

As a longtime resident, I am proud to call Steuben County my home. I don't consider myself political; however, I do have an interest in the upcoming middle district Commissioner race. I am confident that one candidate, Rick Shipe, truly understands and has the skills necessary to fulfill the duties of Commissioner. Rick entered the commissioner race at the urging of family, friends, and fellow community members.

When you consider Rick's commitment to this community and his ability to lead, it's easy to see why he is the right choice for the next Commissioner. Rick has served on the Steuben County Council since 2011 and has served as President of the council from 2014 to 2023. He has over 30 years of experience on the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board and Extension Board. Most importantly, in my experience, he volunteered as a youth softball coach for Tri-County and later went on to coach at Prairie Heights High School. I was fortunate enough to play for him at both levels. Rick was not only my coach, but also a mentor. He challenged his players to work hard, strive for their best, in softball and in life, and encourage their teammates. These are the same qualities that I look for in the next Commissioner. Leadership, Integrity, and Work Ethic.

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