

Local Attorney to Run for Watauga County Commissioner

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A Boone-based attorney announced he will run for one of the three open Watauga County Commissioner seats in May's local primary election.

Nathan A. Miller, of Miller & Johnson, PLLC on King Street in Boone, said he will be running for the District 5 seat on the Watauga County Commissioners. That seat is currently occupied by Winston Kinsey.

Miller said he's a Watauga County native. He graduated from Watauga High School in 1999 before earning two bachelor's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2003. After graduating from Chapel Hill, Miller said he went on to St. Mary's School of Law in Texas, where he earned his juris doctor in 2006.

Miller said, "I look forward to being able to serve my fellow citizens of Watauga County in ensuring that their tax dollars are efficiently spent and to see that we keep the tax burden as low as possible while still providing all required services. I believe in strong conservative principles which I feel will serve as a good guide in the majority of items brought before the board."

Watauga County Board of Elections Director Jane Hodges said the county commissioner seats that are currently filled by Winston Kinsey, John Cooper, and William R. Winkler will be up for grabs in the upcoming election.

Hodges said three seats on the Watauga County School Board, the Watauga County superior courts clerk, and the Watauga County Sheriff's seat will also be open.

Candidates can officially file for the primary election on February 8 at noon at the Watauga County Board of Elections. Filing ends on February 26 at noon. The primary election will be held on May 4 and the election will be held November 2.