BGSU Votes Key Issues

Midterm Elections
Nonpartisan Key Issues List

Wood County Judge of Common Pleas
  Matthew L. Reger

Wood County Commissioner
  (R) Doris Herringshaw

Wood County Auditor
  (R) Matthew R. Oestreich

State Issues

State Issue 1
Constitutional Amendment - Joint resolution to require courts to consider public safety when setting bail (including seriousness of the offense, previous criminal records of the offender, the likelihood the person would return to court, and other factors prescribed by Ohio courts)

State Issue 2
Constitutional Amendment - Require that only citizens of the United States that are over 18 years old and have been a legal resident and registered voter for at least 30 days prior to the election can vote in state and local elections. Additionally, prohibits local governments from allowing a person to vote in local elections if they are not qualified to vote in state elections.

Tax Levies

Perrysburg Township
Tax Levy Renewal - A renewal of a tax "for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads, and bridges" and at a rate not more than $0.00015 (or 1.5 mills) for each $1 of cost. This is equal to $0.15 per $100. Five year tax, commencing in 2023, first due in 2024.
Gubernatorial Election Information

Ohio Governor & Lieutenant Governor

(D) Nan Whaley and Cheryl Stephens

Jobs - Ensuring that Ohio jobs provide benefits and wages that are liveable, and making sure that one job is enough to support them and their family. Focus on investing in Ohio businesses and entrepreneurs, as well as growing 21st century jobs.

Ethics - Create a new Public Accountability Commission to investigate political wrongdoing, more funding for agencies dedicated to upholding ethics in Ohio, as well as holding her own administration accountable and closing dark money loopholes.

Environment - Fighting to protect access to clean water, air, and jobs. Signed onto the Marshall Plan for Middle America and plans to repeal Ohio House Bill 6.

Abortion - Defend abortion rights for Ohioans. Veto anti-abortion legislation, maintain commitment to pro-choice policy, and appoint a pro-choice director of the Ohio Department of Public Health.

Education - Create a Universal Preschool Program to ensure high-quality education for Ohio 3 and 4-year olds. Maintain funding reforms in the K-12 system, and make community college and trade schools in Ohio more affordable.

Families - Make paid family leave an option for families going through hard times, which she did for municipal employees in Dayton, OH. Also policy and ideas to keep kids safe in schools.

Veterans - Making sure that veterans have access to what they are entitled to: the right to be healthy, to have a job, shelter, and housing, and, ultimately, the right to justice.

Appalachia - Providing Appalachia with Universal Broadband by 2028, growing Appalachia jobs and innovation. Addressing the opioid crisis, and making sure that veterans in Appalachia are supported.

Lowering Prescription Prices - Believes prescription drug prices are too high, and will fight to lower them to make sure Ohioans can afford their life-saving medication.

Inflation Rebate - To help Ohioans with economic inflation, "offering individuals making up to $80,000 or couples making up to $160,000 a year or under" inflation rebates of $350 or $700 respectively.
Gun Safety - Repealing dangerous bills such as Stand Your Ground, permitless concealed carry, and arming teachers, and pushing for common-sense gun legislation including universal background checks and red flag laws.

Energy & Environment - Reform PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio) to focus more on consumer interests, create jobs in Ohio based on clean energy. Also creating "climate resilient communities."

LGBTQ+ Programs - Passing the Fairness Act, which outlaws discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Opioid - Will fight to protect Medicaid expansion, which is vital for getting people on the path to recovery. Also plans to issue an executive order to revitalize the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team to better address the crisis.

(R) Mike DeWine and Jon Husted

Veterans - Provides resources to military members and their families regarding job opportunities, education, and more. Has expanded military and federal installations across Ohio during his administration, with a focus on Aerospace.

High Speed Internet - Created BroadbandOhio in March 2020 to expand access to high-speed internet across Ohio.

Criminal Reform - Created the Expedited Pardon Project 2019 as a way to aid reformed, previously incarcerated people and help them get a pardon faster. It gives these qualifying ex-offenders "one-on-one application assistance and allows them to bypass the waitlist for pardon consideration."

Environment - Created H2Ohio in 2019 to improve water quality across Ohio, and address serious water issues in the state. The program’s targeted priorities are "reducing phosphorus," "creating wetlands," addressing falling septic systems," and "preventing lead contamination."

Economy & Jobs - The Common Sense Initiative reviews rules that impact Ohio businesses, and aims to help Ohioan business-owners navigate regulatory obstacles.

Childcare - The Children’s Initiative aims to increase Ohio’s quality of childcare, provide mental health support in schools, reform the foster care system, and provide home-visitors for the benefit of parents and children alike. Also a focus on pediatric/childhood mental health.
Addiction Aid - RecoveryOhio is dedicated to helping end the stigma around addiction through education, as well as increasing development in the recovery workforce and providing treatment and recovery support.

Faith-Based Communities - Build a "strong network of compassion" through mapping faith-based leaders in Ohio, fortifying the faith-based and nonprofit sector though funding and education, as well as collaborating with these organizations for local solutions.

**Other Ohio Election Information**

**Ohio Attorney General**

**Jeffrey A. Crossman**

Priorities - Protecting the rights/freedoms of Ohio citizens, fostering economic growth, keeping workers safe, and ensuring retirement security for Ohio's workers.

Reproductive Rights - Pro-choice and aims to ensure reproductive freedoms for Ohioans. Also wants to make Ohio a state in which the gender pay gap and other disparities begin to diminish.

Nonpartisanship - Aims to keep in mind both sides of the aisle and make decisions that are best for all Americans.

Gun Rights - Believes that there should be more programs and initiatives that promote firearm safety. Wants to implement ideas such as universal background checks, safe storage laws, and modest waiting periods. Supports law-abiding firearm ownership.

LGBTQ+ Rights - Supports the LGBTQ+ community and believes in equal rights for people regardless of gender or sexuality.

(R) Dave Yost

Politicians - Helped to make it a criminal offense for public officials to use public funds for their campaigns.

Monopolies - Promoted an amendment to the constitution that would ban special interest monopolies in Ohio from getting involved in the state's laws.

Ohio Stops Fraud - Recommended ways to monitor, identify, and combat fraud, including creating the app Ohio Stops Fraud. Has also increased fraud detection and prevention training programs in Ohio for law enforcement.
Tax Dollars - Passed new laws requiring performance audits of state agencies and higher education institutions to save tax dollars. Also helped launch SkinnyOhio.org to aid local governments with tools to better serve the people while still saving tax dollars.

School Systems - Discovered that several schools in Ohio were scrubbing student data to make themselves appear better in data sets regarding attendance and scores. Also helped pass charter school reforms to strengthen accountability, provide transparency, and prevent conflicts of interest.

Ohio Auditor

(D) Taylor Sappington

Priorities - Aims to "balance the books and, when necessary, catch the crooks" by keeping a close eye on records and funding to make sure that Ohio's state finances are properly handled and that nothing slips through the cracks.

(R) Keith Faber

Priorities - Aims to create a government that is accountable for its actions, transparent, and efficient by cutting regulations and red tape, as well as reining in wasteful spending. Also wants to improve higher education affordability and efficiency.

Ohio Secretary of State

(D) Chelsea Clark

Voting Rights - Wants to protect the right to vote for all citizens in Ohio, as well as expanding automatic voter registration and early voting days and hours, and allowing for same day voter registration and online absentee ballot requests. Also wants to create an opt-in system for Ohio voters to automatically receive mail-in ballots.

Election Integrity - Aims to bolster Ohio's cybersecurity to guard against foreign interference in elections, modernize Ohio's voter registration database, and remove loopholes that allow for "dark money" in politics to go unreported.

Small Businesses - Wants to work with various state and local departments in Ohio in order to ensure that Ohio businesses have the necessary help to operate in the state. Ideas for Veteran, Minority, and Women-owned business resources, as well as concepts for the Ohio Business Snapshot survey, which would collect beneficial data.
(R) Frank LaRose

Voting Rights - Emphasis on getting Ohioans to vote; the Ohio Military Votes program helps overseas military members have the necessary information to vote in Ohio, and other programs such as Grads Vote and Styling for Democracy aim to increase voter turnout.

Ohio Safety - Safe At Home is a program that helps victims of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, rape, or sexual battery to apply for an alternate address to protect their actual address from public records.

Public Safety Officials - Allows various public safety officers and positions to redact their address from public databases for their own safety.

Ohio Treasurer

(D) Scott Schertzer

Priorities - Wants to be a champion of "true accountability" in handling the funds of Ohio citizens, from their tax dollars to their pensions, and ensure that wasteful spending is caught and dealt with. Also aims to work with school districts in Ohio to create voluntary financial literacy programs in high schools.

(R) Robert Sprague

Priorities - Wants Ohio's treasury department to be transparent, and helped to create a system that allows Ohioans to see up-to-date expenditure data easily. Also aims to relieve families of financial stressors and help solve the various issues that plague Ohioans.

Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

(D) Jennifer Brunner

Vision - Envisions an Ohio justice system in which the law is upheld with accountability, openness, and fairness for all Ohioans.

(R) Sharon L. Kennedy

Vision - Aims to protect the freedoms of Ohioans by upholding the constitution through law.
Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

(D) Terri Jamison

Vision - Aims to make Ohio a place in which the citizens are provided equal justice under the law, no matter their background. Believes it is extremely important that a judge's opinion should not be swayed by the public or bought.

(R) Pat Fischer

Priorities - Places importance on being able to listen to all sides of an issue and knowing the law in and out.

(R) Pat DeWine

Priorities - Strong belief in judicial restraint. Currently serving, and "has helped move the Ohio Supreme Court in a more conservative direction."

75th Ohio House District Representative

(D) Jan K. Materni

Priorities - Aims to invest in Ohio's infrastructure, better fund schools, end unfunded mandates, invest in renewable energy to reinvigorate the economy, address quality of life and cost of living issues in Ohio, and defend the civil and human rights afforded to Ohioans such as voting and anti-discrimination.

(R) Haraz N. Ghanbari

Priorities - U.S. Navy and Army veteran dedicated to protecting the people of Ohio.

Ohio State Board of Education (2nd District)

Sarah McGervey

Experience - Currently teaches middle school, has previously taught elementary and worked in a variety of other teaching and childcare roles since 2009.

Teresa Fedorn

Experience - Currently serving in the Ohio State Senate, and previously served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 2000-2018.
U.S. 5th Congressional District Representative

(D) Craig Swartz

The All-American Tax Act - Would make the first $36,000 of earned income tax-free. Plan would be paid for by ensuring the top 1% pays their share.

Healthcare - Pro-choice. Make Medicare accessible to more people by lessening eligibility requirements. Aims to reinvest in mental-health facilities and programs. Wants to strengthen medical marijuana availability, as well as regulations and pricing. Believes the U.S. needs to focus on rehabilitation for those affected by the opioid crisis.

Environment - Believes the U.S. should increase renewable energy from 10% to 20%. Wants to spearhead clean water and air initiatives.

Human Rights - Believes in LGBTQ+ rights and equality. Thinks unionization and labor rights are of the utmost importance and wants to create higher-paying jobs and better working conditions. Aims to protect civil liberties such as gun ownership, while making sure Americans are safe. Wants to pass federal voting rights to stop disenfranchisement.

Education - Wants the U.S. to adopt Common Sense Education, which would reduce testing and rigid methods.

Foreign Affairs - Aims to expand and revamp processing for DREAMers, undocumented, and incoming immigrants, making it easier to become a legal citizen of the U.S. Wants to analyze defense spending and take on peaceful and proactive foreign policies.

(R) Bob Latta

Constitutional Rights - Strong emphasis on protecting Americans' second amendment rights, especially the right to bear arms.

Economics - Aims to cut superfluous spending, and make sure that current elected officials are not creating more debt for future generations to pay off. Also wants to lessen regulation and taxation for small businesses. Believes the U.S. needs simpler tax codes and regulations.

Human Rights - Pro-life. Believes that unborn pregnancies should be protected, and that funding for "anti-life" policies and programs needs to cease.
Immigration - Wants to increase border security and put an end to sanctuary cities. Hopes to create a verification system to check the legal status of employees, making sure that employers don't profit off of "illegal work." Also believes that the immigration system is broken and changes need to be made to make entering the U.S. legally an easier process.

Military Funding - Ensure the military and fighting forces in the U.S. are fully funded. Aims to make sure that veterans get the support they need after combat.

Healthcare - Wants to repeal Obamacare in favor of "patient-centered" healthcare.

U.S. Senate
(D) Tim Ryan

Workers Rights - Aims to protect the PRO Act, which would continue to allow workers to organize and fight for their rights in the workplace. Also wants to raise minimum wage to $15, expand access to quality child care, and protect retirement rights.

Infrastructure - Wants to make America a place of manufacturing once again and bring back the success of American-made products by creating jobs and revitalizing Ohio communities. Also hopes to invest in bringing better roads, bridges, and high-speed internet to rural Ohio, as well as making sure those in rural areas are provided with opportunities to develop skills for high-paying job while their areas are modernized and revitalized.

Healthcare - Committed to bringing down healthcare costs, as well as lowering requirements to qualify for Medicare. Pro-choice. Focus on black maternal health and lowering black maternal mortality rates. Also seeks to create programs to aid in recovery for those affected by the opioid crisis.

Senior Citizen Rights - Ensure that the amount of money seniors receive from their pensions and social security fluctuates with changing costs of living by increasing benefits and lowering taxes.

Environment - Focus on combating climate change by expanding clean energy, creating jobs in the process. Also wants to make sure that the air and water that are necessary for survival are safe and clean.

National Security & Military - Aims to close pay gaps between different stations in the military, as well as to increase pay and benefits for military members. Also hopes to expand training and programs that will aid troops in the transition back to civilian life, ensuring that they are able to secure well-paying jobs.

Education - Invest in high quality and affordable child care, universal preschool, and two years of community college tuition-free. Also supports tuition-free college in exchange for public service, student refinancing of loans, and expanding loan forgiveness.
Human Rights - Committed to ending racial disparities by aiding Black and Brown communities with business aid, high quality K-12 education, quality healthcare, and ensuring their right to vote. Also believes in the equality of the LGBTQ+ community and has sponsored legislation to protect them.

Gun Rights - Wants to expand gun safety reform by requiring background checks to make sure dangerous criminals cannot get guns. Also wants to aid and invest in better law enforcement training to protect citizens and help fight against the spread of drugs, while also helping restore the trust in law enforcement on the heels of police brutality issues and systemic racism.

Immigration - Believes that the U.S. immigration system needs reform, and hopes to help fund a system that will streamline legal entry into the country for immigrants.

(R) JD Vance

First Amendment Rights - Believes that the poverty and crime in the U.S. is due to failure of previous leaders to keep the country safe, and that by expressing First Amendment rights that have been dampened, "We the People" can influence the country positively.

Economy - Wants to reign in "runaway spending" and streamline expenditure to only be for necessary expenses. Also seeks to focus on and aid American local businesses over "anti-American multinationals."

Energy Independence - Believes that the U.S. needs to stop purchasing foreign oil and gas, and instead use gas and oil reservoirs within the country to keep the energy in America.

Infrastructure - Bring back jobs for working class Americans and keep manufacturing within the U.S.

Immigration - Aims to reduce the number of "unchecked, illegal immigrants" that enter the country, and instead reform the U.S. border control system to admit immigrants based on skill. Also wants to continue border wall construction and effectively double the number of border agents in the country.

Healthcare - Pro-life. Wants to expand adoption, promote pregnancy centers, and expand child tax credits to aid new parents financially. Also believes that the U.S. is a country of second chances, and that the opioid epidemic needs to be addressed.

Dismantle Big Tech - Wants to reduce the power of big tech companies in the U.S. economy and politics. Also aims to ban the theft of personal information and data.

Foreign Affairs - Believes that the U.S. military should stop sending troops to aid countries seeking to build their nations, and stop accepting the refugees from those countries. Wants American troops to fight America's wars.
Gun Rights - Aims to protect second amendment rights and fight back against those who want to restrict Americans from buying guns or ammunition.

Election Integrity - Believes that U.S. elections need to be stricter by going "back to having an election day in this country, not an election season." Aims to do this by implementing Voter ID laws, requiring signatures on absentee ballots, and ending mass mail-in voting.