Dear Editor:

On November 5, Lunenburg will elect its Commissioner of the Revenue, a position that requires experience, exactness, and efficiency — an incredibly challenging job in determining county taxes. Perhaps most of all, this position requires trustworthiness and fairness. Because our current Commissioner possesses these qualifications, I support the re-election of Elizabeth "Liz" Hamlett.

Liz Hamlett has ten-plus years of experience working in the Commissioner's office, where she began her training under the previous Commissioner, Pat Adams. As Chief Deputy Commissioner, Liz became Commissioner upon Mrs. Adams' retirement. Since that time, Liz has twice been elected in her own right as Commissioner: in a special election in 2014 and again in 2015.

During Liz's six years as Lunenburg's Commissioner of the Revenue, she has become certified as "Master Commissioner" through classes from the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. Under her leadership, Lunenburg's Commissioner's office has become fully certified, one of the first counties in the Commonwealth. Liz was one of only four Commissioners to receive the President's Award from the outgoing president of the state association. Respected at the state and county level, Liz has been elected as vice-chair of the Central District Commissioners of the Revenue and secretary of the statewide organization of Commissioners of the Revenue.

Liz always stands ready to help citizens who have questions about their property and tax assessment. She is active in her church, where she is choir director, and in the community where she served as president of the Lunenburg County Rotary Club. She has two elementary-age children whose participation in Scouting she actively supports.

I strongly urge voters to re-elect Elizabeth "Liz " Hamlett as Lunenburg's Commissioner of the Revenue. Her experience and commitment to excellence make her the best qualified candidate for the position.

Respectfully submitted, Anne C. Hamlett