

# Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

## Upcoming Events

Mon., Oct 26  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
Meeting

**Will Be Held Online**

## The President's Memo A Consequential Election

We are now in **Early Voting** which runs until November 2. Have a plan to vote and make sure your family, friends, and neighbors also make a plan to vote **up and down the ballot**.

Despite all the pandemic disruption this year, BC Dems has provided you with information about our Benton County candidates. Many of these candidates have been supported by your donations to BC Dems. As a result, we enter this election cycle supporting a strong slate of Democratic candidates who are already revitalizing our local political discussions and democracy.

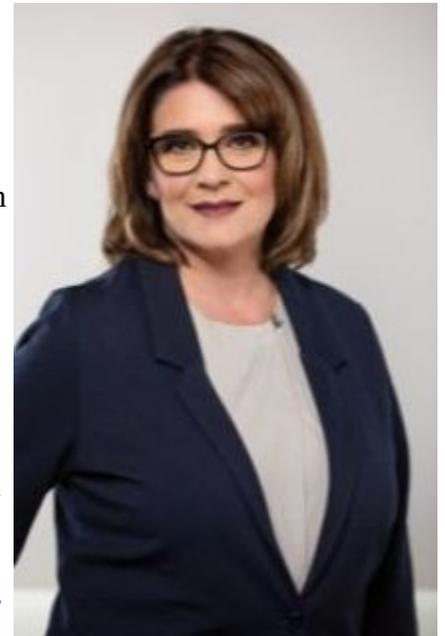
Listed in this newsletter are all the Benton County polling sites where you can cast your ballot. Be safe while voting. Wear a mask, practice physical distancing, and wash your hands often. If you need assistance getting to a polling site, please reach out to the BC Dems Board! The Democratic Party of Arkansas has also launched a Voter Protection Hotline (see below).

Make sure to join us via Zoom at our next general meeting on Monday, October 26 where you'll hear from many of our candidates and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your support throughout this election year. Practice your right to vote, keep working for a **More Perfect Union**, and stay tuned for a Blue Wave you helped to usher in.

Gratefully yours,

*Julia K. Bailey*



# Early Voting

## List of Early Vote Locations and Times

Click on the address for directions to the location.

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| Benton County Admin<br>Quorum Court Room      | <a href="#">215 E. Central, Suite 324,<br/>Bentonville</a> | October 19-23 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 24 10:00am-4:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 31 10:00am-4:00pm<br>November 2 8:00am-5:00pm |
| County Clerk's Office - Siloam<br>Springs     | <a href="#">707 S. Lincoln, Siloam<br/>Springs</a>         | October 19-23 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 24 10:00am-4:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 31 10:00am-4:00pm<br>November 2 8:00am-5:00pm |
| First Landmark Baptist Church                 | <a href="#">206 SE 28th St.,<br/>Bentonville</a>           | October 19-23 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-6:00pm<br>November 2 8:00am-5:00pm   |
| Grace Lutheran Church                         | <a href="#">415 N 6th Pl.,<br/>Lowell, AR 72745</a>        | October 19-23 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-6:00pm   |
| Reach Church                                  | <a href="#">900 W. Centerton Blvd.,<br/>Centerton</a>      | October 19-23 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-6:00pm<br>November 2 8:00am-5:00pm   |
| NEBCO Community Building,                     | <a href="#">17823 Marshall St.,<br/>Garfield</a>           | October 19-23 9:00am-6:00pm<br>October 26-30 9:00am-6:00pm   |
| Gravette Civic Center                         | <a href="#">401 Charlotte St SE,<br/>Gravette</a>          | October 19-23 9:00am-6:00pm<br>October 26-30 9:00am-6:00pm   |
| Siloam Springs<br>Community Building          | <a href="#">110 N. Mt. Olive Street<br/>Siloam Springs</a> | October 19-23 8:00am-5:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-5:00pm<br>November 2 8:00am-5:00pm   |
| Benton County Election<br>Commission          | <a href="#">2109 W. Walnut,<br/>Rogers</a>                 | October 19-23 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 24 10:00am-4:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-6:00pm<br>October 31 10:00am-4:00pm<br>November 2 8:00am-5:00pm |
| New Life Christian Church                     | <a href="#">103 Riordan Road,<br/>Bella Vista</a>          | October 19-23 8:00am-5:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-5:00pm   |
| St. Bernard's Catholic Church,<br>Parish Hall | <a href="#">1 St. Bernard Lane, Bella<br/>Vista</a>        | October 19-23 8:00am-5:00pm<br>October 26-30 8:00am-5:00pm   |
| Sunnyside Baptist Church                      | <a href="#">210 E. Locust St, Rogers</a>                   | October 19-23 9:00am-6:00pm<br>October 26-30 9:00am-6:00pm<br>November 2 9:00am-5:00pm   |

Source: (<https://vote.bentoncountyar.gov/>)

# Virtual General Meetings

## Hosted on Zoom Until Further Notice.

Topic: BC Dems General Meeting  
Time: Oct 26, 2020, 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 999 1295 8462  
Password: 520380

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking the URL from your device, or  
dialing into the call number below.  
(312) 626-6799

## This Month's Speakers

### Michael Bennett-Spears, District 87



I attended a small, underfunded public school and studied hard to then attend Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts. I want to go to Little Rock to support our public schools and our teachers so every student has these opportunities without leaving home.

I have heard so many similar experiences from across the state. Arkansas is growing and we need a voice in Little Rock to fight for everyday Arkansans, every day. I am ready to bring our stories to Little Rock and get to work.

We will then have a series of 5-minute videos from:

### Candidates for State Representative

#### Nick Jones, District 91



Nick Jones earned a bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a master's degree from the University of Arkansas, and another master's degree from Park University. His professional experience includes working as a substance abuse counselor. Jones served in the U.S. Air Force from 1999 to 2014.

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**Jené Huffman-Gilreath,  
District 94**



“I’m proud to call District 94 home, where we value family and faith, education and opportunity, and we love our neighbor. Everyone in Rogers deserves a representative who will fight for their best interests in Little Rock, and I know I’m up for the job.”

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**Candidates for Justice of the Peace**

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**Elizabeth Cisneros, JP02**



Elizabeth lives in Rogers with two dogs and her partner. She works at Old Wire Elementary and is running for JP because she wants to make an impact in the community.

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**Kelley Boyd, JP10**



Ms. Boyd has devoted many hours of pro-bono legal services to residents and knows firsthand the struggles they face.

Boyd says she is the best candidate because she is a conservative and pragmatic person who will bring a range of experience in technology, law, and advocacy to stimulate innovative approaches to governance.

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**Haley Emerick, JP13**



Haley is an educator and community volunteer with experience connecting people with the resources they need. She strives to increase financial accountability and transparency, highlight the needs of the community and the resources available, and engage community members in local politics and its importance for the future success of all stakeholders.

## Help Us, Help You

This is no magic purse or government-funded bowl of money. The BC Dems PAC relies almost exclusively on the generosity of its members to fund the work that we do. We provide democratic party candidates in Benton county financial support and opportunities for them to reach their audience through our speaker series. Unfortunately, this year we were not able to support our local candidates to the extent we had hoped.

We know it is hard to remember when you last paid your membership. If so, it is likely you may be one of more than 65% of members who have not renewed their membership for this year.

If you think you could be in that group, please [follow this link](#) and pay your 2020 membership today. We know budgets are tight these days, but if you can afford the \$20 single or \$30 dual membership it will help keep your BC Dems alive and well.

If you have any questions, please contact our membership chair, David Bernstein (214-724-2376) or [davidabernstein@gmail.com](mailto:davidabernstein@gmail.com) and put BC Dems in the subject line.

## Official Notice

### Recommendations of 2021 Nominating Committee

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| PRESIDENT:           | Julia K. Bailey     |
| VICE-PRESIDENT:      | Seeking nominations |
| RECORDING SECRETARY: | Deb Ostay.          |
| TREASURER:           | Tim Boyer           |

The Nominating Committee recommends the above candidates for the BC Dems 2021 Executive Committee. As it is expected BC Dems will hold fewer meetings in 2021 due to the on-going pandemic and it being a non-election year, these officers have agreed to extend their time serving into next year. BC Dems is still seeking a member to serve as Vice President. The VP's role and duties include organizing a slate of guest speakers for the year and working with the Executive Committee on planning and decision making. If you are interested in the Vice President role and want to learn more, please contact Richard Bland [rabland@cox.net](mailto:rabland@cox.net)

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## Poll Protection Hotline.

"The Democratic Party of Arkansas is here to stand with you, to support you, and to provide you with a solution to whatever you encounter. And if it happens, contact us when it happens," **Annie Depper, DPA legal counsel** says. "Don't wait until the next day, or even the next hour, call us at the polling site."



IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM  
**CALL US**



**VOTER PROTECTION**  
*Hotline*

**501-246-0060**

**PROTECT YOUR VOTE**

PAID FOR BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ARKANSAS - NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

## Wear Your #\$\$^%\$\$& Mask!

One of Trump's favorite phrases is "America First". And he has done it! He did just what he said.

The United States has surpassed India in the total number of **COVID-19 deaths to become the world leader in pandemic fatalities.**

According to Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center (CRC), since January 21, our country has reported **8,106,384 cases and 219,286 deaths.** Sometimes, these numbers are so large we cannot appreciate them. And to make matters worse, few of us have met or known anyone who has died from the virus.

Maybe these illustrations will give us a better perspective. The total number of deaths in the US...

...is more than 6 years of all the fatal car accidents in the country.



...is more than all the deaths from 9/11... times 74



...is 19 times more than the number of Walmart stores worldwide

If one death is a mile,

- You would have to fly round-trip to Sydney Australia from Bentonville 12.5 times.
- You would have to travel around the world more than 8 times.
- You would almost reach the Moon (238,900 mi)

...would fill a little more than half the 400,000 graves in Arlington National Cemetery.



If these don't make you stop and think before not wearing a mask, consider this. The life you save may not be your own!

If you have parents or grandparents. know this. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of US deaths from COVID-19 are individuals age 75 or older. People ages 65 and older present 79% of all US deaths.

Please mask up and ask others to do the same!

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## Do you know...

...of a member who is sick or in need of our assistance, please forward requests or information to our corresponding secretary at [dao.bcdems@gmail.com](mailto:dao.bcdems@gmail.com).

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# General Meeting Minutes

**Benton County Dems**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**ZOOM Virtual Meeting**

**Monday, September 28, 2020**

**Minutes from this meeting are not available due to a computer malfunction.**

# Treasurer's Summary

## September 2020

by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer



**Beginning Balance:** \$745.59

**INCOME:**

Dues \$0  
Blue Bowls \$0  
Yard Signs Sales \$440.98

**Total Income:** \$440.98

**Ending Balance:** \$1,186.57

**EXPENSES:**

Yard Signs Expense \$0

**Total Expenses:** \$0

## 2020 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

| <b>Position</b>              | <b>Name</b>      |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| President                    | Julia K. Bailey  |
| Vice-President               | Walter Hinojosa  |
| Treasurer                    | Tim Boyer        |
| Recording Secretary          | Deb Ostas        |
| Past President               | Eunice Van Tuyl  |
| Membership Chair             | David Bernstein  |
| Social Media Chair           | Joel Ewing       |
| Newsletter / Publicity Chair | David Bernstein  |
| Corresponding Secretary      | Deb Ostas        |
| Reservations Chair           | Betty Cauldwell  |
| Publicity Chair              | Catherine Deeley |