</li> <li>• Employment: Executive Director of Engineering for a Tier-1 Automotive Supplier. 25+ years in the automotive industry.</li> <li>• I am running for re-election because this is something that I enjoy and I do it because I want to, not because I need to.</li> <li>• As a conservative I believe that the money you earn is always better in your hands than the government and that you are best served to determine how to spend or donate it</li> <li>• I believe in smaller government and that we as human beings can always find a solution to a problem and that it is not always up to the government to solve for us</li> <li>• I prefer to lead by example and drive to resolution based on logic and facts</li> <li>• Family comes first and always do what you believe is right</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA bond rating. We must maintain our AAA bond rating and maintain the legacy that L. Brooks Patterson built over the years of his great leadership. Oakland County has consistently been ranked in the top 10 for the entire Country for economic outlook and prosperity, currently we are 6th.</li> <li>• Budget. We have built a strong footing over the years and we need to continue to maintain that footing with a strong fund balance and a fiscally conservative budgeting process. And if possible, lower taxes and give money back to the people.</li> <li>• Safety. Continue to support our great Sheriff and the team of officers that keep us safe around Oakland County. Support our first responder's through great systems of support and tools to allow them to do their jobs.</li> <li>• Community outreach and support. With a strong budget and good fiscal policies, we can help all of our Cities, Villages and Townships. Such as our tri-party road improvement plans, which help local communities improve local infrastructure.</li> </ul>

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