



The Lincoln-Reagan Dinner September 12th, 2026

The Pender County GOP's premier event of the fall is shaping up to be one to remember!

We are honored to welcome North Carolina State Auditor Dave Boliek as our keynote speaker. Combined with the exciting new venue at The Barn at Five Star Stables and outstanding catering by Sawmill Grill, this year's event promises to be a fantastic evening of great food, fellowship, and conservative leadership.

Get your tickets soon! If the success of our previous events is any indication, we expect tickets to sell quickly. Don't miss this opportunity to join fellow Republicans and supporters for what promises to be a memorable evening!

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Invites you to

The Lincoln-Reagan Dinner

**With NC State Auditor
Dave Boliek**



**6:00pm - 9:00pm September 12, 2026
At the Barn at Five Star Stables**



319 Quarter Horse Ln,
Hampstead, NC 28443

Tickets \$45.00
per Person



Beth Burns Appointed to BOCC District 1 Seat



The Pender County Executive Committee met Thursday, August 20, in Hampstead to vote on filling the vacancy on the Pender County Board of Commissioners created by the resignation of Brad George.

Two candidates, Beth Burns and Shayne Frey, addressed the Executive Committee and made their cases for why they should be selected to fill the vacancy. Following the presentations, the Executive Committee voted 15-14 to appoint Beth Burns.

Mrs. Burns will serve the remainder of the term through December.

Of note, this appointment does not change the candidates who will appear on the ballot in November. Mrs. Burns will not be added to the General Election ballot as a result of this appointment.

August Montly Meeting

On August 20, the Party faithful gathered for our monthly meeting at Eggs Up Grill in Hampstead. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from North Carolina Labor Commissioner Luke Farley, who shared inspiring words and insights with those in attendance. The Pender County GOP sincerely thanks Commissioner Farley for taking the time to join us.



We were also honored to have many of our elected officials and community leaders in attendance, including District Attorney Jason Smith; Sheriff Alan Cutler; Superior Court Judge Kent Harrell; Clerk of Court Elizabeth Craver; County Commissioners Randy Burton, Jerry Groves, Jimmy Tate, and Brent Springer; Pender County Board of Education Members Jennifer Hansen, Beth Burns, Don Hall, and Tommy Reeves; and Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Jim Burns.

The Sample Ballot is Out!

The Board of Elections has released the Pender County General Election Ballot. You can view your ballot through the NC State Board of Elections “Your Voter Record” portal.

As you can see on the sample ballot to the left, all of our fantastic Republican nominees are marked in **red**.

Important Things to Note:

The General Election ballot is two pages. Several important contests, including Clerk of Superior Court and Sheriff, are located on page two, so be sure to review both pages of your ballot.

There are also three proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution on the ballot. These amendments are also located on page two. The Pender County Republican Party supports a “FOR” vote on each of these amendments.

Finally, on page two is the Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor contest. This race is different from the other contests on the ballot because you will vote for two candidates by filling in the oval next to each of your choices.

This is a nonpartisan race, and five registered Republicans are candidates for the two available seats. As with the primary, the Pender County Republican Party does not have an official position on any individual candidate in this race.

The candidates are:

- Ivan Blume – Hampstead
- Michael Wells – Burgaw
- W.W. “Bill” Murrell (Incumbent) – Ivanhoe
- Gene Lanier (Incumbent) – Burgaw
- Jennifer Hornacek – Currie

We wish all five candidates the best of luck!

Be informed. Make a plan. Vote Republican!

PARTISAN ELECTIONS	NC State Senate District 9 (You may vote for ONE)	Pender County Board of Commissioners District 1 (You may vote for ONE)
US Senate (You may vote for ONE)	Brent Jackson <i>Republican Party</i>	Shayne Frey <i>Republican Party</i> Tim Zizaack <i>Democratic Party</i>
Michael Dublin <i>Green Party</i> Roy Cooper <i>Democratic Party</i> Shannon W. Bray <i>Libertarian Party</i> Michael Whatley <i>Republican Party</i>	NC House of Representatives District 16 (You may vote for ONE)	Pender County Board of Commissioners District 2 (You may vote for ONE)
US House of Representatives District 7 (You may vote for ONE)	Carson Smith <i>Republican Party</i> Jim Harris <i>Democratic Party</i>	Ryan Collins <i>Republican Party</i> Brookey Hardee <i>Democratic Party</i>
Maad Abu-Ghazalah <i>Libertarian Party</i> David Rouzer <i>Republican Party</i> Kimberly Hardy <i>Democratic Party</i>	NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 1 (You may vote for ONE)	Pender County Board of Commissioners District 3 (You may vote for ONE)
NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 1 (You may vote for ONE)	Lindsey L. McKee <i>Republican Party</i>	Andy Jessie DeVane <i>Republican Party</i>
Anita Earls <i>Democratic Party</i> Sarah Stevens <i>Republican Party</i>	NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 2 (You may vote for ONE)	Pender County Board of Commissioners District 4 Unexpired term ending 2028 (You may vote for ONE)
NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 1 (You may vote for ONE)	Kurt B. Fryar <i>Republican Party</i> James H. Faison III <i>Democratic Party</i>	Jimmy T. Tate <i>Republican Party</i>
Michael C. Byrne <i>Republican Party</i> John S. Arrowood <i>Democratic Party</i>	NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 3 (You may vote for ONE)	Pender County Board of Education District 1 (You may vote for ONE)
NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 2 (You may vote for ONE)	Melinda H. Crouch <i>Democratic Party</i> Janelle L. Cline <i>Republican Party</i>	Jennifer R. Hansen <i>Republican Party</i>
George Cooper Bell <i>Republican Party</i> Tobias (Toby) Hampson <i>Democratic Party</i>	NC District Court Judge District 6 Seat 4 (You may vote for ONE)	Pender County Board of Education District 2 (You may vote for ONE)
NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 3 (You may vote for ONE)	Katherine Corpening <i>Democratic Party</i> Chad Hogston <i>Republican Party</i>	Jason K. Jordan <i>Republican Party</i>
Craig Collins <i>Republican Party</i> Christine Marie Walczyk <i>Democratic Party</i>	District Attorney District 6 (You may vote for ONE)	Pender County Board of Education District 4 (You may vote for ONE)
	Jason W. Smith <i>Republican Party</i>	Jason Spivey <i>Republican Party</i>
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Pender County, North Carolina	November 3, 2026
Pender County Clerk of Superior Court (You may vote for ONE)	Constitutional Amendment
Camille Costin Harrell <i>Republican Party</i> Write-in	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments. For Against
Pender County Sheriff (You may vote for ONE)	End of Ballot
Alan W. Cutler <i>Republican Party</i>	
NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS	
Pender County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor (You may vote for TWO)	
Ivan Christopher Blume Michael Shaun Wells W.W. (Bill) Murrell, Jr. Gene Buron Lanier Jennifer Hornacek Write-in Write-in	
REFERENDA	
Constitutional Amendment	
Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting. For Against	
Constitutional Amendment	
Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%). For Against	



Upcoming Pender County GOP Events

In October, we will need volunteers to help staff early voting locations from October 15–31 and support election efforts on Election Day, November 3.

October 15 – Monthly Meeting w/ Local Candidates – Hampstead (Eggs Up Grill)

October 17 – Autumn Fest – Burgaw

November 7-8 – The Spot Festival - Hampstead

November 19 – Monthly Meeting with Brian Smith – Burgaw (Bandanas)

December 12 – Volunteer Appreciation/Christmas Party – Olde Point, Hampstead

Pender GOP Mobile HQ

For this election cycle, the Pender GOP will be conducting a Mobile HQ.

Volunteers will set up at different locations throughout the county to engage with voters, distribute campaign materials and signs, and provide voter registration information.

Tentative Schedule (Sites TBD): September 19 – Burgaw; September 26 – Hampstead; October 3 – Burgaw, October 10 – Hampstead

If you would like to volunteer a location on one of these dates, or if you are willing to set up and operate the Mobile HQ on a different date and at a different location, please contact Ryan Collins at rcollins018@yahoo.com.

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