

I have had the pleasure of knowing Rick Shipe his entire life and have watched him apply his abilities as a common sense leader in numerous areas. Alongside his brothers, Rick has built and expanded a successful and reputable well drilling business serving as its President. If he has done work for you, you know Rick to be dependable, reliable, honest and fair. He is now running for Steuben County Commissioner and I am confident he will apply these same character qualities to this position.

Rick has over 30 years of direct involvement in Steuben County's 4-H activities, the fair board and Purdue Extension board, he has mentored, supported and encouraged a countless number of our county youth. He is a familiar sight at high school sporting events, announcing basketball games and has coached high school and Tri-County softball teams.

Rick's impressive Steuben County government experience includes 13 years of service on the County Council with 9 years as President, service on the County Plan Commission and as a Precinct Committeeman. Rick knows Steuben County and what makes it work!

Let's put Rick's experience and common sense approach to work for us all as our next County Commissioner. He has the knowledge and insight to make the best decisions and the passion to get the job done. Please join me in supporting and voting for Rick in the upcoming primary election on May 7<sup>th</sup>. You'll be glad you did.

George Gilbert