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Monroe County Courthouse

County Spotlight: *Monroe*

Population: 44,519 County Seat: Madisonville

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Monroe County is home to the Lost Sea, the largest underwater lake in the United States and possibly the world.

For more information, visit: www.tnhistoryforkids.org

STATEMENT OF INTERESTS

Candidates for State and Local Office

All local public officeholders and all candidates for a local public office are required under the Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Reform Act of 2006 to file a "Statement of Disclosure of Interests" with the Tennessee Ethics Commission (Commission). The "local public officeholder" is defined as someone holding any state, county, municipal, school or other district or precinct office that is filled by voters (e.g., an elected office).

This requirement also applies to those officials who have been appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected local public office. It does not apply to office holders who are regularly appointed to their positions, such as appointed county highway superintendents.

Filing Date

The deadline for current officeholders is January 31. New candidates must file within 30 days of the qualifying deadline.

Failure to timely file your Statement of Interests may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$10,000.

How to File

File Electronically. You may file electronically at the Commission's website: https://apps.tn.gov/conflict/.

- **1.) Previously Filed Electronically.** You will continue to use the same username and password to file. If you do not remember your username and password, you can retrieve this information by clicking on "Forgot Username or Password."
- **2.) First Time Electronically Filing.** In order to file electronically, you must have internet access, an e-mail address, and an authorization code which you will need to establish your account. To obtain your authorization code, please contact the Commission at (615) 253-2665.

File on Paper. A paper Statement of Interests (with instructions) is available on the Commission's website: www.tn.gov/sos/tec/forms/ss-8005.pdf. You should download the form, complete it in its entirety and return it to the Commission at the address listed on the instructions. You may also request a form and instructions from the Commission by calling (615) 741-7959.

If you have any questions concerning your statement, contact the Tennessee Ethics Commission at (615) 741-7959 or ethics.counsel@tn.gov.