

Carteret County News-Times Election Guide: Primaries 2016

County Commissioner - Republicans Districts 3, 5

BOB CAVANAUGH

District 3



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I am 67 years old and currently live in Broad Creek. I am a retired (1988) Marine Corps captain and owner/operator of the oldest landscape company in Carteret County under continuous ownership. My Marine Corps background was in the avionics field, and I earned 12 promotions over a 21-year period.

Carteret County's population has grown around 4 percent since the 2010 census. The N.C. Department of Commerce stats for the county reveal from 2009 through 2013, median household income has decreased from \$49,711 to \$46,227, while the population living below the poverty line has increased 10.7 percent to 14.4 percent during the same period. Unemployment declined from 6.21 percent in fiscal 2013 to the current 5.6 percent. To interpret all this, more people are working for less money in Carteret and to poor salt in the wound ... ad valorem taxes have increased from 23 cents in 2008, to the current 32 cents per \$100 on real estate that has significantly depreciated in value over the same period.

I want to bring some clarity to the County Board of Commissioners about the effect the recession continues to have on the county's people in the midst of all the discussions regarding raising taxes and taking on additional county debt to fund county public building projects, and to hopefully redirect the county government's attention to the importance of economic development and quality job creation.

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My name is Terry Frank. I was born in 1954 and raised on Long Island, New York. I graduated with a degree in business administration from Dowling College, am married to Maryanne and have three children, three grandchildren and a rescue dog, Roxy.

After graduation, I started my career as a manufacturer's representative. In 1984 a decision was made to begin a manufacturing venture on Long Island. In time, the business grew and in 2000, we established an additional facility in Newport then moved the N.Y. operation down in 2003.

I am best suited to serve as county commissioner because of my business experience and years of community service. In N.Y., I served as an EMT and volunteer fireman. Since relocating to Carteret County, I have been a member of the Transportation Committee, Economic Development Council, 2011 Newport long-range planning committee, chairman of the County ABC Board and served on Carteret Health Care Board of Trustees. I am a representative to N.C. East Alliance and serve on the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Consortium. I co-founded the Frank Door Fund at Carteret Community College and support many local organizations. Most importantly, after serving one term as county commissioner, I have experience and knowledge that will enhance my ability to serve the county residents in a second term. Carteret County is a wonderful place to live. It would be an honor to serve for another term.

ELAINE CRITTENTON

District 5



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I was reared in Mill Creek, in rural Carteret County. I went to college and developed a multi-million-dollar high-tech home care business and started my family, moving back to the county in 1988. I live on a portion of the family farm and have raised my two children there. I have been a full-time employee at Carteret Health Care since 1992. Currently, I am the director of infection prevention, employee health and wellness.

I feel best suited to serve another term as your commissioner because my strengths and talents will enable me to continue providing leadership necessary at this time. I am your voice in Raleigh in critical areas where most of your tax dollars are spent. The experience I have gained in my first term will make me a more effective representative for you. My track record speaks for itself and I would consider it an honor to serve you for another term.

Current service:

- Board member, Carteret County Consolidated Human Services Agency
- Member of the NCACC Health and Human Services Steering Committee
- Board member, political appointment, North Carolina Public Health Accreditation Board
- Board member, Carteret LEPC
- Member, Carteret Emergency Planning and Response
- Member, Eastern Regional Advisory Committee
- Member, Waterways Maintenance Committee

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Age: 63
As a life-long resident of Beaufort, I have a passion for this county we call home. After earning my degree from The Citadel, I returned to Carteret County to open my own business. Running your own business requires you to make a budget and stick to it. Without budget discipline, my business would not have survived in the up and down economy we have experienced. We need commissioners who know how to make a fiscally sound budget and stick to it. We need someone who knows the difference between "wants" and "needs."

The latest census numbers show Beaufort to be just a few citizens shy of being Carteret County's second largest town. It is the county seat and a vital part of the county's business and tourism industries. Yet there is not a resident of Beaufort on the Board of Commissioners.

Beaufort needs a voice and the citizens of Carteret County need a fiscal conservative. I believe I fit both of those criteria. I ask the voters for their support as I bring a much needed conservative voice to the Board of Commissioners.

We challenged candidates to take a position in 15 words or less:

How do you think we can bring more quality jobs to Carteret County?	Identify a state-level issue that you believe could significantly impact the Crystal Coast.	Do you support offshore oil exploration and drilling? Why or why not?	How would you rate local spending on county schools? Why?	What is a topic you think county commissioners should be talking about, but aren't?	Do you support a consolidation of county emergency medical services? Why or why not?	Do you support a local option sales tax to fund waterway dredging projects?	Identify an area of the county budget you believe needs further examination.	Would you support spending to construct new county facilities, as proposed by the facilities master plan?	What is the most pressing issue for residents of your specific district?
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District 3 candidates

Bob Cavanaugh	A great question impossible to answer in 15 words or less. My priority is jobs.	Outer Continental Shelf oil/gas exploration.	I support exploration simply to learn what resources and how much is out there.	Student population and county general fund spending has been level for past 10 years.	Job creation.	Yes. Increased efficiency. Why have 10 wheels when only one is needed?	Not as long as state and/or federal funds may be available.	Economic Development Council.	This is a long term project to replace facilities that currently average 43 years of age.	Stormwater runoff.
Terry Frank (i)	By strengthening our relationship with Cherry Point and further developing ties with marine sciences.	Having the state change the county's tier system rating. We are not a wealthy county.	No. It imposes all risk and no documented jobs or economic return specific to Carteret.	Local spending for schools has been flat for the last four years.	Repair of drainage ditches to prevent some of the flooding and mosquito infestation we experience.	Yes, voluntarily when it benefits a community by providing better service for less money.	Yes, it will enable continued port accessibility and benefit commercial fisherman, tourism and boaters.	The entire budget requires scrutiny to assess appropriation of funds for the county's best interest.	Yes, after the plan is fine tuned to meet only true county needs, not wishes.	The need for jobs and affordable housing so our children and grandchildren can stay.

District 5 candidates

Elaine Crittenton (i)	Being suited for "soft" industry, we need to support the incubation of small business and Cherry Point.	I have been outspoken about the state economic development tier system, which punishes our county.	No. The risks far outweigh any small benefit to the state, much less the county.	School spending has been sufficient and our high-ranking schools are a testament to this.	I have received more calls regarding poor drainage and ditch management than any other topic.	Communities want control of squads – the answer may be to place paramedics at closer intervals.	Yes. Dredging of long overlooked waters would benefit watermen, eco-tourism and general health of maritime community.	Constant monitoring, searching for savings and increased efficiencies is a mission of the board.	I'd support building necessary facilities to meet needs, but the FMP is no absolute "do list".	Good jobs with benefits! This district is inclusive of poverty to super affluence, but poverty dominates.
Eddie Bo Wheatly	Reduce traffic light between Raleigh, which drive business interests to Wilmington via I-40.	Proposed changes in the distribution of state sales taxes should be strongly opposed.	Only if proven safe and with guaranteed jobs for Carteret County.	Local schools are well funded. Fund distribution is the issue. Teacher/classroom No. 1 priority.	More focus should be spent on controlling spending throughout the year, not just budget time.	I support the existing community-based system and any changes should be within that structure.	Local option is a tax increase. I do not support increasing taxes.	All areas of budget need further attention and is the only way to control spending.	Too many county offices have moved to MHC. County offices should stay in Beaufort.	Good stewardship of tax dollars is always the most pressing issue for any district.

* The symbol (i) denotes an incumbent candidate