

KELLY ALLEN / ALAMANCE COUNTY COMMISSION AT LARGE INCUMBENT (R)

<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE LEFT</u>	<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE RIGHT</u>
● <u>TYPICAL REPUBLICAN WHO VOTES WITH HER PARTY OVER PEOPLE</u>	● <u>VOTED TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES</u>

Key Findings Include:

Republican and Former Mayor: Allen was appointed to the County Board in 2022. Before that she was Mayor of Haw River, a town with less than 3,000 people.

Muted Online Presence: Despite her years of public service, with her recent appointment to the county board, Allen has a fairly muted online campaign presence. Her [personal Facebook](#) has very little in the vein of political content. Her [campaign Facebook](#) mostly posts uncontroversial political content of her doing her job as a commissioner or campaigning for re-election however there was one post where she commented that she was supportive of federal policies and cooperation with federal agents, photo ID for voting, and against property tax increases.

Controversial budget votes: Allen voted to increase property taxes several times, and voted to approve a budget that pulled money from savings without replacing it

Jurisdiction Summary

Alamance County, part of the Burlington metro area and within the greater Greensboro–Winston-Salem–High Point region, covers about 434 sq mi and had approximately 174,286 residents in 2023, up from around 171 k in 2020. The population is roughly 60% non-Hispanic White, 19.6% Black, and 14.8% Hispanic or Latino [[Wikipedia](#), 7/29/2025]. In 2023, the county’s median household income was about \$64,445, with a poverty rate around 14%, and homeownership near 65.6% [[Data USA](#), 7/29/2025].

In the 2024 presidential election, Alamance County favored Donald Trump (R) with 53.36% to Kamala Harris (D) with 45.22%, similar to Biden’s result in 2020 but overperforming Clinton in 2016 [[NCSBE](#), 7/29/2025]. However, in the 2024 gubernatorial race, Democrat Josh Stein carried the county as part of his statewide win, reflecting competitive ticket-splitting: Stein flipped Alamance County Democratic, the first time since 2004 [[Wikipedia](#), 7/29/2025]. Despite these results, Republicans swept the County Commission elections in 2022 and 2024 and all five County Commissioners are Republicans.

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL LIFE

Allen is a widow. She was married to Charles Allen, who was the Haw River Director of Public Works, for 48 years. Charles passed away suddenly in 2024. [[Kelly Allen](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & PUBLIC SECTOR BACKGROUND

Allen is a retired nurse. She has an associate’s degree in nursing from Alamance Community College. [[Kelly Allen Facebook](#), accessed 6/29/2026] [[Branch](#), accessed 6/29/2026]

Allen is president of the Haw River Museum. [[Haw River Museum Facebook](#), accessed 6/29/2026]

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY
No findings of note

CAMPAIGN BACKGROUND

Allen was elected to the Haw River Town Council in 2017 and Mayor of Haw River in 2019. Both elections are nonpartisan. [[Ballotpedia](#), accessed 6/29/2026]

Allen claims she was first elected in 2009 as a write-in candidate, but this claim is unable to be verified. NCSBE records from that year do not include Allen as a candidate, but there are substantial write-in votes that may be the election Allen is referencing, however the official certification is not available to verify the claim. [[NCSBE](#), accessed 7/2/2026][[Kelly Allen](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

IDEOLOGY & POLITICS

Allen was criticized in a local opinion piece for being a “mini-me” of the other Republican County Commissioners. Specifically, the article claims Allen did not speak out against the proposed property tax increases. [[Alamance News](#), 7/29/2025].

AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL FIGURES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Maverick Radio and GOAT Radio NC, local conservative radio stations run by the same person, thanked Allen for supporting them during her campaign. [[Maverick Radio](#), 1/16/2026][[GOAT Radio NC](#), 1/16/2026]

PARTISAN POSTS

Allen commented on her own campaign Facebook post in support of working with federal agents and photo IDs for voting. Allen commented on the same post that she is against raising property taxes. [[Kelly Allen Facebook](#), 2/10/2026]



David Michael
What is your stance on raising property taxes. You've already voted to raise them the last time are you going to do it again ...

17w Like Reply 1



Kelly Allen for Commissioner
David Michael No! I have been an elected official for 17 years. I have voted for a tax increase twice, once in Haw River (we had not had a tax increase in 12 years). This year they were going to cut the Rescue Unit, Crossroads, sexual response and replacement vehicles for the Sheriff (who waits until they have a minimum of 130,000.00 miles). I will not vote for a tax increase two years in a row.

17w Like Reply



Roger Helms
What's your position on immigration enforcement and the police working with ICE. Also where do you stand on the Save America Act requiring voter ID and citizenship verification for the elections.

18w Like Reply



Kelly Allen for Commissioner
Roger Helms I am for following the Federal Laws (for that matter all laws). I agree with working with Federal agents. I agree with photo ID to vote. You have to show your ID for checks, vacation rentals, etc. why would you be against showing ID to vote. ...

18w Like Reply Edited 1

CAMPAIGN INFRASTRUCTURE

No findings of note

ENDORSEMENTS

No findings of note

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Allen does not have any campaign finance reports on file with NCSBE. [[NCSBE](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Allen has \$21,063.49 cash on hand, received \$48,860 in contributions and had \$27,796.51 in expenses. The entirety of the contributions came from local business owners and candidates. There were no immediate vulnerabilities assessed in these contributions. [[Alamance BOE](#), 7/10/2026]

PERSONAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Allen does not have any FEC contributions. [[FEC](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Allen does not have any Alamance County contributions. [[Alamance County](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Allen has made \$1650 in NCSBE contributions, primarily to other committees. There are no immediate vulnerabilities assessed in these contributions. [[NCSBE](#), accessed 7/15/2026]

TABLE: Allen NC Contributions

Contributor	Employer	Recipient	Date	Amount	Type of Payment
KELLY ALLEN	CITY OF HAW RIVER	RIDDELL FOR NC HOUSE 64	10/15/2025	250	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY GALEY	06/10/2020	100	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY GALEY	06/10/2020	100	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY GALEY	07/31/2020	100	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY GALEY	10/26/2021	50	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	ALAMANCE RW	02/05/2022	35	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY GALEY	02/14/2022	25	Monetary

KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY GALEY	02/25/2022	100	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY GALEY	08/17/2022	100	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MEREDITH EDWARDS	02/02/2023	101	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	HAW RIVER	ALAMANCE REC	10/25/2023	75	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	HAW RIVER	ALAMANCE REC	11/14/2023	50	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	HAW RIVER	ALAMANCE REC	11/15/2023	50	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	CITY OF HAW RIVER	RIDDELL FOR NC HOUSE 64	06/25/2025	300	Monetary
KELLY ALLEN	CITY OF HAW RIVER	RIDDELL FOR NC HOUSE 64	06/28/2025	20	Monetary
KELLY F ALLEN	TOWN OF HAW RIVER	STEPHEN ROSS COMM	09/16/2022	100	Monetary
Kelly F Allen	Town of Haw River	WALKER 4 NC	06/26/2023	100	Monetary

ISSUES

Taxes / Controversial Budget Cuts

Allen voted to approve a 2.5-cent increase to the property tax rate for FY 2025-2026. The controversial budget also provided roughly \$11 million from the county’s fund balance for the local school district, which still left the school district approximately \$4.4 million short of the requested budget increase. [The News of Orange County, 6/19/2025]

Allen voted to approve a controversial budget for FY 2026-2027 that does not increase property taxes but pulls more money from the county reserve fund, without providing any new source of revenue to replace the money being removed each year: “I think today I handled 25 phone calls from people worried to death that they won’t be able to pay their property taxes, she told the board ahead of Monday night’s vote.” The commissioners are hoping the property revaluation currently underway will increase property taxes indirectly instead. The budget also included many spending reductions such as eliminating 50 vacant positions in the county and reducing the library system’s operating hours. [Times-News, 6/16/2026][[Alamance News](#), 6/15/2026]

Allen lists “Careful budgeting, responsible spending, and protecting taxpayer dollars while maintaining essential services.” under Priorities on her campaign site. [[Kelly Allen](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Good Government/Ethics

No findings of note

Public Safety

Allen lists “Strong support for emergency services and law enforcement, ensuring they have the resources needed to protect our communities.” under Priorities on her campaign site. [[Kelly Allen](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Healthcare

No findings of note

Economic development

Allen was involved in bringing Buc-ees to Mebane, in Alamance County, after Orange County officials rejected the proposal. The proposed travel center will be 64,000 square feet with 120 gas pumps. Neighboring Orange County rejected the proposal due to concerns about the size of the site as well as potential environmental impacts. Alamance County reached out to Buc-ee’s after hearing they were looking for a new site. [The Herald Sun, 6/10/2026][The News & Observer, 6/10/2026]

Housing & Development (affordable housing, zoning, data centers)

Allen lists “Maintaining community pride, appearance, and livability across Alamance County.” under Priorities on her campaign site. [[Kelly Allen](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Environment / Land Management

Allen voted to approve a proposed debris landfill over opposition from the community. The community cited narrow, curved roads and the increased truck traffic as a key concern. “Commissioner Kelly Allen indicated that there have been behind-the-scenes discussions, saying “I know several of us are trying to find anything and everything we can to help with that.” Commissioners directed the county manager to look into the issue further, but ultimately voted 4-1 to approve the construction permits for the landfill. [Times-News, 2/17/2026][Times-News, 3/18/2026][Times-News, 4/22/2026]

Infrastructure (roads, parks, water and utilities, bike paths)

Allen lists “Pursuing grants and long-term planning to strengthen infrastructure without burdening taxpayers.” under Priorities on her campaign site. [[Kelly Allen](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Education

Allen lists “Supporting schools, educators, and volunteer efforts that strengthen families and neighborhoods.” under Priorities on her campaign site. [[Kelly Allen](#), accessed 7/2/2026]

Elections/Voting Access

No findings of note

Affordability / Cost of Living

No findings of note

Ideology, Rhetoric & Extremism Signals

No findings of note

Variable

No findings of note

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

[Personal Facebook](#)

[Campaign Facebook](#)

[Campaign Site](#)