

Higginsville

Please tell us something about yourself, your reasons for running and your qualifications for office

**Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm William Truman Wayne, but you can just Vote 4 Bill. You can see my bio & qualifications in the handout – I'm educated (3 degrees), experienced (military management and small business), involved, principled, beholden to no-one.**

**I'm running to show you that you don't have to vote for the usual parties – especially w/ the odious Presidential candidates they've nominated.**

**You don't have to settle for economic stagnation, constant wars and domestic surveillance – libertarians favor the free market instead of the crony capitalism we're saddled with today.**

**We believe in strong defense, not overseas adventurism.**

**We believe that you should be free to live life as you wish, as long as you do not harm other persons or their property.**

**Like most Libertarians, I am socially tolerant and economically conservative.**

**I'm a strong gun rights advocate, believe the “war on drugs” has done more harm than good, and will work to reduce government interference in our daily lives.**

Prioritize current ISSUES facing Lafayette County and/or the office you seek, and state how you have or would propose to deal with them

**Current issues seem to involve money – for highways, for education, etc.**

**Highways - Get rid of mandatory inflated wage rates (prevailing wage) requirements. If that's not enough, and user fees, which Libertarians prefer, aren't feasible, then the closest thing to a user fee would be a small gas tax increase within Hancock Amendment limits.**

**Let's get some competition into education. School choice, vouchers, money following the child. Let local innovators pick what works best rather than directed curricula (such as common core) and teaching methods. And get rid of some of the bureaucracy that takes money that could go to the classroom.**

**Another issue is the “Ferguson effect.” Local governments must quit preying on their citizens to fund their budgets. Police need to be accountable for their actions. Proper use of dash & body cameras will justify most police actions and weed out the bad apples. Let's also affirm the citizens' right to film police.**

**We have a problem with excessive regulations and licensing affecting businesses and entrepreneurs. Representative Hoskins' “Big Government Get Off my Back” law needs to be reinstated in part, but without the subsidies that caused the veto. Let's extend the idea to remove existing regulations and licensing where possible.**

**Right to Work will come before the legislature again. After much thought**

**and despite my distaste for much of what unions have done, I've concluded that right to work interferes with the basic right to contract between the employer and employee. After all, the employer owns the job. However, I would extend RTW to government and quasi-government employees.**

Look to future **opportunities or issues** facing the County and/or the office you seek

**The war on drugs, especially cannabis prohibition, has filled our jails, forced people to leave the state for medical treatment, militarized our police and enriched criminal gangs. We need to legalize cannabis to help the ill, and to get police back to concentrating on crimes against persons and property. It would certainly help this area if we could reintroduce industrial hemp for our economy, and incidentally, for the environment – it saves trees and uses fewer inputs than corn. Then, maybe we can roll actual hemp bales when we reenact the Battle of Lexington. Quit saving people from ruining their lives with drugs by ruining their lives with felonies & prison time.**

**We need to fight Federal overreach and control. We do this by denying our cooperation with unjust and intrusive actions, especially those not specifically authorized by law. Whether firearms laws or drug laws or 'waters of the US', or whatever, the state government needs to forbid state and local agencies from participating in enforcement of such actions and from receiving so-called equitable sharing civil forfeiture benefits. This can be by the EPA, Dept of Agriculture, Dept. of Education, DEA, ATF, FBI, Corps of Engineers, etc.**

**Ethics. First, elections need to be fair and honest. Every ballot needs to have a paper back-up. Voter ID is fine, but won't stop absentee ballot fraud (St. Louis legislative race) or registration fraud. There's an incentive for fraud when those elected have the power to direct money or favors to supporters. Getting rid of the incentive goes hand in hand with transparent government,**

**limiting tax giveaways such as TIF, NID or TDD, and lobbyist giveaways.**

**We need to reform eminent domain laws. The reforms sponsored by the Farm Bureau were good, but didn't go far enough. We need an absolute ban on government seizing private property and turning it over to another private entity for “economic development.” We should redefine “blight” as well.**