



**Coweta County Commission, District 2:
Tim Lassetter (Incumbent) and Eddie Wilson
Primary Election: May 22, 2018**

Chamber Mission: Champion increased economic prosperity for our members

Candidate	Tim Lassetter (R)	Eddie Wilson (R)
Age	59	71
# of years in Coweta	59	34
Education	Newnan High School Graduate BBA Degree with specialization in Management from West Georgia College	High school graduate Two-year technical school graduate (Electronics)
Work Experience	37-year career in Logistics/Distribution Currently General Manager with APL Logistics	Following four years of service in the United States Air Force, I was employed by Delta Air Lines for 31 years. My career began as a Junior Avionics Technician and I retired as General Manager of Call Center Operations. During my tenure at Delta, I was part of the team responsible for upgrading Delta's telecommunications network. Justifying and securing funding for multi-million-dollar projects was an integral part of my job. I was a key player in the expansion of the European customer reservations calls into a London call center which resulted in cost savings and better customer service. Following the success of the London call center project, I worked to direct customer reservations calls from South America into a Santiago, Chile call center.

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Community Experience	<p>Former Coach, Board Member and President of Newnan/Coweta Girls Softball.</p> <p>Former Board Member and President of Coweta-Fayette EMC Operation Roundup.</p>	<p>As a member of Newnan First United Methodist Church, I have served on several boards and committees and have been part of four mission trips to Honduras. With my family, we were active in participating and supporting the Coweta County 4-H program. In recent years, I have helped with fundraising for Coweta County Quilts of Valor. For many years, I have been a member of the Bill Gremillion Radio Club (a 501c3 corporation) and served as a board member and president. I worked with the Coweta commissioners and staff to draft and implement an agreement to provide backup amateur radio communications in times of need. I worked with community leaders and Coweta County Emergency Management Director to start the first Community Emergency Response Teams. CERT is a 20-hour training session to teach individuals the skills they need to prepare for an emergency and establish a shelter until help arrives.</p>
Personal Information	<p>Lifelong resident of Coweta County.</p> <p>Married for 33+ years to Lisa.</p> <p>Blessed with two children, Julia and Jess.</p> <p>Julia teaches in the Coweta County School System, and Jess is employed by the University of West Georgia where he is also completing his Master's Degree.</p>	<p>My wife Kathy and I have been married for 41 years. We moved to Coweta County from Clayton County to raise our two daughters in the country. We are active members of Newnan First United Methodist Church. With our daughters, we participated in 4-H activities and served as volunteer leaders. Our daughters graduated from Newnan High School. We are the proud grandparents of two boys and two girls – and another girl on the way very soon. One of my hobbies is Amateur Radio.</p>
Political Experience	<p>11+ years District 2 Coweta County Commissioner.</p> <p>9-year Board Member and former Chairman of Three Rivers Regional Commission.</p>	<p>Since moving to Coweta County in 1984, I have followed the activities of the commissioners. Following my first run for District 2 commissioner in 2010, I have attended over 85% of the commission meetings. This has given me a good understanding of how the Board of Commissioners conducts business. I have served the Republican Party as Precinct 3 chairman for eight years.</p>
Question 1 Describe what you believe makes Coweta County most	<p>Coweta County is fortunate to have a diverse population of talented citizens! Our location in relation to Atlanta and the interstate, our great local school system as well as secondary education options, a growing medical community that is second to none, a wide variety of different options for shopping, dining</p>	<p>Our location with I-85 bisecting the county gives residents convenient access to Atlanta and the Atlanta airport. Our network of over 950 miles of county roads provides efficient access to all parts of the county. Coweta County has diverse housing choices ranging from subdivisions to vast farm land. Our fire, sheriff, and</p>

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appealing to both current and future residents.	and recreation, and a rich history make Coweta County a special place to live. We are now large enough to offer a varying array of things for people to enjoy but still have that small town, community feel that resonates to both our citizens and visitors as well.	EMS make Coweta a safe place to live. We have a variety of dining, shopping and entertainment choices. Chattahoochee Bend State Park and our county recreation areas provide additional activities for our citizens.
Question 2 What top 3 assets does Coweta County possess which attract new business and stimulate growth of existing businesses?	I think our entire community is very business friendly, welcoming those who provide employment opportunities to our citizens. That business-friendly attitude exists because the local leaders of the county, the City of Newnan and other municipalities, the Chamber and the local business community are all like-minded, wanting what is best for the entire community. Secondly, our location near the Atlanta airport and the interstate are critical components that make Coweta so attractive as well as our five different high quality industrial parks, availability of water resources, and other infrastructure that aren't always available in other counties. Lastly, and possibly more important than other assets I already listed, companies see that we have a great local school system for their children, a pool of qualified workers that can help enhance their success in the marketplace, and an overall quality of life that residents expect and can't get in other communities.	Easy access to I-85. Newnan-Coweta Airport. Available industrial parks.
Question 3 Describe how you would use your elected position to help business growth in Coweta County.	I would continue to work closely with the county staff, members of the Development Authority, the Chamber, and the business community to promote our county by ensuring we are competitive with any local incentives, that we ensure we appropriate funds for infrastructure improvements, especially those that are transportation related, and that I am available to the business community so they can share any concerns and ideas they have to enhance Coweta's business growth. I would also ensure necessary funding is provided for the Development Authority so they can continue to help existing companies expand their business in our community as well as attract those that are looking to possibly locate in Coweta County. Lastly, I would maintain open lines of communication with other elected	I would work with the Development Authorities to attract more manufacturing, technology and research and development companies. We also need to recruit corporate or regional headquarters and develop a business park with Class A office space. Agricultural business needs to be promoted. Horse and cattle farms, greenhouses and agritourism help our local economy while aiding in maintaining our rural character. As a commission we need to develop a fast-track system to give quick answers to questions and respond with incentive packages for businesses that would be an asset to Coweta County. We need to support our local university and technical college campuses, so they can continue to educate graduates with skills needed for our industries. The commission needs to work with internet service

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	officials at the local, state, and federal level to ensure our community never misses the opportunity for additional funding on enhancements like we see presently at the Poplar Road interchange on I-85. That project would have never been possible without the support of all these listed above and the tireless, collaborative efforts of the local business community.	providers to install broadband internet access to all parts of the county. Businesses cannot operate without fast internet access. A substantial portion of Coweta County currently has less than 10-megabit internet speeds or none at all. We should give incentives to businesses that renovate and use existing vacant buildings. Incentives should also be offered to help our local small businesses expand. Often, when they try to expand, they run into obstacles that make it cost prohibitive.
Question 4 List the greatest need(s) in Coweta to continue its prosperity.	I feel the most important thing for us to concentrate on in the future to remain prosperous is to ensure we are dedicating needed resources to infrastructure improvements especially in the area of transportation. There are needs now but if we ever get behind and can't provide what businesses need to be successful, they will go to other communities. Also, if we get behind it will be very difficult to ever catch up and would cause negative consequences in the business community.	We need a strong development policy for the next 10, 20, 30 years down the road. We need to determine what we, as current citizens, want Coweta County to be in the future. If we do not plan correctly now, we cannot correct it later. The rural character is an important image for Coweta County. We must be mindful to not tax land so much that a person cannot afford to keep the family farm. Transportation needs need to be planed for well in advance. New interstate interchanges are needed and must be planned for 20 or more years in advance. We need to look at impact fees that are still in place but set to 0. The revenue from the fees will help fund infrastructure upgrades without putting the burden on current residents.
Question 5 If elected, what do you want your greatest accomplishment to be during your term of office?	The greatest accomplishment I can achieve in office is to have people say that I am fair, that I listen to the constituents, I thoroughly review all information before rendering a decision, and that I am passionate about ensuring Coweta County remains a community that we all want to continue to live and work in for the rest of our lives.	That I have served the citizens of District 2 in an open and honest manner while working to improve the quality of live in our county. That the taxes we collected were spent on projects that provided benefit to the citizens of Coweta County. That decisions I made and projects I supported helped make Coweta County a better place to live and work.