

PITT COUNTY DISTRICT 6 COMMISSIONER GARY WEAVER (R)

Gary Weaver is a Republican member of the Pitt County Commission running for re-election in 2026. Weaver was appointed in September 2025 to replace outgoing commissioner Lauren White, who had resigned following a breast cancer diagnosis. Weaver is a former chairman of the Pitt County Republican Party and served for three months on the Pitt County Board of Elections. Weaver retired from the North Carolina State Highway Patrol after 30 years of service and remains active in law enforcement. According to recent analyses, the county is approximately [58%-42%](#) in favor of registered Democrats.

Key Findings:

Weaver was appointed to the Pitt County Board of Elections in June 2025 but resigned less than two months later to pursue an appointment to the Board of Commissioners—in the wake of a contentious meeting over early voting sites. In August 2025, Weaver convened a meeting of the Board of Elections to reconsider the location of early voting sites it had decided on the previous month. Weaver said he had received complaints from residents about the site it had chosen for early voting, but his decision to reconsider that plan generated significant pushback of its own. Local residents packed the Board of Elections meeting in August and urged the Board to maintain its original plan, which it ultimately did. Weaver did not vote on the motion to reconsider at that August meeting, saying as chairman he was not required to vote in such instances; the other four commissioners voted to maintain their original July plan. Fewer than two weeks after the contentious meeting in August, Weaver announced his resignation from the Board of Elections, but he said his decision was not related to the early voting controversy.

The Board of Commissioners rejected the recommendation of the Pitt County Republican Party in appointing Weaver, who was endorsed by outgoing commissioner White. The Pitt County Republican Party executive committee endorsed Rich Zeck, the mayor of Simpson, N.C., to fill the seat being vacated by weaver, but the Board of Commissioners is exempt from a state law requiring it to follow that recommendation. Instead, the Board voted 6-2 in September to appoint Weaver to the seat. Republican Commissioner Benji Holloman, the lone Republican to back Weaver, said he “followed the recommendations of former Commissioner Lauren White; that’s what I did.... It’s been the precedent of this board to go with the outgoing commissioner’s wishes on who to appoint.” Weaver was chairman of the Pitt County Republican Party from 2019 to 2025.

Weaver is a career law enforcement officer and ran two unsuccessful campaigns for Pitt County Sheriff in 2018 and 2022. Weaver retired from the North Carolina Highway Patrol after 30 years of service and remains active in law enforcement, working with Alcohol Law Enforcement in Pitt County. In 2018 and 2022, Weaver ran unsuccessful campaigns for Pitt County Sheriff; he lost both races to Paula Dance, the first Black woman to be elected sheriff in North Carolina history.

In 2020, Weaver donated to the congressional campaign of Sandy Smith, who would go on to deny the results of the election later that year. According to FEC records, Weaver donated a total of \$325 to the campaign of Sandy Smith, the Republican nominee in North Carolina’s First Congressional District. In December of that year, Smith posted on Twitter that she wanted Donald Trump to be re-elected, Dominion voting machines “eradicated,” and “executions of those found guilty of treason.”

September 2025: Weaver was appointed to the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to replace Lauren White, who resigned earlier that month. “The Pitt County Board of Commissioners appointed Gary Weaver as the District 6 County Commissioner during the Monday, September 15, 2025 board meeting. He succeeds Lauren White whose resignation was accepted earlier this month. ‘It is a privilege to welcome Mr. Weaver to the Board,’ says Benji Holloman, Chair, Board of County Commissioners. ‘His service and dedication to our community will be a tremendous asset as we continue to address the needs of our residents and advance the future of Pitt County.’ The Oath of Office was administered following the vote on September 15 and the term will expire in December 2026.” [Pitt County Press Release, via Facebook, [09/16/25](#)]

- **White resigned after being diagnosed with breast cancer.** “Lauren White, a Black Jack Republican who represents southern Pitt County residents in Commissioner District 6, announced Aug. 18 that she was resigning after eight and a half years of service. Her decision comes after being diagnosed earlier this year with breast cancer. While she is now cancer-free, White said her doctors have told her she is at risk of recurrence and was encouraged to reduce stress levels for her health. North Carolina law allows local boards of county commissioners to select a replacement when a seat is vacated. The replacement must be from the same political party of the former seat holder. County political parties present recommendations.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 08/25/25]
- **Weaver was selected by the Commission on a 6-2 vote over the recommendation of the county Republican Party.** “The Pitt County Board of Commissioners voted 6-2 on Monday for Gary Weaver to fill a seat on the board being vacated by outgoing Lauren White, going against a recommendation from the county Republican Party to select Rich Zeck. Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams nominated Weaver, former chairman of the county Republican party, followed by a nomination for Zeck by Rochelle Brown. The board first voted on Zeck, with Mark Smith joining Brown in voting for the Simpson mayor and director of the Pitt County Council on Aging. The board then voted on Weaver, with Ann Floyd Huggins, Mac Manning, Melvin McLawhorn, Chris Nunnally and Benji Holloman voting with Perkins-Williams. State law required the board to replace White, who is stepping down for health reasons, with a fellow Republican. Pitt County is exempt, however, from a requirement that it follow the recommendation of the local party executive committee, whose 11 members voted Sunday to recommend Zeck over Weaver and Ralph Whitehurst.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 09/15/25]
- **Republican Commissioner Benji Holloman, who joined the commission’s five Democrats in favor of Weaver’s appointment, said he was following the recommendation of outgoing commissioner White.** “‘I followed the recommendations of former Commissioner Lauren White; that’s what I did,’ said Holloman, the lone Republican who joined the board’s five Democrats in selecting Weaver. ‘It’s been the precedent of this board to go with the outgoing commissioner’s wishes on who to appoint. For some reason, some members didn’t want to do that tonight; I don’t know why.’” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 09/15/25]

March 2026: Weaver won the Republican primary to seek re-election to his seat. “A Republican appointed to Pitt County Board of Commissioners won his primary over two challengers Tuesday along with two incumbent Democrats who face no GOP opposition in November. Gary Weaver received 734 votes to defeat Ralph Whitehurst and Rich Zeck with 587 and 321 votes, respectively, to earn the Republican nomination for the Pitt County Board of Commissioners District 6 seat. Vote totals are complete but unofficial until a canvass on March 13. Weaver was appointed in September to fill the unexpired term of Lauren White. He won Tuesday’s election even though the Pitt County Republican Party’s executive committee recommended Zeck for the seat last year. He will face Democrat Liam Schulyer in the Nov. 3 general election.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 03/03/26]

Weaver: “My focus will be on addressing present challenges and helping pave the way for sustained growth and future opportunities.” “Of the appointment, Weaver states, ‘I look forward to serving the constituents of District 6 and, along with my fellow Commissioners, believe in our shared goal of the betterment of all Pitt County residents. My focus will be on addressing present challenges and helping pave the way for sustained growth and future opportunities.’” [Pitt County Press Release, via Facebook, [09/16/25](#)]

Weaver is a retired North Carolina State Highway Patrol officer with 30 years of service. “Weaver retired from the North Carolina State Highway Patrol after 30 years of service and continues public service in Pitt County through volunteering and various board appointments including Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers and Simpson Rural Fire Department. Pitt County Election District 6 spans southeastern Pitt County, includes Grifton and nearby rural communities and runs along NC 118 and NC 102.” [Pitt County Press Release, via Facebook, [09/16/25](#)]

Weaver lists his occupation as “Investigator/Law Enforcement.” [Pitt County North Carolina Staff Directory, Gary Weaver, accessed [06/10/26](#)]

Weaver has 35 total years in law enforcement and works with the Alcohol Law Enforcement serving Pitt County. “I proudly serve the people of District 6 as a Pitt County Commissioner. With more than 35 years of experience in law enforcement and public service, I bring integrity, accountability, and proven leadership to local government. I honorably retired after 30 years of service with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, where I served as a supervisor over Pitt and Martin counties. I currently work with Alcohol Law Enforcement serving Pitt County. I have also served as Vice President and President of the Pitt County Law Enforcement Officers Association and am a member of Pitt County Crime Stoppers and the Simpson Volunteer Fire Department.” [Ballotpedia Candidate Survey, accessed [06/10/26](#)]

Weaver lives in eastern Pitt County with his wife, Kay. “Hello, my name is Gary Weaver. I am a Christian conservative and I live in eastern Pitt County with my wife, Kay. We have been married for 34 years and are proud parents of two wonderful children. Our oldest son serves as an officer in the United States Navy, and our youngest is a state police officer. I attend Parker’s Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.” [Ballotpedia Candidate Survey, accessed [06/10/26](#)]

Weaver: “I’m running for re-election to keep fighting for lower taxes, strong public safety, and conservative values that put families and taxpayers first.” “I’m running for re-election to keep fighting for lower taxes, strong public safety, and conservative values that put families and taxpayers first. I’m proud to serve the people of Pitt County and ask for your continued support.” [Elect Gary Weaver, accessed [06/10/26](#)]

Weaver: “Faith, family, and fiscal responsibility aren’t just words to me. They’re the values that guide my decisions every day as your County Commissioner.” “Faith, family, and fiscal responsibility aren’t just words to me. They’re the values that guide my decisions every day as your County Commissioner. They shape how I approach public safety, how I protect taxpayer dollars, and how I work to keep Pitt County strong, safe, and affordable for the families who call it home. I’m proud to serve the people of District 6. My background in law enforcement and public service has taught me the importance of accountability, respect for the rule of law, and standing firm when it matters most. Public safety will always be a top priority — because nothing is more important than ensuring our communities are secure and our law enforcement officers have the support they need to do their jobs. As a commissioner, I’ve focused on responsible government spending, lower taxes, and common-sense policies that strengthen families, support local businesses, and encourage smart growth without sacrificing our values. I believe government should live within its means, listen to its citizens, and work efficiently on their behalf. I’m running for re-election to keep fighting for conservative principles that protect taxpayers and preserve the quality of life we value here in Pitt County. I’m honored by the trust you’ve placed

in me, and I ask for your continued support as we work together to keep District 6 — and all of Pitt County — moving in the right direction.” [News, Elect Gary Weaver, [12/07/25](#)]

Weaver: “I believe local government should be focused on what matters most to families — safe neighborhoods, affordable living, and responsible use of tax dollars.” “When I first chose to serve, I did so for one simple reason: I care deeply about Pitt County and the people who live here. I believe local government should be focused on what matters most to families — safe neighborhoods, affordable living, and responsible use of tax dollars. That belief has guided my work as your County Commissioner, and it’s why I’m running for re-election. My background in law enforcement taught me that public safety is not optional. It’s a foundational responsibility of government. As commissioner, I’ve worked to support our law enforcement officers, uphold the rule of law, and make sure Pitt County remains a place where families feel safe to live, work, and raise their children. Just as important is fiscal responsibility. Taxpayers deserve leaders who respect their hard-earned money. I’ve consistently supported responsible budgeting, opposed unnecessary spending, and pushed for policies that keep taxes low while still delivering essential services.” [News, Elect Gary Weaver, [02/03/26](#)]

Prior Campaigns

2018: Weaver was the Republican nominee for Pitt County Sheriff. “Sheriff races: ... In Pitt County, Paula Dance will represent the Democratic ticket, while Gary Weaver will represent the Republicans.” [CBS-9 WNCT (Greenville, N.C., 03/15/18)]

2018: Weaver lost the race for Sheriff to Paula Dance, the first Black woman elected to the office. “Democratic candidate Paula Dance clinched victory over Republican Gary Weaver in the race for Pitt County sheriff Tuesday night, making her the first new sheriff the county has seen since 2010. Her victory is receiving attention statewide, as she is the first African American woman to be elected sheriff in the history of North Carolina. Her win also makes her the first African American sheriff in Pitt County.” [CBS9 WNCT, 11/08/18]

2019: Weaver was chairman of the Pitt County Republican Party. “Gary Weaver, the Republican Party chairman in Pitt County” [Associated Press State & Local, 04/22/19]

2022: Weaver ran another unsuccessful campaign for Sheriff, losing again to Dance. “Dance in November was elected to office for her second term by a margin of 30,447 votes to 24,351, defeating Republican Gary Weaver in the countywide race.” [The Daily Reflector, 12/06/22]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

2026: Weaver’s campaign committee reported \$6,312 in total receipts, \$6,330 in expenses and \$582 cash on hand. [North Carolina State Board of Elections, Elect Gary Weaver Sheriff, First Quarter 2026 Disclosure Report, 02/21/26]

Gary Weaver 2026 Campaign Finance Summary	
Starting Cash on Hand	\$600
Total Receipts	\$6,312
Total Expenditures	\$6,330
Cash on Hand at End of Q1 2026	\$582

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2020: Weaver donated \$325 to Sandy Smith for Congress, Inc. [FEC, accessed [06/10/26](#)]

Smith was a Republican candidate for North Carolina's First Congressional district. [WAVY, [09/10/20](#)]

December 2020: Smith: "I want to see ... executions of those found guilty of treason" "Five things I want to see: 1. @realDonaldTrump is reelected president 2. Dominion machines impounded & eradicated from the USA 3. Arrests of the perpetrators of this fraud 4. Trails & executions of those found guilty of treason 5. Tougher laws so that this never happens again" [Twitter, @SandySmithNC, [12/01/20](#)]

AFFORDABILITY

No findings identified.

BUDGETS & TAXES

November 2025: Daily Reflector: Weaver voted "to sell a Farmville property owned by the county for \$2,000 despite a commissioner's recommendation to seek more money." "Commissioners voted 7-2 to sell a Farmville property owned by the county for \$2,000 despite a commissioner's recommendation to seek more money. Commissioner Christopher Nunnally recommended pursuing a counteroffer because the .09-acre parcel between South Main Street and Crestwood Drive is valued at \$3,750, based on sales reviewed for the 2024 reappraisal. 'Initially, I read it and I thought maybe just accept it because we don't want to hold properties without receiving taxes,' Nunnally said. 'At the same time, this is an out-of-state bid, presumably with no connection to the county; not that it should matter, but it got me thinking, what's the harm of a counteroffer at tax value? That's what we should get for it.' Attorney Matt Gibson said the county acquired the land in 2008 because the owner defaulted on \$750 in taxes owed. No one submitted an offer to buy the parcel during an auction at that time. Hill said the parcel is the last of several the county acquired at that time but didn't sell. Since then, an additional \$495 in costs have been accrued, Hill said. Commissioner Benji Holloman, board chairman, said the \$2,000 offer was nearly \$800 above the county's investment in the land. Hill said the proposed buyer also has to settle the taxes owed to the Town of Farmville. Commissioner Ann Floyd Huggins made a motion to accept the \$2,000 bid, which Commissioner Melvin McLawhorn seconded. Huggins, McLawhorn, Holloman and Commissioners Rochelle Brown, Mary Perkins-Williams, Gary Weaver and Mac Manning voted to approve the sale and Nunnally and Commissioner Mark Smith voted against the motion." [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 11/20/25]

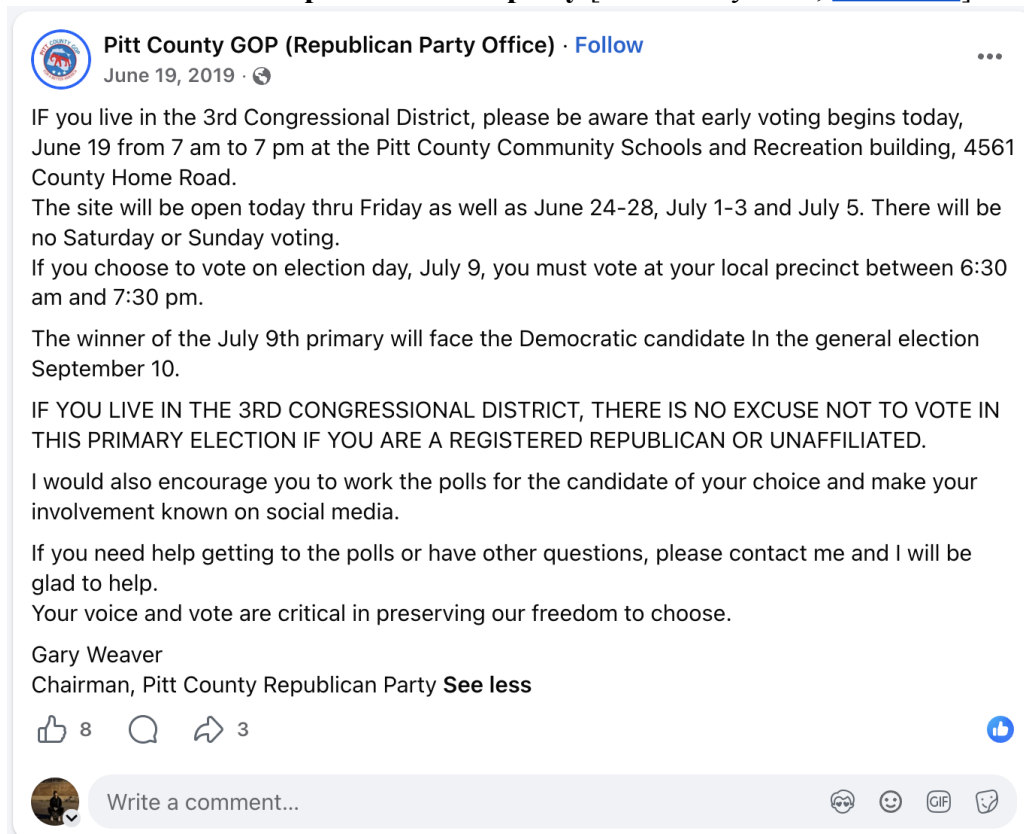
May 2026: Weaver voted against increasing the county's travel budget by approximately \$35,000 to allow commissioners to travel to additional conferences or educational events. "The Pitt County Board of Commissioners voted down a suggestion to increase its travel budget by giving each member an individual stipend. Pitt County Manager Janis Gallagher suggested the change because the current funding model allows the county to pay for travel to only three specific events. Travel to any additional educational program requires commissioners to pay for it out of pocket or submit a request for additional travel dollars at a board meeting. ... Gallagher said it appeared some commissioners were uncomfortable asking for additional travel dollars to different education events, so she proposed a new funding mechanism: assigning each commissioner a \$6,150 travel allowance that they could apply to different events. Gallagher said the new proposal would require increasing the board's travel budget from \$40,000 to \$75,000. ... Commissioners Gary Weaver and Mac Manning said they had problems adding \$35,000 to the budget with current economic conditions. ... The board rejected the recommendation 5-4 with Brown, Smith, Manning, Weaver and Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams voting against the change and Huggins, Commissioner Melvin McLawhorn, Nunnally and Commissioner Benji Holloman voting for it." [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 05/07/26]

CONTROVERSIES

2019 - 2020: Weaver's personal Facebook includes a post from December 2020 that details all the steps Trump and his allies were taking to overturn the election. Weaver also unsuccessfully ran for county sheriff in 2018 and 2022, losing by around 10% both times to Democrat Paula Dance. [Gary Weaver Facebook, [12/10/2020](#)]



Posts Indicate Weaver was Chair of the Pitt County GOP as early as June 2019 as he signed his name as Chair on Facebook posts from the party [Pitt County GOP, [6/19/2019](#)].

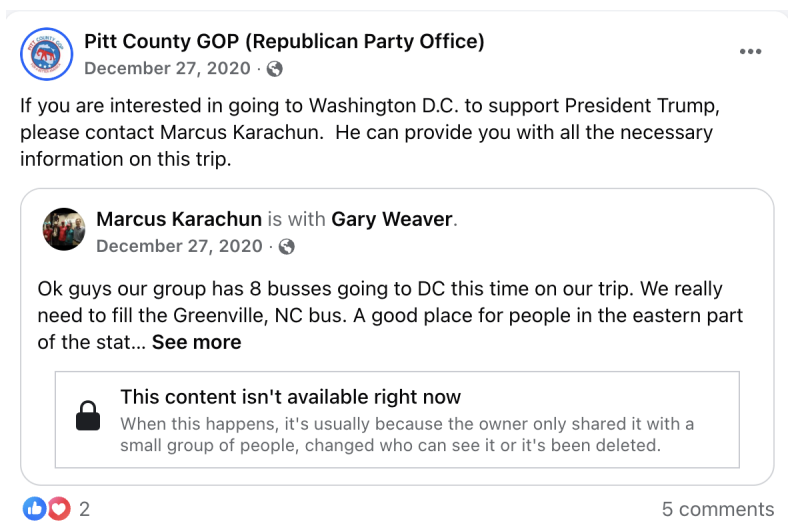


Weaver's name was also on Pitt County GOP posts as Chairman in 2024 [Pitt County GOP, [5/28/2024](#)].



A new Pitt County GOP Chairman was not elected until March 2025. "March 8, 2025
Pitt County GOP Elects New Leadership, Thanks Outgoing Officers Greenville, NC – The Pitt County Republican Party has elected Drock Vincent as its new Chairman and Ralph Whitehurst as Vice Chairman during its recent convention... The Pitt County GOP also extends its sincere gratitude to outgoing Chairman Gary Weaver, Vice Chair Brenda Smith, and former Treasurer Terry Monday for their leadership and dedication to the party. Their hard work has strengthened our local Republican movement and laid a solid foundation for future success." [Pitt GOP, [3/8/2025](#)].

That means Weaver oversaw the Pitt County GOP through the 2020 election. In the aftermath of the 2020 election, the Pitt County GOP shared many posts from Trump and others questioning the results of the 2020 election, saying the election was stolen, and supporting those who were seeking to go to the insurrection in D.C.



December 2025: Weaver supported a successful motion to display “In God We Trust” in Pitt County courtrooms. “The Pitt County Board of Commissioners voted 5-4 this week to display the words ‘In God We Trust’ in Pitt County courtrooms after a debate over whether the motto’s placement is appropriate. Details about the installation were unclear after Monday’s vote to display the words, adopted by Congress as the official motto of the United States in 1956 and signed by President Dwight Eisenhower. District B Commissioner Rochell Brown of Greenville proposed the action. ... Commissioner Gary Weaver made a motion to install the ‘In God We Trust’ motto; it was seconded by Brown.... The board then voted on the motion to install the motto and it passed 5-4 with Brown, Perkins-Williams, Weaver, Holloman and Smith voting in favor and Nunnally, McLawhorn, Manning and Huggins voting against it.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 12/16/25]

- **A nonprofit organization, US Motto Action Committee, paid approximately \$2,000 to install “In God We Trust” signs in county courthouses.** “The motto ‘In God We Trust’ will be installed in 10-inch letters in Pitt County’s main Superior Courtroom and in 5-inch letters in two other courtrooms in accordance with a Dec. 15 vote by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners, and a nonprofit group will pay for the installation, the county manager said. The board voted 5-4 in favor of a proposal by Commissioner Rochelle Brown to contract with a Greenville company, Signsmith, to install the lettering, although the board’s Dec. 15 motion did not specify an agreement with the company. County Manager Janis Gallagher said the deal was implicit in the presentation to the commissioners, which included specifications and the placement of the lettering. ... Gallagher said she notified Tim Corley, deputy county manager/county engineer, on Dec. 18 to confirm an agreement was in place with the US Motto Action Committee to pay the \$1,979 estimate Signsmith provided for the fabrication and installation of three sets of polished black acrylic letters.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 12/27/25]

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No findings identified.

EDUCATION

May 2026: Weaver raised the possibility of redistricting to address declining enrollment in county schools. “Wednesday’s requests came at a time when the school system is cutting 67 teaching positions because declining enrollment resulted in a loss of state and federal funds. Following Lassiter’s presentation, Commissioner Gary Weaver asked questions about the population of northern Pitt County Schools, focusing on Stokes, Bethel and Pactolus, which are all K-8 schools. Pitt County Schools Chief of Operations Aaron

Errickson said Stokes' current population is about 200 students and the school capacity is 400. Bethel has about 250 students and its capacity is 450. Pactolus' population is higher than its capacity, Errickson said. It's at 105 percent capacity. 'Have we thought about redistricting the school district so that we can maybe take some of those schools and better provide for transportation?' Weaver said. 'If I'm correct now, and (tell) me if I'm wrong, you're running an AC unit, you're keeping maintenance on the building, you're doing everything for a school that is operating at not even half capacity of its students.'" [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 05/06/26]

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ELECTIONS & BALLOT ACCESS

June 2025: Weaver was appointed as chairman of the Pitt County Board of Elections. "A law enforcement officer and former chairman of the Pitt County GOP has been appointed to head Pitt County's Board of Elections by State Auditor Dan Boliek. Boliek's office announced Gary Weaver as the new chair of the Pitt County Board of Elections on Tuesday along with appointments to the state's other 99 counties. The new chairs will take their oaths of office on July 22. Weaver will end his tenure as a Chocowinity Police Department officer on July 1. He is a retired supervisor with the State Highway Patrol and former president of the Pitt County Law Enforcement Officers Association. He served as chair of the Pitt County GOP until Drock Vincent was elected to the position in March." [The Daily Reflector, 06/24/25]

Daily Reflector: "Weaver praised the board and Pitt County Elections Director Dave Davis, whom he worked with as chair of the county GOP." "Weaver praised the board and Pitt County Elections Director Dave Davis, whom he worked with as chair of the county GOP. He said he aims to ensure a smooth process in the upcoming municipal election season and looks forward to working with his fellow board members. 'Great group of people that work on the board,' Weaver said. 'I look forward to working with Mr. Dave Davis and his great staff. 'We'll be thrown into the fire with the municipal elections and then we'll have the state elections the following year,' Weaver continued. 'People kind of underestimate the municipal elections and you don't get the turnout. That will be something I am not involved in as far as the turnout, but we want to make sure that we make it an easy process when people come there to vote.'" [The Daily Reflector, 06/24/25]

August 2025: Daily Reflector: "The Pitt County Board of Elections is set to reconsider the location of an early voting site following complaints that it isn't centrally located" "The Pitt County Board of Elections is set to reconsider the location of an early voting site following complaints that it isn't centrally located and will affect voting in the Nov. 4 municipal elections. The board is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at its office at 1800 N. Greene St. Complaints have centered on a site at the Pitt County Agricultural Center, located in the Pitt County Office Park, north of Greenville off of Old Creek Road. The site is the only one of five sites that will be open for the entire early voting period, from Oct. 16-Nov. 1. People who have complained to the board via phone and email have asked the body to relocate the 17-day election site to the Drew Steele Center, 1058 S. Elm St., so that it is more easily accessible to voters in the county's largest election, the Greenville City Council's." [The Daily Reflector, 08/09/25]

Weaver: "We are not going to close any sites.... One of the things we may look at is making more time to vote at all the locations." "'We are not going to close any sites,' Gary Weaver, Pitt County Board of Elections chairman, said when asked about the meeting. 'One of the things we may look at is making more time to vote at all the locations,' Weaver said." [The Daily Reflector, 08/09/25]

Daily Reflector: “To meet state rules governing early voting, the Elections Board unanimously voted July 31 to have only one early voting site.... Weaver said he has received between 30-40 telephone calls with complaints about the early voting locations.” “Pitt County has eight municipal elections this year. To meet state rules governing early voting, the Elections Board unanimously voted July 31 to have only one early voting site, the Pitt County Agricultural Center conference room, 403 Government Circle, open all 17 days. Four other early voting sites Pitt Area Transit System conference room, Alice F. Keene District Park Community Center, ECU Student Center meeting room 125 and Winterville Fire Station will be open the last week of the early voting period, Oct. 27-Nov. 1. Government Circle, where the Agricultural Center is located, is off Old Creek Drive, south of Industrial Boulevard. It is also north of the Tar River. It also is less than a mile from the elections office which is located at Technology Enterprise Center, 1800 N. Greene St., Suite C. State law only requires counties to have one early voting site. It must be located in the elections board’s offices. If the office can’t accommodate the site, an alternative location has to be within 4 miles of the office or a 10-minute drive, according to state law. In the past, the Pitt Area Transit System conference room has been the substitute for the election office, but the location has other events booked during the first week of early voting, said Dave Davis, Pitt County elections director. The Agricultural Center and Eppes Recreation Center were the only other locations researched by elections staff because Eppes is a long-time election day voting precinct and the Agricultural Center has been an early voting site since at least 2008. Weaver said he has received between 30-40 telephone calls with complaints about the early voting locations. While some wanted to see sites in other municipalities, others complained the Agricultural Center wasn’t centrally located.” [The Daily Reflector, 08/09/25]

August 2025: Weaver called the board back into session to reconsider an early voting plan, sparking significant pushback from residents. “A full house isn’t always common at Board of Elections meetings in Pitt County, but Tuesday was a different story. Dozens showed up to see the county’s early voting plan for the 2025 municipal elections get adopted. Chair Gary Weaver called the board back to reconsider the plan it adopted on July 31st. The Pitt County Board of Elections Director, Dave Davis, says Weaver received complaints about the Agricultural Center being the main early voting site instead of a site in Greenville, such as the Drew Steele Center. One board member says she didn’t agree with those complaints.... The board finalized the plan adopted last month, keeping the Agricultural Center as the main early voting site. It’s a decision many we spoke with support.” [WITN, [08/12/26](#)]

August 2025: The Board of Elections voted to maintain the early voting sites it had previously approved. “The Pitt County Board of Elections voted unanimously to keep early voting sites it approved on July 31 after considering requests to open one in central Greenville to serve voters in the upcoming municipal elections. About 40 people squeezed into the election board’s 13-by-28-foot conference room during Tuesday’s special called meeting. The vast majority supported keeping the polling places, even though the board received complaints about the site at the Pitt County Agricultural Center, the only one of five sites open for the entire early voting period from Oct. 16-Nov. 1. People who complained to the board via phone and email asked the body to relocate the 17-day election site to the Drew Steele Center, 1058 S. Elm St., so that it is more easily accessible to voters in the county’s largest election, the Greenville City Council’s. The Republican majority board agreed that the sites chosen July 31 best served the entire county and that changing them as a result of would set a poor precedent.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 08/12/25]

Weaver did not vote on the reconsideration, but the other four members of the board were unanimous in support of maintaining their original plan. “Mason requested the board vote on the motion to reconsider the early voting sites. No one voted in favor. Mason, Avery, Blick and Brown voted to deny reconsideration.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 08/12/25]

Weaver said that as chairman he was not required to vote on the measure. “Weaver said as chairman he is only required to vote when a unanimous decision is needed, such as selecting early voting sites, or when there is a tie vote. Weaver applauded the board of elections staff. ‘Dave and his staff did a tremendous job on getting the

available voting locations,’ Weaver said. The county’s plan now goes to the N.C. State Board of Elections for final approval.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 08/12/25]

The North Carolina Board of Elections extended its deadline for submitting early voting sites, in part due to Pitt County’s decision to reconsider its decision. “Originally the deadline for submitting early voting site selections to the state board of elections was Aug. 8. However, the state board extended the deadline to Friday when Pitt County said it was revisiting its decision, said Patrick Gannon, public information director for the state elections board. The deadline also was extended because Elizabethtown recently decided to hold early voting for its elections, he said.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 08/12/25]

August 2025: Weaver abruptly resigned as Pitt County Board of Elections Chair just two months after being appointed. “Pitt County Board of Elections Chair Gary Weaver has resigned from his recently appointed post. Weaver, a former Pitt County GOP chair, was appointed by State Auditor Dave Boliek just two months ago. A spokesman for Boliek confirmed that Weaver had resigned, saying the auditor appreciated his service. ‘After prayerful consideration, I have decided to step down and pursue other opportunities of service to my community,’ Weaver’s resignation letter reads.... This comes weeks after Weaver called the board back to reconsider the early voting plan they adopted at the end of July.” [WITN, [08/25/25](#)]

August 2025: Weaver stepped down from the Board of Elections because he wanted to fill a vacancy on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners. “The Pitt County Board of Elections chairman resigned last week because he wants to fill a seat coming open on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners, he said Monday. Gary Weaver notified State Auditor Dave Boliek during an Aug. 20 meeting that he wanted to ‘pursue other opportunities of service to my community.’ While Boliek encouraged him to stay in the position, Weaver submitted a formal letter of resignation on Aug. 21. ‘I didn’t think it would be fair for me to continue to serve on the Board of Elections while I knew this was a position I wanted to seek,’ Weaver said.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 08/25/25]

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Daily Reflector: “Weaver ... said his decision is not related to a special meeting called earlier this month to reconsider the location of an early voting site” “Weaver, a retired State Highway Patrol officer and former chairman of the Pitt County GOP, said his decision is not related to a special meeting called earlier this month to reconsider the location of an early voting site for the Nov. 4 municipal elections. The elections board kept its original early voting locations in place. ‘I think I can have more of an impact in my community by talking with my constituents and helping them get what they need in Pitt County,’ Weaver said. ‘Both of them (the boards of commissioners and elections) are important. I feel like I can make a bigger impact representing the constituents of District 6 and southeast Pitt County.’ Weaver, who lives in Grimesland, served 30 years in law enforcement, first with the Smithfield Police Department and then the North Carolina Highway Patrol. He still works in law enforcement. He ran for Pitt County sheriff in 2018 and 2022.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 08/25/25]

ENVIRONMENT

March 2025: Weaver voted against a rezoning proposal that would have allowed construction of a solar farm. “The Pitt County Board of Commissioners voted 5-3 to reject a rezoning request that would have permitted a solar farm on N.C. 903 near Oakley Road following a debate over farmland losses, property rights and other concerns.... Commissioner Gary Weaver asked how the proposed solar farm could tie into Greenville Utilities Commission when it purchases electricity from Duke Energy. Jay Nemeth with Headwater Energy, which develops solar facilities, said the facility would connect to GUC’s infrastructure and distribution system. GUC purchases from Duke, but it is locally produced electricity. Weaver said solar farms are promoted as being

a cheaper source of electricity, but electric rates continue to increase. ... Nunnally made a motion to approve the rezoning request. It failed with a 3-5 vote with Nunnally, Ann Floyd Huggins and Mac Manning voting for the rezoning and Perkins-Williams, Weaver, Rochelle Brown, Benji Holloman and Mark Smith voting against rezoning.” [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 03/19/26]

ETHICS & GOOD GOVERNMENT

No findings identified.

HEALTHCARE

July 2020: As County Republican chairman, Weaver criticized North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper’s Covid policies for forcing the cancelation an in-person convention. ‘The topic of discussion was the party’s disagreements with Governor Roy Cooper’s ‘unilaterally canceling’ the NCGOP Convention a mere ten days before the date. Chairman Michael Whatley and Pitt County Chair leader Gary Weaver spoke on behalf of the NCGOP. Mayor P.J. Connelly and NC State House Rep Perrin Jones MD were also supposed to be in attendance but sent written statements instead. While the NCGOP party made the ultimate decision to cancel, they feel Governor Cooper gave them no choice. NCGOP claims they submitted a plan that involved Governor Cooper’s health recommendations, as well as recommendations from medical experts on the minimum requirements. The group also spoke on Governor Cooper’s actions and decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic, accusing him of hiding out in a bunker and not seeing any leadership from the Democrat Governor. Weaver also mentioned how canceling the convention will hurt the Pitt County Economy, stating the event would’ve brought money to hotels, restaurants, and other local businesses.’ [WNCT, 07/09/20]

HOUSING

No findings identified.

PUBLIC SAFETY

March 2018: While running for Pitt County Sheriff, Weaver said the No. 1 issue facing the county was school safety. ‘When asked for the number one issue facing Pitt County there were different responses. For candidate Gary Weaver it was school safety. ‘We need a set up where we have it that when a person goes to a school that they cannot get into that school unless they are buzzed in,’ said Weaver. ‘They are looked at and then they are buzzed into a booth where they cannot get out regardless if they have a weapon or they don’t. The child, or whatever, they need come to them.’ [CBS-9 WNCT (Greenville, N.C., 03/15/18)]

June 2018: Weaver attended a gun safety event sponsored by a chapter of Moms Demand Action. ‘The Greenville Moms Demand Action chapter held an event yesterday afternoon with the of goal of educating the community on ways to be a responsible gun owner, including the importance of safely securing guns in homes.... The candidates for Pitt County Sheriff, Paula Dance and Gary Weaver, also attended the meeting.’ [East Carolinian: East Carolina University, 06/25/18]

March 2026: Weaver opposed a security contract between the Pitt County Sheriff’s Office and MrBeast LLC, questioning whether the county would lose money on the deal. “The Pitt County Board of Commissioners this week approved a security contract between the sheriff’s office and MrBeast LLC with a 7-3 vote despite concerns the recommended rate wouldn’t cover the costs. Commissioners Rochelle Brown, Mark Smith and Gary Weaver voted against the contract while Commissioners Mary Perkins-Williams, Benji Holloman, Melvin McLawhorn, Ann Floyd Huggins, Chris Nunnally and Mac Manning voted to approve it at Monday’s regular meeting. The contract was originally part of the board’s consent agenda, a list of items voted on by the board at once with no discussion. Brown asked for the contract decision to be removed and acted on

separately. Pitt County Manager Janis Gallagher said the contract is expected to generate \$310,000 in revenue. It states the sheriff's office will assign off-duty deputies to work security for MrBeast LLC, if staffing is available. The MrBeast contract wants three deputies on duty during a 24-hour period to provide security for its campus on Sugg Parkway in Indigreen Corporate Park. The work day would be divided into three eight-hour shifts. The Pitt County Sheriff's Office works directly with the applicant. The sheriff's office collects the money from the client and pays off-duty deputies time and a half, Gallagher said. The Greenville Police Department uses an outside company that contracts with applicants and employs the off-duty officers. The sheriff's office charges \$47 an hour to provide outside security under the county's schedule of fees. Commissioners questioned whether that rate would cover the cost of employing the deputies. 'Are we losing money at the \$47 an hour if an employee is making \$65 at time and a half?' Weaver said. 'Where does that money come from? How do we make up the difference?'" [The Daily Reflector (Greenville, North Carolina), 03/03/26]

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