



King runs for clerk

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Running for Clerk of Superior Court may be a first for Laura King, but she's certainly not new to holding political office.

The CPA and a certified fraud examiner (CFE) served as the mayor of Rutledge in 2004 and 2005, successfully fighting off a developer and getting the city out of debt.

Having grown up mostly in nearby Morgan County, King earned a degree from the University of Georgia in accounting. She has lived in Oconee County for over 10 years and has taught accounting at Georgia State University Perimeter College for 28 years.

King, who is running as a Democrat for Clerk of Superior Courts, will be facing incumbent Angela Elder-Johnson in the Nov. 5 General Election.

King said she has voted for past Democratic presidential candidates but that she's more of an Independent who cares more about candidates' track record, integrity and their ideas than their party affiliation.

"Ninety percent of us are politically marooned," she said about current-day politics.

With a platform of transparent and responsive government, King pledges to be honest and fair.

“People of all demographics and backgrounds should be treated equally and respectfully in the Clerk’s Office,” she said.

If King is elected, she will receive the base pay of \$83,750, which is tens of thousands of dollars less than the incumbent due to the incumbent receiving pay raises over a long tenure. King said she would like to freeze the salary if that’s possible. And as an advocate of term limits, King plans to serve just one term.

King would like to see more scrutiny on the process of selecting jurors.

“I think it’s important to have an honest jury pool,” she said.

When speaking about the fact that deed records have been preserved in a digital-only format since 2017, King said, “It is important to have redundancy of property records,” meaning both digital copies and bound books.

“We are all aware of the fragility of the internet and electric grid,” she said. “Hard copies should be maintained in the event the digital copy is wiped out or compromised.”

At a candidate forum hosted by the Conservatives of Northeast Georgia, King elaborated more on the subject.

“We are constantly warned about the dangers of the fragile electrical grid and the internet being hacked or going down,” King said, according to reporting from retired journalism professor Lee Becker on his blog, Oconee County Observations. “It is great to have digital copies. I can access them from home. But also digital copies can be changed. So if you have your hard copy, you can compare it with that digital copy and make sure that signatures and everything are correct.”

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