



Jefferson County Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Information

Full Name: **Brett Kilgore**

Office Sought: **County Commissioner - District 10**

Website / Campaign Page: NONE

1. Why are you running for this office?

Please describe your motivation and what qualifies you for this position.

SEE CLOSING STATEMENT/BIOGRAPHY

2. Military Service

Are you a Veteran? Yes No

If yes, please provide:

- Branch of Service: **US NAVY**

- Dates of Service: **29May75 - 28May79 Active Duty, then 4 years Reserves.**

- Areas Served: **Great Lakes Co 921, Boot Camp, PN "A" School, Meridian Mississippi, Then assigned to NTC Orlando, Florida NAC/ID Center, and USS FOX, DLG/CG 33.**

- Highest Rank / Position Held: **Petty Officer (PN3)**

- Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or Equivalent: **(PN)**

- Awards or Decorations (optional): **Marksmanship Ribbon. Congressional Certificate of recognition for distinguished service and valor during the cold war.**

3. Previous Support of Veterans

If you have served in an elected position in this Jefferson County or any other political offices in the past, what have you done to support Veterans? **N/A this time; however, I am rated a 50% disabled veteran. My wife also served in the military as a Captain at FT Bragg during the Gulf War. My grandfather served during the 1920's. My father served in the 82nd Airborne Division of Ft Bragg during the Korean war, and my sister served at Ft Bragg during the early 1980's. We are a family with military service that spans 100 years.**

4. Priorities to Support Veterans

Jefferson County has a growing veteran population of more than 4,000 veterans. Please outline your top 3 priorities to support veterans and their families. **I would have to speak with local veterans to find out what they are in need of or what is lacking from the County. I am currently unaware of anything lacking other than needing more help at the County Veterans Service office. ****As of March 1st, the assistant position at the Veteran's Service Office has been filled!**

5. Veteran Services and Resources

What specific actions would you take to improve access to veteran services at the county level?

Jefferson County has already taken action this year to add an assistant V.A. Services officer to better serve the growing number of veterans in Jefferson County. If I learned of anything else that needed to be done, I would of course support it for my fellow veterans.

6. Veterans Service Officer (VSO)

What do you know about the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) program in Jefferson County and do you have a stance on reporting structure or if this should be a Director position?

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As far as it being a DIRECTOR POSITION, I believe all the Veteran Services Officer positions in the State of Tennessee are all VSO's and not Directors.

I do not see how making the position a DIRECTOR would make the position any more effective or create enhanced funding for Vets.

What would you do to strengthen and support the VSO to ensure Veterans receive timely and effective assistance?

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7. Additional Veteran-Related Issues

Please identify any other veteran-related issues you believe need attention in Jefferson County and how you would address them.

I am unaware of any at this time; however, I would be glad to listen to anyone who has ideas about how we can help our fellow veterans.

8. Closing Statement or short biography

I am running for county commission - District 10 because:

The County (and Towns), needs to update the Planning & Codes Departmental policies and procedures, and the CODE itself needs immediate updating. Last year a mining type operation apparently deceived the county building inspector when applying for a permit and now we have a mining operation blasting rock and spewing dust (and some rocks!) all over one of our schools and all over residential areas.

I am against Exploding unchecked growth such as in new housing developments popping up in the county (and towns) which take up important resources such as our Utilities including water/sewer, electric, etc. Jefferson City residents have recently complained during the water outage that since all these new subdivisions have been built,..... current resident's water pressure is unacceptably low.

There are 1200 new people moving to Jefferson County each year now! That's 6000 new people during the past 5 years! That is also approximately 3000 - 6000 extra cars and trucks driving on our roads, and that creates even more wear on our already aging roads.

I was the first Fire Marshal for the city of Jefferson City several decades ago. Myself and the building Inspector Wayne Hinkle saved most of the old downtown buildings from having to be torn down.

I worked in Federal, State and local government for more than three decades. This gives me a special insight on how governments work and are funded. Further, I attended college at night using the Vietnam G.I. BILL and earned several college degrees. One is a Master of Public Management from ETSU in 2004.

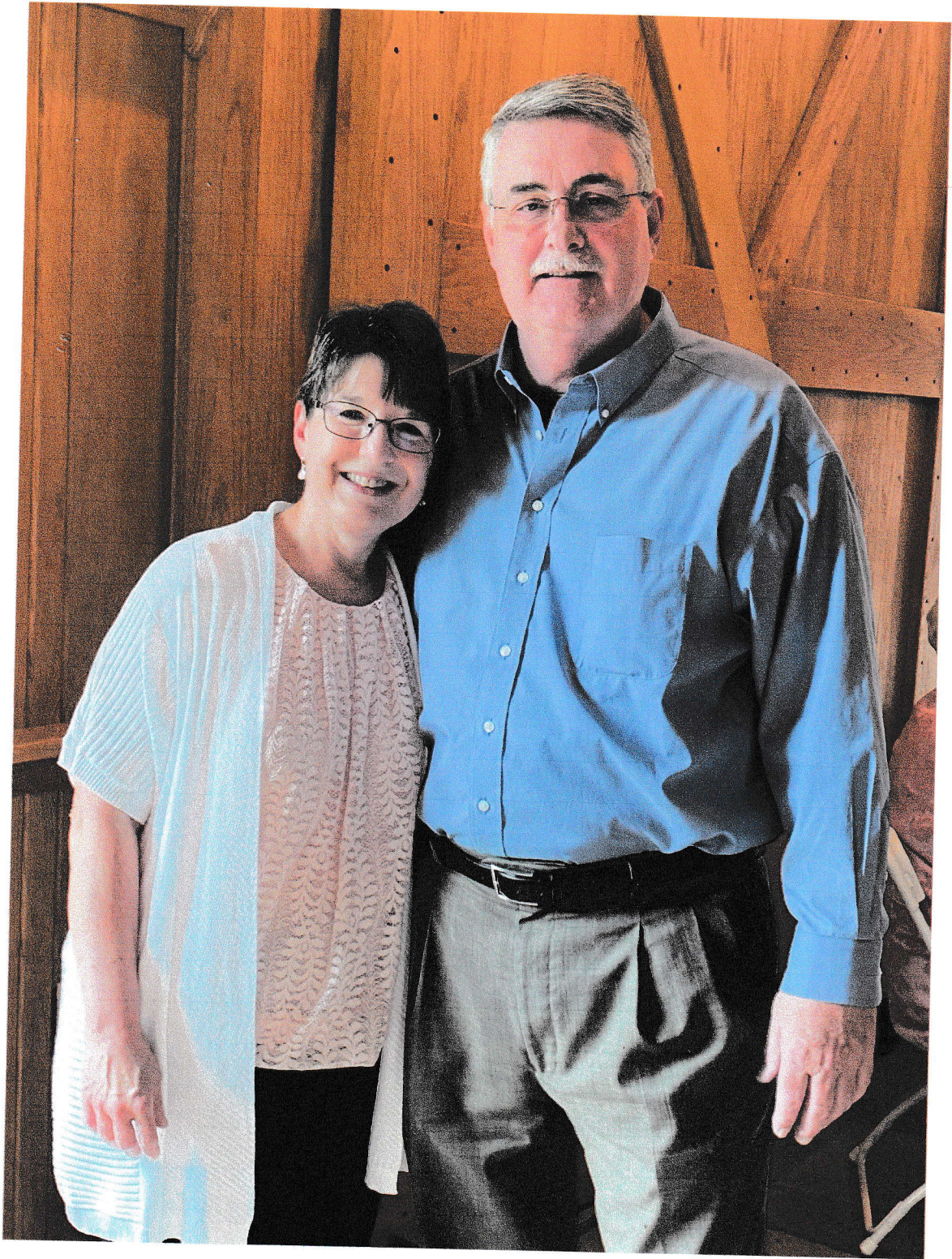
*****This week I have emailed various legislators in Nashville asking them to support a BILL which sends back to Jefferson County a portion of the real estate transfer tax each year. Currently the State keeps almost all of it. This would bring in new revenue for the county.**

I am for low taxes and for being very conservative with the taxpayers' dollars which fund all of the operations and departments in Jefferson County. **We have many long-time residents, senior citizens and veterans** in Jefferson County and **we need to do what we can to protect their way of life and their quality of life.** Change and growth is o.k., but change and growth needs to be at the proper pace and.....not exploding unchecked growth we have now.

I humbly ask for your vote for **County Commissioner - District 10** (if you live in District 10).

If I may be of assistance to you in any way, please feel free to call me anytime at (865) 253-2400.

Signature:  Date: March 4th, 2026



Brett & Kristen Kilgore