



**REMEMBER...**

**Your OPINION is IMPORTANT  
BUT it is your VOTE that COUNTS!**

**YOU MAY VOTE IF...**

1. You are a US Citizen
2. You are 18 or older
3. You are registered to vote

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
(202) 456-1414  
www.whitehouse.gov  
(4 Year Term)

**PRESIDENT**

*Donald J. Trump* (R) 2020

**VICE PRESIDENT**

*Michael R. Pence* (R) 2020

**U.S. SENATOR (6 Year Term)**

*Rick Scott* (R) 2024  
United States Senate  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-5274  
Florida (850) 942-8415  
www.rickscott.senate.gov

*Marco Rubio* (R) 2022  
United States Senate  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3041  
Toll Free in Florida: 1-866-630-7106  
www.rubio.senate.gov

**U.S. HOUSE 17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT (2 Year Term)**

*Greg Steube* (R) 2020  
521 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-5792 DC  
For appointments in Okeechobee call  
(941) 575-9101  
www.steube.house.gov

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**Governor/Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet**  
The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001  
www.flgov.com  
(4 Year Term - 2022)

**GOVERNOR**

*Ron DeSantis* (R) (850) 488-7146

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

*Jeanette Nuñez* (R) (850) 488-7146

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

*Ashley Moody* (R) (866) 966-7226

**COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

*Nicole "Nikki" Fried* (D) (800) 435-7352

**COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**

*Richard Corcoran* (R) (850) 245-0505

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

*Jimmy Patronis* (R) (850) 413-3100

**STATE LEGISLATORS**

**SENATE DISTRICT 26 (4 Year Term)**

*Ben Albritton* (R) 2022

150 North Central Ave  
Bartow, FL 33830  
(863) 534-0073 or 850-487-5026 TLH  
www.flsenate.gov

**HOUSE OF REPS DISTRICT 55 (2 Year Term)**

*Cary Pigman* (R) 2020

55 S Parrott Ave  
Okeechobee, FL 34974  
(863) 462-5019 or (850) 717-5055 TLH  
www.myfloridahouse.gov

**LOCAL POLITICAL PARTY**

**OKEECHOBEE DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

*Austin Harvey* 863-634-3100

**OKEECHOBEE REPUBLICAN PARTY**

*Jim Craig* 574-249-9495

**OKEECHOBEE CITY GOVERNMENT**

(Nonpartisan / City Residents Only)  
(4 Year Term)

55 SE 3rd Avenue  
Okeechobee, FL 34974  
863-763-3372  
www.cityofokeechobee.com

**CITY COUNCIL**

*Wes Abney* 2020

*Monica Clark* 2020

*Bob Jarriel* 2022

*Bobby Keefe* 2022

*Dowling R. Watford, Jr.* 2022

**CITY CLERK** *Lane Gamiotea* 2022

**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

(4 Year Term)  
(Terms Expire 2020)

**SHERIFF** *Noel Stephen* (R)  
(863) 763-3117  
www.okeesherriff.org

**CLERK OF THE COURT** *Sharon Robertson* (D)  
(863) 763-2131  
www.clerk.co.okeechobee.fl.us

**PROPERTY APPRAISER** *Mickey Bandi* (R)  
(863) 763-4422  
www.okeechobeepra.com

**TAX COLLECTOR** *Celeste Watford* (D)  
(863) 763-3084  
www.okeechobee-county-taxcollector.com

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS** *Diane Hagan* (D)  
(863) 763-4014  
www.voteokeechobee.com

**COUNTY JUDGE**

(6 Year Term)

*William (Bill) Wallace* 2024

(863) 763-3193

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(Elected at Large)  
(4 Year Term)

304 NW 2nd Street, Room 123  
Okeechobee, FL 34972  
863-763-6441  
www.co.okeechobee.fl.us

Dist. 1	<i>David Hazellief</i> (R)	2020
Dist. 2	<i>Bryant Culpepper</i> (R)	2022
Dist. 3	<i>Brad Goodbread</i> (R)	2020
Dist. 4	<i>Terry Burroughs</i> ( R)	2022
Dist. 5	<i>Kelly Owens</i> (R)	2020

## SCHOOL BOARD

(Nonpartisan / Elected at Large)  
(4 Year Term)

700 SW 2nd Avenue  
Okeechobee, FL 34974  
863-462-5000  
www.okee.k12.fl.us

Dist. 1	<i>Joe Arnold</i>	2022
Dist. 2	<i>Malissa Morgan</i>	2020
Dist. 3	<i>Melisa Jahner</i>	2022
Dist. 4	<i>Amanda Riedel</i>	2020
Dist. 5	<i>Jill Clericuzio Holcomb</i>	2022

## JUDICIAL OFFICES

**19<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEY** (4 Year Term)  
*Bruce H. Colton* (R) 2020  
312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 260  
Okeechobee, FL 34972  
(863) 763-5557

**19<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER** (4 Year Term)  
*Diamond R. Litty* (R) 2020  
312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 220  
Okeechobee, FL 34972  
(863) 763-7977

## 19TH CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

(6 Year Term)

*Laurie Buchanan* (#10) 2020  
*Michael C. Heisey* (#4) 2020

This brochure reflects information available  
as of July 2020.

## Registration Information

### How to Register

You may pick up an application from one of the following locations:

Supervisor of Elections office WIC  
Driver's License Office HRS  
Senior Services Center Public Library  
Hunting/Fishing License Locations

or you may call the elections office and a form will be mailed to you. You may also visit our website at [www.VoteOkeechobee.com](http://www.VoteOkeechobee.com) where you will find an easy to complete online registration form.

Once you have completed your voter registration application, mail or deliver it to the elections office. A voter information card will be mailed to you.

### Requirements to Register

You may register to vote if you are:

- a U.S. Citizen
- a resident of the State of Florida (your county of residence)
- 18 years of age (you may pre-register at 16)
- in possession of civil rights pertaining to voting

You must **register at least 29 days prior to voting in any Election.**

### Closed Primary

Florida is a closed primary state. In a primary election voters may only vote for candidates in their party of registration. By not selecting a party when you register, your vote is limited in the primary election to non-partisan races and issues. In the general election, you may vote for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation.

### Party Affiliation

You may choose to register in a political party (major or minor) or register with no party affiliation. You may change your party affiliation, however the completed application must be submitted at least 29 days prior to a primary election.

### EXCEPTION:

**UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST** If all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election then **ALL** qualified voters may vote on that "Universal Primary Contest" in the primary election.

### Voter Responsibility

It is very important that each voter keep his or her information current with the elections office.

For more information contact the Elections Office.

## Voting Information

### Election Day Voting

Voting in a precinct in which you do not live is illegal. You must vote only at the precinct in which you reside. You are encouraged to report any changes in your registration (i.e., address, name, party affiliation) to the Elections Office. A current and valid picture / signature ID is required.

### Vote by Mail (Absentee)

Any registered voter may apply by mail, phone, e-mail, or in person to the Elections Office for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will not be forwarded, so please keep your address updated. An absentee ballot must be received by your Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. Election Day.

### Early Voting

The law permits voters to vote in person prior to election day. Early Voting begins up to 15 days before election day and ends the Saturday before election day. A current and valid picture / signature ID is required.

### To Remain a Voter

Registration is permanent as long as you remain a qualified voter and a resident of Florida, please **keep your address current** with the Supervisor of Elections. You may **change your address**, by phone, in person or in writing. Also, if you **change your party** OR **change your name** by marriage or other legal process, the Supervisor of Elections must be notified in writing.

### Polling Place Changes

From time to time polling place locations will be changed. Should this need arise, affected registered voters will receive notification. A Voter Information Card reflecting the voter's new polling place will be mailed.

### Voting System

Okeechobee County uses the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) voting system with Dual Display. The only optical scan tabulator using a single paper path that allows anonymity to ADA voters while using the same device.

## Identification Requirements

In order to vote you must present a current and valid picture / signature identification. It can be one form, such as a Florida driver license or Florida issued ID, or two separate forms of identification. If you do not have proper ID you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

Florida Driver's License  
Florida ID Card issued by DHSMV  
Military ID  
U.S. Passport  
Debit/Credit Card  
Student ID  
Retirement Center ID  
Neighborhood Association ID  
Public Assistance ID  
Veteran health ID card issued by Veterans Affairs  
Concealed carry license  
Employee ID card issued by the Federal Government, the State, a county or a municipality

## 2020 Election Schedule

### Presidential Preference Primary Election

Registration Closes: February 18, 2020  
Early Vote: March 2 to March 14, 2020  
PPP Election: March 17, 2020

### Primary Election

Registration Closes: July 20, 2020  
Early Vote: August 3 to August 15, 2020  
Primary Election: August 18, 2020

### General Election

Registration Closes: October 5, 2020  
Early Vote: October 19 to October 31, 2020  
General Election: November 3, 2020

(2020 Election Schedule Dates Subject to Change)

**DIANE HAGAN**  
Supervisor of Elections  
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