## **To the Voters in District #2**



My name is
Earl Young Jr.
and for the past
few months I have
had the pleasure
of traveling my
district and talking to many of
you to ask for
your support and
vote on Election
Day, to help me
for the second
time become your
Magistrate.

For those I was unable to see faceto-face, I now appeal to you for your vote and support. I love Estill County and I'm well qualified for the position I'm asking you to support me in.

Thank you for the kindness you have shown me in our conversations. It would be an honor for me to serve you once again as Magistrate in District #2. If you have questions or comments, call 723-5371.

Thank you, *Earl Young Jr.*Paid by Earl Young Jr.

## Arthur David Ballard

## Republican Magistrate District #1



I would like to make a short statement as to why I decided to place myself into the race to represent the people of District #1 and the people of Estill County as a member of the Fiscal Court. I believe it is our duty to do our part to make our community a better place for all of us to live. I believe this is extremely important to the youth and children of our community. It is vital for all of us to do what it takes to make this a better place to live and raise our families. If we are to keep our young people here, it must be a place that is better than others to live, be safer than surrounding counties, and provide an equal or better education. It was my privilege to serve the students and citizens of Estill County for over 32 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator for the Estill County Schools. After retiring, I began to look for other ways that I could serve our people and community. I believe that I have the experience and skill set to help make a difference in our county in the coming years. We have a lot of tough decisions that must be made in difficult financial times for small counties like ours. We must balance our budget and tighten the purse strings to make savings but at the same time continue to offer and improve services to our citizens. I believe this is possible and a must if we want to stop the exit of people from our community. I only make one promise, to work hard with the other members of the Fiscal Court to make our community the best it can possibly be. I hope to see many of you in the coming days as I attempt to cover the district. Thank you for your time. I would truly appreciate your support.

**Paid by Arthur David Ballard** 



Estill County is moving forward!! I was sworn in as County Judge Executive on January 1, 2018 and tasked with a very big undertaking and a challenge. I am now running our county government as a day to day business with the support of the Estill County Fiscal Court, staff and employees. In running this local government I have had to make tough choices to save money and to pay off hundreds of thousand dollars of debt.

Upon taking office I was faced with a county in crisis. We had lost our identity in Frankfort and various boards. We had, with a closed Jail, a full time staff of 9, no one being housed in the closed jail and inmates in 5-6 jail facilities in other counties. We had past due invoices and being billed from \$30-\$100.00 for incarceration fees per day per inmate. The jail budget for 2017/18 was set for \$707,307.00 and on my first day it was over budget and showing \$907,307 spent and outstanding invoices of over \$100,000 due.

NOW, Estill County is saving \$30,000 plus of your taxpayer dollars a month since the inmate transport plan was implemented on February 7 under my watch. We are back on the map. We are now single sourcing the county inmates to Three Forks Jail in Lee County and pay \$32.00 a day for each male or female inmate with 3 meals included. We are currently working on an inmate work release program with Three Forks Jail to establish guidelines, a schedule, and the training to use the lowest level offender in a work detail program a few day a month.

We now have paid off past due Incarceration bills with 6 counties, medical bills of inmates, Hinkle Contracting blacktop invoices, 1 invoice with the Kentucky Association of Counties liability/workers compensation, 1 short term bank loan, 2 vehicle/equipment loans, a State Audit invoice from 2016-17, and local invoices paid in full each 30 days.

We have re-structured the way we do business, pay current monthly bills and not have the county government go into default. We inherited short and long term liabilities over 1.5 million dollars on 01-01-18 and I instituted a new purchase order system with strong accountability. This new PO system has cut back on unnecessary spending and we are operating on a lean mind set across county government.

We are gearing up for a bright future for our Estill County, we will be accountable for every dollar spent in the 2018/19 county budget which starts on July 1, 2018. We are making plans and will have funds if we continue the new course of running this county government as a day to day business and using our tax dollars wisely. We will have funds to repair and maintain the 270 plus miles of Estill County maintained roads. We will continue investing in our Public Safety and all of our county employees. We will have funds to clean up our county, promote and recruit small business and invest in tourism and recreation for all of us to enjoy. We will have funds to match grants and fund community projects.

I can operate a computer, do spreadsheets, research and write letters and email in this world of technology to run our county government. I have the experience and background in public safety with over 32 years as a career firefighter and volunteer.

I have 18 years of local government experience and business background. I do have a vision for our county moving forward, don't take a chance on the past.... "Let's keep rolling in the right direction".

I ask each of you vote for me and mark the 6 Box on your ballot on May 22.

Kevin T. Williams,

