

Charlie's Picks, 2022 Primary Races

Charlie's Picks are always my opinions of the candidates I believe should win, based upon my research as well as information from other people I have learned to trust. As always, you may have information of which I am unaware and therefore have different opinions from mine which is understandable.

Governor **MARK SHERWOOD** I changed from Governor Stitt to Sherwood on June 14th, please let me explain. If I thought Mr. Sherwood had any chance to beat Governor Stitt I would vote for Stitt as I don't believe Mr. Sherwood could beat the Democrat Joy Hoffmiester in the general election. Therefore, my vote is a protest vote toward the Governor. One year after he was elected, I analyzed his performance and gave him a grade of 65% good. Today I would grade him at about 50%. He has done many good things for Oklahoma and many things that are harmful. He is a successful business man and has done the difficult work in trying to deal with the tribes. But he is not much of an economist and he is a mixed bag when it comes to appointments. He has been a disaster when it comes to the board of regents that oversees the University of Oklahoma. Stitt has had an opportunity to totally change the quality of the board of regents to clean out the liberalism at OU but has ignored recommendations from conservatives.

State Auditor & Inspector **CINDY BYRD** Because of my past involvement with OCPAC, this was a tough one until very recently. Turns out Cindy Byrd has done an excellent job and in my opinion Bob Linn has barked up a wrong tree in his opposition toward her. I believe more will come out about this with time, but it appears the dark money group that took out 11 of the best Republican lawmakers in the 2018 races are active again, this time to defeat Cindy.

State Attorney General **JOHN M O'CONNER** This is not only the easiest pick it is perhaps the most important race of the primary season. Scott Pruitt was the best AG in state history until John O'Conner was appointed by Governor Stitt. He is honest, a very smart attorney and has done all that can be done regarding federal overreach, especially when it comes to the terrible McGirt decision by the U.S Supreme Court. His opponent, Mr. Drummond has a long history of donating to Democrat candidates. He has recently been the recipient of donations from 36 major Democrat donors that have also contributed to Democrat Gubernatorial candidate Joy Hofmiester. Federal records show he made a \$1,000 contribution to Joe Biden for President in August of 2020. Need I say more?

State Treasurer **TODD RUSS** I know all 3 candidates and was initially going to vote for David B. Hooten. However, there has been a recent swirl of allegations regarding Mr. Hooten. I have known Todd since he was first elected to the legislature. He is the most qualified person that has high moral character and is a serious Christian. I would never vote for my former State Senator Clark Jolley.

Superintendent of Public Instruction **RYAN WALTERS** I have been shocked by the conspiracy theories about Mr. Walters. I believe most of which is coming from the Union Bosses affiliated with the teacher unions. Ryan was a history teacher from the McAllester school district. Governor Stitt appointed him to be his Secretary of Education (one of Stitt's good appointments) about half way through his first term. I have heard Ryan teach history and he is excellent. He and his wife also home school their children which is probably why the Unions don't like him. He is a huge proponent of educational freedom and believes in holding the government schools accountable. He exposed the Stillwater schools bathroom policies.

Labor Commissioner **SEAN ROBERTS** Sean “the patriot” Roberts has just been termed out after being in the State House for the past 12 years where he finished with a respectable lifetime Conservative Index score of a 79. The incumbent, Leslie Osborn probably hasn’t accomplished a single thing in the past 4 years but draw a big pay check. She is nothing like former Labor Commissioner Mark Costello, the best ever in that position for the state of Oklahoma

Corporation Commissioner **TODD THOMSEN** I don’t like any of these candidates so I will put a clothes pin on my nose and vote for Mr. Thomsen. I base that on the advice from an oil man that told me he believed Todd would be the best candidate to help Oklahoma’s oil and gas industry.

United States Senator **JACKSON LAHMEYER** Over a year ago I wrote an article about why I switched from Lankford to Lahmeyer. In that article I explained what a close relationship I had with James but how I believed he was enticed to become a typical swamp creature. James asked President Trump for an endorsement and was told absolutely not. Bottom line, I believe James has failed to understand that he cannot be all things to all people. In the day in which we live we must discern the good guys from the bad guys and never give an inch to the bad guys. Lahmeyer and Lankford are both Christians and Ministers which is a good thing. However, I believe Jackson will be a much better Senator than James in the long run. Lahmeyer is young, smart, courageous and will make a better senator than James. Polling shows this race is very close with Lankford not seeming to be able to get over 50%. There is a good chance President Trump will endorse Mr. Lahmeyer, and if so that should put him over the top.

United States Senator (to replace Jim Inhofe) **NATHAN DAHM or SCOTT PRUITT** I have endorsed Nathan but I will vote for Nathan or Scott if polling in the final week shows one of these 2 pulling ahead of the other. There will most likely be a run-off, probably between Markwayne Mullin and T.W. Shannon. If Pruitt and Dahm were not dividing the conservative vote, one of them might edge out Shannon? I have met Markwayne but don’t really know him, I love T.W. and believe he was the most conservative and finest Speaker of the House in the history of Oklahoma government. However, T.W. is too close to the tribes and is in favor of the McGirt decision which is a disaster unfolding on a daily basis. I am impressed with Alex Gray and Randy Grellner but not so much with Luke Holland. The rest of the pack aren’t viable.

United States Representative (CD 2) **JOHN BENNETT or JOSH BRECHEEN** Either of these 2 would make a fabulous Representative, but here again they are going to divide up the conservative vote. Hopefully one of them will be in the run-off. The last person we want serving in this district is Avery Frix from Muskogee, a particularly egregious lawmaker with a lifetime Conservative Index Score of a 56.

United States Representative (CD 3) **WADE BURLESON** What an exciting and important race between Mr. Burleson, the recently retired Enid pastor and historian par-de-excellence and the career politician Frank Lucas. This race is exciting because Mr. Burleson has a real chance to unseat Representative Lucas and it is important because Wade would be a dramatic improvement over Frank. I have known Frank since before he was elected to the state Legislature and though he is a nice fellow, he and Tom Cole are our 2 most liberal Congressmen, thoroughly infected with Washington’s “swamp fever.”

United States Representative (CD 4) **JAMES TAYLOR** I first met Tom Cole when he was the State Republican Chairman before he was elected to the State Senate and before he was elected to Congress. He is by far Oklahoma's worst member of Congress, a true liberal that obtained a lot of power and wealth due to the voters in his district not closely following his voting record or perhaps too many of them really don't understand the principles of good government. Dr. Taylor is brilliant, a pastor and school teacher, a man of high moral character and he would be a huge improvement over Cole. However, his pathway to victory is difficult. There is another candidate in the race. If the two of them could force Cole into a run-off then we would have a chance for the biggest upset of the primary season.

United States Representative (CD 5) **SUBRINA BANKS** Subrina has serious conservative convictions but got into the race late and is underfunded compared to the big dollars Congresswoman Stephanie Bice has been able to amass for this race. Unless someone can defeat her, Bice is on the way to becoming a "lifer" much like Cole and Lucas.

Following will be STATE Senate races. I will list the senate district and a few towns in the district so you can determine if you are in the district. Your new voter ID card will list your State Senate #.

State Senate - District 2 Claremore area **JARRIN JACKSON** Jarrin has run for the CD 2 seat twice and has spoken at OCPAC on several occasions. Jarrin exhibited real leadership skills in Iraq and is passionate about the principles of good government.

State Senate - District 4 Colcord, Jay, Westville area **HOGUEN APPERSON** Mr. Apperson is a serious Christian, a solid conservative businessman and helps his pastor minister to people with mild mental disorders. As an overcomer of such he speaks with authority on the subject.

State Senate - District 10 Ponca City, Sand Springs area **BILL COLEMAN** Senator Coleman's lifetime Conservative Index score is a 67. If his score was much lower than that, he should have drawn several Republican opponents. I wouldn't be offended if folks decided to vote for Emile DeLozier.

State Senate - District 12 Bristow, Mounds area **TODD GOLLIHARE** This pick is based upon information from some other sources.

State Senate - District 18 Yukon area **JACK STEWART** This is a newly carved out district where longtime conservative county commissioner Jack Stewart is being challenged by a young fellow that moved into the district to run for this position. Mr. Zearey has too many ties to dark money, and a consultant that I believe is the hidden cancer on Oklahoma's Republican Party.

State Senate - District 26 Fay, Kingfisher area **JJ STITT** Mr. Stitt may turn out to be far more conservative than the incumbent Darcy Jech. Senator Jech has a lifetime Conservative Index Score of 61.

State Senate - District 28 Seminole and Lincoln counties and parts of Pott, Oklahoma & Logan counties. **JAMEY MULLIN** This is largely the Senate District I ran for 32 years ago (1990). I have talked with all 4 candidates, organized 1 candidate forum & attended another. Mr. McCommas came across the best in the first forum & was about even in the second. I have gone with Mullin based upon a willingness to learn.

State Senate - District 36 Broken Arrow area **DAVID DAMBROSO** Mr. Dambroso has been endorsed and approved of by several organizations and people. Senator Haste is not all that liberal but many believe Mr. Dambroso would be an improvement.

State Senate - District 40 NW OKC area **MIRIAM DALY** Of the 2 Republicans in the primary, Miriam is the only one that has a chance to defeat the very liberal Democrat Carri Hicks in the general election. Early on I met with Miriam and believe her to be a bona fide conservative and willing to work hard to win.

State Senate - District 42 Choctaw, OKC area **CHRIS TONEY** In our interview Chris showed very conservative instincts, a willingness to learn and an ability to work hard. He is a very serious Christian running against a former teacher who is strongly against educational freedom where the parents are empowered to chose the best education for their children.

Following will be STATE House races.

State Rep - District 1 Idabel, Valiant, Broken Bow area **EDDY DEMPSEY** Representative Dempsey has a lifetime Conservative Index score of an 80. He deserves to be re-elected.

State Rep - District 4 Tahlequah area **BOB ED CULVER** Representative Culver has a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 70, which is high enough to deserve re-election.

State Rep - District 5 Grove, Pryor area **TAMARA BRYAN** I don't know much about Tamara, but the opponent Josh West has a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 53 and dosen't deserve re-election.

State Rep - District 11 Bartlesville, Collinsville area **WENDI STEARMAN** Representative Stearman is 1 of only 5 lawmakers at the Capitol to score a perfect 100 on the Conservative Index. That could only mean her opponent believes she is too conservative. After interviewing this homeschool mom 2 years ago I was excited to find such a well qualified candidate and based upon her performance at the Capitol I whole heartidly endorse her for re-election.

State Rep - District 13 Checota, Muskogee area **CARLISA ROGERS** This is an open seat vacated by the RINO Representative Avery Frix. Electing Carlisa Rogers will help improve the quality of the legislature.

State Rep - District 15 Eufala, Porum area **ANGIE BRINLEE** This is a rematch of the race 2 years ago. In interviewing Angie 2 years ago I was so pleased to see how well qualified she was for this job. Not only does this pastor's wife have high moral character, she had researched many of the controversial bills of 2020 and could explain the key points of the bills and the conservative perspective for them. If she wins this race it will produce a huge improvement for the legislature of Oklahoma.

State Rep - District 18 McAlester, Holdenville area **DAVID SMITH** Representative Smith has a lifetime Conservative Index score of an 81 and thus deserves to be re-elected.

State Rep - District 20 Nobel, New Castle area **SHERRIE CONLEY** Representative Conley has a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 71 and should be re-elected.

State Rep - District 21 Durant, Calera area **CODY MAYNARD** Mr. Maynard is a CPA much in the same vein as the outstanding State Representative Gerrid Kendrix from Altus. We really need professionals like this in office, especially since we need to replace the House Budget Director, hopefully this election cycle.

State Rep - District 22 includes parts of Canadian and Oklahoma counties. **JAKE MERRICK** Jake was sworn in late last year after winning a special election and therefore didn't receive a Conservative Index score. This year's score will be out in a couple of weeks. However, Jake's conservative ideology is well developed and I anticipate his score will be one of the highest in the Senate.

State Rep - District 24 Bixby, Mounds area **CHRIS BANNING** Mr. Banning is a very successful businessman, but he is a little green when it comes to politics and the principles of good government. However, during our interview process, he was like a sponge wanting to learn more about those principles and his intelligence allowed him to pick things up very quickly.

State Rep - District 29 Bristow, Manford area **KYLE HILBERT** Representative Hilbert's lifetime Conservative Index score of a paltry 58 would normally suggest he needs to be replaced. However, in my communications with his opponent suggested he would probably be worse. Hopefully in 2 years Representative Hilbert will have an improved score or else a better opponent will come forward.

State Rep - District 31 Guthrie, North Edmond area **KARMIN GRIDER** This is the House District in which I live and I will guarantee folks any of the 3 candidates running will be a huge improvement over the outgoing Gary Mize. A team of 7 interviewed all 3 candidates and the decision was unanimous that Mrs. Grider would make the best legislator. Not only did our OCPAC team endorse her, she is also endorsed by OK2A, Oklahomans United for Life, and Oklahomans for Health and Parental Choice. The candidate that came in a close 2nd was Collin Duel with an endorsement by Americans for Prosperity.

State Rep - District 32 Lincoln County and Perkins area **RYAN DIXON** Mr. Dixon's opponent is Representative Kevin Wallace with a paltry lifetime Conservative Index Score of a 51. Not only is his score horrible I believe him to be one of the most self serving lawmaker at the Capitol. As the House budget director he has the power to be self serving and possibly corrupt. The businessman and homeschool dad Ryan Dixon has been working really hard since last December and has a chance to pull off the legislature's political upset of the primaries.

State Rep - District 33 Stillwater to Guthrie area **BRYCE CHAFFIN** Mr. Chaffin is in a rematch from 2 years ago when he challenged the incumbent John Talley. Of the 83 Republicans in the State House, Mr. Talley is the most liberal with a lifetime Conservative Index Score of a 47. Mr. Chaffin is another hard working homeschool Dad that lost by only 300 votes 2 years ago with very limited funds. His funding has improved this time around.

State Rep - District 34 Stillwater area **DaRAN JOHNSON** Of the 3 Republicans in this primary Mr. Johnson is a pastor, one candidate is a young homosexual and the other doesn't believe pastors should run for office. I have news for the later, if it were not for the pastors leading up to and during our war of Independence, we would still be under the rule of the British.

State Rep - District 35 Morrison, Hominy area **TY D. BURNS** Representative Burns has a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 71 and deserves to be re-elected.

State Rep - District 36 Newalla, Luther, Choctaw, Harrah area **YOUR CHOICE** Of the 5 candidates I only know 1 of them. There will surely be a run-off then I will try to interview the top 2 to make a pick.

State Rep - District 37 Ponca City area **JOE VADEN** Representative Luttrell was a Democrat, was defeated several years ago by a Republican that became quite goofy while in office. So Luttrell changed to a Republican where he defeated Mr. goofy but obviously didn't change his Liberal Democrat ideology as evidenced by his lifetime Conservative Index score of a 53.

State Rep - District 40 Enid **YOUR CHOICE** Representative Caldwell's lifetime Conservative Index score is a 61. He was not planning to run again so he drew an opponent. Once the opponent found out Chad was going to run again he decided to not campaign rather than drop out. We really don't need either of these 2 double minded men in office.

State Rep - District 42 Lindsey, Pauls Valley area **MATHEW HUGGANS** Representative Cindy Roe has a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 61 and does not deserve to be re-elected.

State Rep - District 45 Norman area **DAVE SPAULDING** Dave is a Conservative who formerly served on the Norman City Council. He is a terrific communicator and his energy should allow him to win the primary and then beat the Democrat in the November elections for this open seat.

State Rep - District 46 Norman area **KENDRA WESSON** Kendra was one of the leaders of the Unite Norman organization the successfully ousted the radical socialist mayor of Norman along with changing out all but 1 of the other socialist council members. One of her other Republican opponents, Nancy Sangirardi, almost beat the Democrat 2 years ago. However, Nancy is Pro-Choice when it comes to abortion and should not be considered as a Republican candidate.

State Rep - District 48 Pauls Valley, Ardmore area **TAMMY TOWNLEY** Representative Townley has a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 70 and deserves to be re-elected.

State Rep - District 49 Kingston, Madill area **RICHARD MILLER** Mr. Miller has been a longtime conservative activist in this area and deserves to be elected in this open seat.

State Rep - District 50 Duncan, Comanche area **DEBORAH CAMPBELL** Mrs. Campbell became embarrassed to be represented by the Republican incumbent Marcus McIntire with a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 46. When we interviewed her we were very impressed with her depth of knowledge on the issues. She also has great people skills and is knocking on a lot of doors.

State Rep - District 53 Moore area **KATHREN STEHNO** Representative McBride has a lifetime Conservative Index score of a 52. Not only is his score low, he has become a whore for the government schools. I would not support him if he ran for dog catcher. Mrs. Stehno is an educator who believes in educational liberty where would empower parents to direct the educational choice for their children.

State Rep - District 55 Clinton, Cordell, Elk City area **NICK ARCHER** All my sources were in agreement that Mr. Archer is the best person in this race to replace Todd Russ.

State Rep - District 57 Clinton, Weatherford area **KRISTEN POISSON** While Representative Moore's lifetime Conservative Index score is a 70, I have been very disappointed with him. Especially when he was caught on video tearing down a Nathan Dahm sign and then denied he had done so.

State Rep - District 60 Yukon area **RON LYNCH** Representative Baker's lifetime Conservative Index score of a 59 proves she was a horrible replacement for former Representative Dan Fisher. When we interviewed Mr. Lynch we found him to have very conservative instincts. It will be difficult for him to win as the teacher union has probably pumped in big dollars to keep her in office to prevent educational freedom.

State Rep - District 66 Skiatook, Sand Springs area **WAYNE HILL** I was asked to moderate a candidate forum sponsored by the Osage County Republican Party. Of the 4 candidates I picked Mr. Hill though Mr. Stairs also appeared to be very conservative as well. Mr. Renfrow has hired Fount Holland as his consultant, a man I believe to be the worst consultant in the state, especially when it comes to honest integrity. When I asked each candidate for the name of a paid consultant if they had one, Mr. Renfro was very evasive with his answer. There have been big dollars spent to elect Mr. Renfrow from the same dark money group that took out 11 of the most conservative Lawmakers in 2018. That effort was known as the purge. I believe you will find Fount Holland to have been involved in that effort. Vote for Wayne Hill, not for Gabe Renfrow.

State Rep - District 76 Broken Arrow area **TIMOTHY BROOKS** Representative Ross Ford's lifetime Conservative Index score is a 58 which means he doesn't deserve to be re-elected. When we interviewed Mr. Brooks we found him to be an outstanding person with conservative values. He would be a huge improvement over Mr. Ford

State Rep - District 79 Tulsa area **PAUL HASSINK** This is an open seat that I have had to rely on other sources for my pick.

State Rep - District 87 North OKC area **VALERIE WALKER** I have not interviewed any of these candidates other than Scott Esk when he ran for a seat many years ago. I am going with OK2A's endorsement in this case. I believe there will be a run-off in this race and I will then try to interview those candidates in the run-off.

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Thanks for your considerations, Charlie Meadows

