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## Circuit court judge candidate introduces himself to two county commissions



Sean Brewer, a candidate for Eighth Judicial Circuit court judge, is seen moments before the start of the April 4 meeting of the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners in Trenton.

In this photo, Sean Brewer, a candidate for Eighth Judicial Circuit court judge, is seen as he speaks April 5 to the four members of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners in Bronson.



### Story and Photos

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**TRI-COUNTY AREA** – On Monday evening (April 4) and Tuesday morning (April 5), one of the two candidates for a particular political race in the Eighth Judicial Circuit introduced himself to two county commissions.

In Gilchrist County on Monday, he was given five minutes to speak during the public participation part of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. In Levy County on Tuesday, he was given three minutes during the same time on that agenda.

There was no stopwatch used in Gilchrist County, but there was a stopwatch used in Levy County. One stated reason Tuesday for less time per speaker in Levy County was that it is “a bigger county.”

The candidate for judge presented to both sets of elected leaders, and the audience members at

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both places, some of his qualifications. He also provided any interested person with a tri-fold political ad handout too.

Sean David Brewer, a graduate of the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, began his legal career with the Eighth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office in 1998.

He grew up in Seminole (Pinellas County). He started at UF in 1989, where he earned a Bachelor of Art degree, and a Master's degree before completing studies at the College of Law where he earned a Juris Doctorate with honors.

The only other candidate qualified in that particular race in the Eighth Judicial Circuit as of April 4 is AuBroncee Starlin Martin of Gainesville, according to the Florida Secretary of State's Division of Elections.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties.

Brewer and Martin are seeking the seat on this judicial bench currently occupied by.

The other 13 current circuit court judges in this part of Florida are Chief Judge the Hon. Mark W. Moseley, the Hon. Judge Monica J. Brasington the Hon. Susanne Wilson Bullard, the Hon. James M. Colaw, the Hon. William E. Davis, the Hon. Craig C. DeThomasis, the Hon. Denise R. Ferrero, the Hon. Robert K. Groeb, the Hon. Donna M. Keim, the Hon. David P. Kreider, the Hon. Phillip A. Pena, the Hon. Gloria R. Walker and the Hon. George M. Wright, according to information on this judicial circuit's website.

There are 20 judicial circuits in Florida.

Circuit court judges are elected by the qualified voters in each circuit. They general rule over the higher levels of court cases in civil and criminal law. County judges are elected by the voters in each of Florida's 67 different counties. They generally rule over the less significant cases in civil and criminal law.

As for candidate Brewer, he shared with the Gilchrist County Commission and the Levy County Commission.

He is married to Laura Quisling Brewer, and they have three sons Justin, 19, a UF student, Kyle, 17, who is in high school and Blake, 14, who is completing middle school, Brewer said. His wife is an Alachua County teacher, where she has served in that profession since 1996.

After completing law school in 1998 and being accepted by the Florida Bar, Brewer started his career in the Fifth Judicial Circuit as an assistant state attorney when Brad King was the state attorney for that circuit, which includes Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties.

He has prosecuted cases as an assistant state attorney in that circuit and then later when he served under former Eighth Judicial Circuit State Attorney William Cervone, and current Eighth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Brian Kramer.

Brewer has prosecuted cases of murder, sexual abuse, child abuse, burglary, robbery, domestic violence and other crimes.

He has been honored with awards for Most Prosecutions and Child Advocacy.

His Master's Degree from UF is Master of Exercise and Sport Science.

Brewer has been heavily involved in helping young people by serving as a coach for more than 125 youth athletic teams in baseball, football, basketball and soccer. He has worked with Upward Sports, anta Fe Babe Ruth Baseball, City of Newberry Parks and Recreation, Gatorball, Alachua County Public Schools, Gainesville Soccer Alliance, Diamond Park Sports and i9 Sports. He is currently president of Buchholz Baseball Booster Club.

This candidate for circuit court judge in the Eighth Judicial Circuit is committed to justice, he said.