

# County Governance Values/Focus by Party Affiliation

*Do you think party affiliation of your county council members doesn't matter? Think again!*

<b>Conservative Focus</b>	<b>Liberal Focus</b>
Lower Taxes and frugality with funds – “pick their battles” – good at saying “NO”	Raise Taxes to meet spending requirements – little or no frugality with funds – “everything is important to spend money on” – always say “YES”
Favor budget operating in the black	Operating budget in red acceptable as long as spending needs met
Focus on manufacturing and technical jobs rather than jobs pertaining to greenways, parks, recreation, and tourism	Main focus is on parks, recreation, tourism and greenways, with manufacturing and technical jobs taking a “back seat”
Not focused on sustainable activities such as strict zoning, lighting, easements, greenways, and other aesthetic items	Focused on sustainable activities such as strict zoning, lighting, easements, greenways, and other aesthetic items
Focused on basic sewer, water, and electrical infrastructure	Not focused on basic sewer, water, and electrical infrastructure due to focus on other things
Policing and quality law enforcement officers through good pay is a priority	Policing is not necessarily a priority
Equality of opportunity and color blindness (no bias) are core values	Diversity, inclusion, and equity (equality of outcome) are core values
Oppose dissemination of CRT in county schools	Favor dissemination of CRT in county schools
Limited or less ordinances, especially pertaining to property rights (zoning)	More ordinances, especially pertaining to property rights (zoning)
Do not favor COVID mask and/or vaccine mandates for businesses	Favor COVID mask and/or vaccine mandates for businesses
Do not favor CATBUS expansion into Walhalla based on demographics of those using CATBUS – possible increased crime, homeless population	Favor CATBUS expansion into Walhalla so that “the poor and elderly have transportation opportunities too”
Favor relaxed building codes and enforcement – personal responsibility and freedom important for businesses	Favor ever stricter building codes and enforcement – regulation of businesses required and desired
Want to maintain local “culture” status quo – that is, maintain county culture as a local and rural one while maintaining old traditions and Appalachian culture	Want to globalize and diversify county culture and bring in outside influences and cultures while viewing local culture as “backwards”
Opposed to increased presence of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism advertising budget similar to the one which City of Seneca has with Edward Publishing	Favors increased presence of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism advertising budget similar to the one which City of Seneca has with Edward Publishing
Want a more transparent budgeting process where citizens can see all that is being spent line item by line item to ensure accountability	Do not focus on budget transparency and not really worried about whether citizens can trace down budget line items – view this largely as a nuisance and barrier to government spending.
Favor a balanced budget and generally oppose amendments which add to budget expenditures	View budget as a “spending plan” and frequently use amendments to add to budget throughout year
County Airport should be treated as a “profit enterprise” by raising fees for users as needed rather than subsidizing an airport budget deficit with county taxpayer revenues	County Airport budget deficit acceptable with very low fees for users as long as can be subsidized with county taxpayer revenues
Focused on repair and maintenance of county roads	Focused on development of greenways and bike paths