

**From the Chairman**

Fellow Members of Our Committee and Friends of Our Party,

I'm writing to you at a high point for our county Party, after a qualification season that resulted in the greatest number of Republican candidates for county offices in our history. Republicans are now candidates in every competitive race in the county for 2020, and enjoy majorities on both the county commission and board of education. Of the five county-wide elected offices, Republicans now hold three of them, and could hold four after the election. There are many reasons to think that the momentum for our Party is headed in the RIGHT direction for 2020.

While I'm encouraged by our recent success, it is good to remember there is a great deal left to be done. While many of our Republican candidates are incumbents running for reelection, there are still more who will be running against Democrat incumbents in races that will likely be well supported by the Democrat Party. Among these candidates is Mr. Chris Hand, who is running for school superintendent and faces the challenge of winning against a Democrat incumbent in a county-wide race, a feat which has never been accomplished, but which is certainly within our grasp. Winning in this critical race and all the others will require the work of a generous, enthusiastic, cohesive, and well-organized team of Republicans drawing support from throughout the entire county.

Now that qualification is over, the Committee officers and subcommittee chairs and I will turn our focus to raising support, building our Party's infrastructure, and planning future

events to help our candidates win. So, watch your emails for announcements coming up for ways you can get involved. There is always more that can be done.

Always remember to call or drop me an email if you have any questions or suggestions that you'd like to pass along to me or the rest of the Committee. We will not meet in December, so I hope to see you at our next meeting on January 27th, or at the SRC breakfast on December 7th.

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November Agenda

The following items will appear on the agenda

- Approve September meeting minutes and October minutes
- Approve November treasurer's report.
- Consider CCREC Operating Budget
- Consider election of Chuck Lansdell to fill open Committee seat for district 6, place 2

Next Meeting will be held on January 27, 2020

Upcoming Events

The following is the most current calendar of election events for the Committee.

Keep these dates in mind when planning your individual and campaign calendars.

Colbert County Committee Events Calendar	
Date	Event
November 18, 2019	CCREC regular meeting
January 18, 2020	Deadline to report poll workers (45 days prior to election)
January 27, 2020	CCREC regular meeting



February 24, 2020	CCREC regular meeting
March 3, 2020	Statewide Primary Election
March 10, 2020, 5pm	CCREC chairman certifies primary results to ALGOP
March 23, 2020	CCREC regular meeting
April 14, 2020	Primary Runoff Election (if needed)
November 3, 2020	Statewide General Election

ALGOP Open House

Everyone is invited to the ALGOP open house in Birmingham next month. As many of you know, the state executive committee voted to honor past ALGOP chairman, Mr. Bill Armistead, by naming the headquarters building for him. Chairman Armistead oversaw unprecedented growth in our Party and worked tirelessly to raise the money to purchase a permanent home for its leadership and operations. I encourage anyone who can to join the ALGOP staff for this event and the dedication of the Bill Armistead building.



You are Invited

The Alabama Republican Party
invites you to join us for a
Christmas Open House
and
Building Dedication for
The Bill Armistead Building

Thursday, December 12
3:00-6:00 Open House
4:00 Building Dedication Ceremony
3505 Lorna Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35216

RSVP: ALGOPHQ@GMAIL.COM OR 205-212-5900 BY 12/6/19

Tommy Tuberville Meet and Greet

There will be a Tommy Tuberville grassroots meet and greet on Tuesday night November 26, 2019. It will be from 6:00 till 8:00 pm at Sibley Farms 1245 County Road 460/old 24 in Mt. Hope. There will be ribeye steak sandwiches. Please spread the word. If you have any questions please call Karen at 256-303-4112 or 256-303-4220.

Campaign Opportunities

Cam Ward for State Supreme Court Campaign Needs a County Chairman

Sen. Cam Ward's campaign for Alabama State Supreme Court Place 1 is looking for a motivated individual to become a county chair for his campaign in Colbert County. In this role, this person would help coordinate speaking events for Cam with Field Coordinator, Austin Turner, and the Campaign Manager. They would also be over



the grassroots efforts in Colbert County. If anyone is interested, reply to this email and let Austin know.

atcamward2020@gmail.com

Primary Qualification 2020

Candidate qualification for the 2020 primary is now closed. The total number of Republican candidates for public office is now eleven, which is most ever seen in the history of the CCREC! This is a reflection not only of the hard work of the candidate committee members themselves, but also of the courage and determination of the citizens who have come forward to serve and the voters who believe in our common values, goals, and principles of good government.

I commend everyone who played a part in the most successful qualification our Party has ever had, and wish Godspeed to our candidates in their upcoming campaigns!

David Black, Colbert County Commissioner, District 2, Qualifies for Reelection

Commissioner David L. Black has represented county district 2 since 2012, when he became the first Republican elected to office in Colbert County since Reconstruction. He has since that time also represented Colbert County on the Board of Directors for the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. Mr. Black has also been an ardent supporter of the Colbert County Republican Party, and served previously as its chairman from 2010-2014.



Mr. Black started his career in education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas in 1982, where he was the Assistant Director of the Student Center and Student Activities while pursuing graduate studies in public administration. He went on to study at George Mason University, and the University of Alabama. As a teacher in the early nineties, he taught nearly every subject offered in grades K-12 while at Huntsville, and then taught government and economics at Bob Jones High School from 1996-1999, where he was named the Junior Achievement Economics Teacher of the Year three times. Mr. Black has since that time taught economics, political science, and public policy at Jefferson State Community College, Shelton State Community College, and Athens State University, before accepting his current position as professor at the University of North Alabama.



Since becoming a faculty member at UNA, Mr. Black has taught Economics, Finance, History of Economic Theory, International Trade and Finance, Money and Banking, Business Calculus, and US Economic History. In addition to teaching, he has worked as the faculty advisor to the College Republicans since 2002. In that time Mr. Black has sponsored campaign schools for candidates, trained many campaign operatives and Congressional staffers, and helped about ten former students get elected to either public office or positions of leadership in the Republican Party. He has also been the director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), where he advises clients with more than \$20 million in procurement contracts each year.

Commissioner Black first got involved in Republican politics helping Ronald Reagan's campaign for President in 1980. He continued to work for campaigns in Texas, including for U.S. Senate, Governor, and Mayor of Dallas. It was while in Texas that he first volunteered to coordinate a phone bank for the George H. W. Bush campaign in 1988, eventually working for the national campaign staff and then the presidential transition team in Washington, D.C. Following the successful campaign, David worked on the White House staff from 1989-90.

Mr. Black continued to work with political campaigns for the rest of his time in Washington, and then when he returned to Alabama in the early nineties. He has since helped with races for mayor, U.S. Congress, and for George W. Bush's successful presidential campaign. He first became involved in local races in the Shoals when he

helped David Bradford's campaign as a Republican for Colbert County sheriff in 1998, and then Tony Riley's run for Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. He has been a member of CCREC since 2002, and the ALGOP Committee since 2009, and has continued to volunteer and advise campaigns at the local, state, and federal level.

In addition to his teaching career and political activities, Mr. Black has found time to involved and contribute back to his community. He has served as the chairman of the Annual Conference of Society of Business, Industry and Economics (SOBIE); as president of the Board of Directors for the Shoals Symphony; advisor to the Distinguished Events Series (including the Storytelling Festival and Literary Festival); on the Board of Directors for the Sportsman's Club, promoting student athlete scholarships and emphasizing the economic impact of the athletic program; advisor to the Outdoor Activity Center at UNA; as chairman of the board of the Tourism Board of Directors; and as co-chairman of the Friends of Scouting Campaign and Chairman of the annual Steak Social.

Mr. Black has also served as the chairman of the Heroes for Liberty and Freedom Dinner, helping to raise funds for the Military Warriors Support Foundation, which presents mortgage-free homes to wounded veterans. He is also leading a state-wide initiative to raise over \$50K to erect a Gold Star Monument to honor the families of fallen heroes.

Commissioner Black will face Mr. Tyrus Mansell in the primary election to be held on March 3, 2020, to determine the Republican



nominee in the general election on November 3, 2020.

Mr. Jace Kimbrough Qualifies to Run for Colbert County Board of Education, District 5

Mr. Jace Kimbrough ran against Charlie Hovater for Colbert County commission for district 6 in 2016 and came within 272 votes of winning that seat. Now he is back, and this time he's running from district 5, his new home district, for a seat on the county board of education.



Above are (l to r) LeeAnn, Ethan, Jace, and Karlee.

Mr. Kimbrough was born and raised in Colbert County and graduated from Colbert Heights High School in 2000. He has served in public utilities for 17 years, including 9 years on the Hawk Pride Water System Board, where he served as chairman for 6 years. Jace currently works in water/wastewater operations for the Sheffield Utilities District.

Jace's service in youth education and athletics includes 13 years as the 'Voice of the Wildcats' at Colbert Heights High School, 11 years as a volunteer coach for youth league sports at Colbert Heights, and 3 years as treasurer of the Colbert Heights Youth Baseball/Softball Board. He is

currently a member of the Colbert County Schools Education Foundation.

Jace has been married to LeeAnn Oswalt Kimbrough (CHHS, 2001) for 17 years, and together they have two children, Karlee Grace, a junior at CHH, and Ethan, an 8th grader at CHHS.

Mr. James Christopher "Chris" Hand Qualifies to Run for Colbert County Schools Superintendent

Chris Hand is a lifelong resident of Colbert County and graduated with honors from Colbert Heights High School in 1992. He holds a B.S. in Secondary Education/Social Sciences and a Master's in Education Administration from the University of North Alabama.

Mr. Hand started his career as a teacher working as an aide in special education at New Bethel Elementary nearly twenty years ago. He went on to teach social studies and career tech courses at Decatur High School while also serving as a junior varsity football assistant coach and assistant coach for the high school boys' and girls' soccer teams.

Following his time at Decatur, Mr. Hand spent 10 years teaching US History and US Government/Economics at Deshler High School before becoming the principal at the GW Trenholm Primary School. Finally, the Tuscumbia school system called on Mr. Hand and his wealth of experience from his work in the construction and manufacturing industries and his talent as a technical project manager to serve as the chief capital planner and projects supervisor in the role of Director of Facilities for Tuscumbia City Schools. In this role Mr. Hand has direct responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the



facilities for the entire school system, as well as the overall supervision of new capital projects like the newly installed turf football field at Deshler High School.

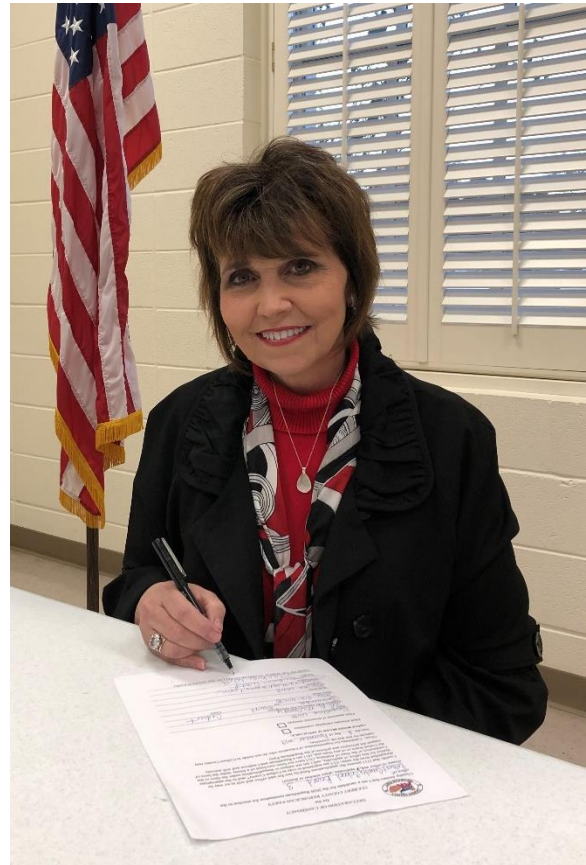
Chris and his wife, Melinda, have been married for 22 years and have two children, Lauren, a 10th grader at Deshler High School, and Riley, who is in first grade at GW Trenholm Primary School. Their family has called Tuscumbia home for the past seventeen years.



Mrs. Jackie Witt Qualifies to Run for Colbert County Board of Education, District 3

Mrs. Witt worked in the Colbert County School System for over 30 years. She has served as a teacher, counselor, behavioral intervention specialist, and school principal. After retiring from the school system, she went into business for herself and opened an antique store in downtown Tuscumbia. Jackie now serves the people of her community helping them buy homes for their

families as an agent with Re/Max Tri-State. Jackie and her husband, Dwight Witt, who is retired from Norfolk Southern, live in Tuscumbia. Together they have four children and eight grandchildren.



**Introducing Chuck Lansdell, Candidate
for CCREC Seat for District 6, Place 2**

I would like to introduce the members and supporters of the Committee to Mr. Chuck Lansdell. Chuck has visited with our meetings on several occasions and has recently expressed a desire to serve on the Committee and represent district 6.

In late October I had the chance to sit down and talk with Chuck about his background and his views about local politics and how he wants to help our Party. He lives in Cherokee, but happened to be visiting a needy family in Muscle Shoals whom he'd come to help, so we met in Sheffield to talk.

Chuck is currently the pastor of Riverton Community Church, a non-denominational church in Cherokee. Before becoming pastor at Riverton, Chuck served at Cherokee Cumberland Presbyterian and Maud Presbyterian. He began his work as a pastor in the mid-1990s, after becoming inspired as

an elder and Sunday-school teacher to attend his church's program of alternate studies.

Chuck's story began when he was born in Sheffield in 1958. He grew up in Colbert County and eventually went to work for TVA in the emergency services department, where he retired after 27 years. During that time, he served as both a firefighter and emergency medical technician. Chuck says that working for the federal government all those years taught him about how difficult it can be to get things accomplished in an overgrown and bureaucratic organization like TVA. He told me that he became an expert in finding ways to work around the system using local vendors and some ingenuity to find solutions to simple problems.

In 1992 Chuck decided to get into politics, and got himself elected mayor of Cherokee. He went on to serve three consecutive terms, until 2004. After he left the mayor's office, Chuck says that the people of Cherokee, believing in his leadership, asked him to come back. He eventually agreed to run again, and served a fourth and final term. Chuck says he is very much a "constitutionalist" in his political views. He believes in limited government, and in a good value for the taxpayers' money. He has never run in a partisan race, and explains that he never considered running as a Democrat.

In addition to his career at TVA, pastoring, and serving as the mayor, Chuck also found time to serve with the Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years. He spends his spare time now working to help people in need in his community. Chuck and his wife, Tina, have been married for 29 years.