

District 2 Board of Supervisor Contest

November 4, 2025, Election

DISTRICT 2 SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE: BOS CHAIRPERSON RICHARD HAYNIE.



Currently sitting BoS Chair, Richard Haynie, in this race for District 2 Supervisor, is fully supported by the Republican Party of Northumberland County (NCRC).

In this document, as on other spaces on our webpage, one can find our rationale for our support. Please see these important key points favoring Chair Haynie.

Please see important key points (below) favoring Chairperson Haynie. His opponent IS NOT affiliated or associated in any way with NCRC. For this reason, we make no mention of his candidacy, other than to heavily favor Mr. Haynie in this "**BACKGROUND**" (you may download, print and share).

EXPERIENCE:

Mr Haynie has a long-standing tradition of dedication, resourcefulness, and collaboration in operations of the County of Northumberland, first as a member of The Board of Supervisors, and now as the leader of the Board serving as Chair for the past several years.

Upon becoming a member of the Board, Mr Haynie became, and continues to be, a resource for his peers, the county, and our residents. He is a consistently strong proponent of establishing increasingly higher degrees of Accountability and Transparency surrounding Board of Supervisors actions, while attempting to move these same attitudes throughout NORTHUMBERLAND county operations. He is quoted (to this webmaster) as saying, "***this is the people's business, not just the county's.***"

Early in his Supervisor role, Mr Haynie became the driving force behind bringing a full-time, professionally trained, and fully paid, EMS squad to Northumberland County. While our county already had a very functional and effective Volunteer Rescue Squad operating, Supervisor Haynie was dedicated to keeping them while creating a collaborative relationship between the two organizations. That relationship endures today, providing our residents with an extensive degree of emergency services as compared to other areas.

Having priority of making the Board and your government more open to residents, Mr. Haynie enabled the implementation of video recording of regularly scheduled board meetings for enhanced record keeping, accountability, transparency, and resident access. As has been the case for a while now, this effort has provided county residents/taxpayers with meeting access they previously never had through use of the Zoom platform and participating in meetings from a distance. Meeting attendance (by residents) has increased exponentially!

His work continues despite current encumbrances he faces. He hopes to have the county provide increased water access for fishing, boating and recreation, continue to bring value to the residents of Northumberland along with more accountability and quicker posting of all meeting results for resident reviews following a meeting. Mr Haynie is a constant resource for his fellow board members, the residents, and the whole of Northumberland! If his presence were absent from the Board of Supervisors, a tremendous asset to this county would be lost!

THANK YOU, MR. HYANIE

THE RELATIONSHIP: SCHOOL BOARD/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The past relationship with the Northumberland School Board has been tumultuous between these two entities.

It all began approximately five years ago when Mr. Haynie, with his fellow Board member associates, began identifying irregularities in financial aspects of School Board operations, and their constantly increasing budgets, which began impacting the County budget. This then has led to increased resident property tax obligations and reduce county initiatives. Many of your public servants have served without any salary increases!

During these initial years School Board personnel were tasked with explanations of their finances. Their reaction was obfuscation and denial, flatly turning down multiple invitations for joint meetings with the County Supervisors to resolve existing problems.

Over time, with members of the Board of Supervisors (& School Board) rotating into vacant positions which became available, the tide began to turn to the level of cooperation seen today.

This cooperation, with Mr. Haynie's guidance, resulted in the incorporation of a county-wide forensic audit conducted in 2024. Progress has continued with noteworthy progress under Mr. Haynie's leadership in the most recent past 12 months.

One major factor in his most recent success (2025) has been the installation of a new School Board Superintendent, Dr. Karen Leslie. Mr Haynie has been the pivotal driving force, first in retaining Ms. Leslie's county employment, and more specifically fighting for her to become our Superintendent against resistance from within the School Board. She has been an incredibly positive force on future School operations and dedicated to increase student achievement.

The County now has input and accountability on school board spending, routinely having fact-finding meetings and progressively increasing transparency between the two. While work is not done to the degree needed, this is NOT the time to disrupt the path of growth in place with new untested initiatives.

Further results will be seen by early 2026, possible before the end of THIS Year!

THIS IS ALL THANKS TO MR HYNIE, NOT DESPITE MR. HAYNIE!

HIS EFFORTS MUST BE ONGOING WITH HIS RE-ELECTION!

RE-ELECT RICHARD HAYNIE!