Dear Voters of Steuben County,

I, Linda Hansen, former County Council member, endorse Rick Shipe for Commissioner.

I witnessed three important qualities in Rick when I served with him on County Council.

• Rick is a selfless and dedicated leader.

Rick developed an essential tool early on by studying and mastering Roberts Rules of Order. This allowed him to conduct a proper and legal meeting. He didn't rely on others to tell him what the fiscal responsibilities were for a Council President, he did his homework and learned what reports would give him the answers necessary to lead the Council.

• Rick listens and responds to taxpayers and employees.

Rick keeps open lines of communication between Council and employees by making sure they know county government appreciates their value to the community. Serving as a fiscal officer makes Rick acutely aware that the taxpayer holds the bill for decisions made during budgets.

• Rick applies common sense solutions to County government issues.

Rick will apply his knowledge of fiscal responsibilities and focus on the County's future. He will have a unique and qualified view on how to get that done.

Join me and vote for Rick Shipe for County Commissioner for the Middle District on May 7th.

Linda Hansen Angola