

McNinch, for RC Tax Assessor

By Staci McNinch

On January 9, 2023, Flowood resident, Staci McNinch, qualified to run for Rankin County Tax Assessor in the August 8, 2023, Republican Primary. The current Tax Assessor is not seeking reelection.

McNinch held her Campaign Kickoff event at the Vault Venue in Brandon on January 24. In her remarks to the crowd, she said her inspiration to serve the public started at an early age.

“My mother devoted more than thirty years to county government, and my father is a retired State Trooper. Their commitment and decades of service – placing others before themselves – has truly laid the foundation of my life.”

Stating that most of her career had been in the private sector, McNinch explained, “I had the honor of providing funding for small businesses, first homes, and new beginnings during my time with Community Bank. While at the Mississippi Development Authority, I had the pleasure of working with local governments to secure funding for public infrastructure and economic development purposes.”



Following her fifteen-year banking and finance career, McNinch devoted ten years to community service. She served four years on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Jackson, ultimately leading the 2400 member organization as President during the COVID pandemic.

“I have managed multi-million-dollar projects, multi-million-dollar budgets, and hundreds of individuals. Analyzing financial statements, budgets, appraisals, and impact studies—these things are not new to me,” said McNinch.

She concluded her remarks, stating, “I am ready to be your full-time Tax Assessor. I love Rankin County; I believe in the people of Rankin County! I believe big things are coming, and I believe that with principled and proven leadership, we will move forward together, keeping Rankin County as the best place to live and raise a family!”

McNinch currently serves as Chief Deputy Tax Collector. She has been married to Jeremy McNinch, originally of Pearl, for seventeen years. They have three children, ages 10, 9, and 6, and have been active members of Pinelake Church since 2011.

Gilbert running for RC Tax Collector

By Caroline Gilbert

It is my honor and privilege to announce my candidacy for re-election as your Rankin County Tax Collector. During my current term in office, I have relied upon my sound Christian values and knowledge as a Certified Public Accountant to provide conservative fiscal leadership to the Tax Collector’s Office. I have implemented many new processes that have improved efficiency and accountability and have created stronger internal controls. As a result, our municipalities and school districts receive their tax revenues sooner than ever before.

During my first few months in office we were faced with an unprecedented pandemic. During that time, my office never shut down. I was committed to providing service, especially during a time of such uncertainty. Many of you remember those long lines, but I most remember the teamwork that allowed our office to stay up to date and to continue to serve you. As I worked alongside my staff on those hot, and sometimes rainy days, going from car to car to help keep the line moving, I was in awe of the grace that our Rankin County family showed us and the resilience that my team displayed. The pandemic was certainly a trial by fire, but it helped me



quickly understand what it really means to be elected to carry out the job of the Tax Collector.

Not long after taking office, I discovered an embezzlement scheme involving Waste Management funds. I made good on my promise to protect your tax dollars and took the case all the way through prosecution. I undertook an analysis of the needs of each of my offices and implemented modernized practices and created efficiencies that provide quicker customer service, which means we address your needs faster. My job doesn’t stop at my office door. In addition to working with our mayors and supervisors, I work regularly with other Tax Collectors and Assessors, and with our state legislature to help revise current laws and regulations to help improve how we serve the needs of our citizens.

The Tax Collector’s Office plays a vital role in ensuring that Rankin County remains one of the best places in Mississippi to live and raise a family. The last three years have seen us take great strides in making the Tax Collector’s Office more accountable, transparent, and efficient, but there is work left to do. Please follow me on Facebook at Re-Elect Caroline Gilbert, Rankin County Tax Collector, and on August 8, 2023, I ask that you cast your vote for me and allow me to continue to work for you.

Mauney recognized by CMRLS for 20 years of service



Special to Pelahatchie News

Tina Mauney, Branch Manager of the Pelahatchie Library was recognized in February for 20 years of service by the Central MS Regional Library System (CMRLS). The CMRLS Team recently held their Annual Team Development at the Pearl Public Library. They honored librarians in Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Smith Counties with service and leadership awards. Pictured (l to r) are: CMRLS Board of Trustees President Peggy Kelly and Tina Mauney.

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