

## **1 PLEASE DESCRIBE THE OCCUPATIONS, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE.**

**BIRKEMEIER:** I have a background in government, private and not-for-profit organizations, strategic planning, analytics and technological know-how. I was born and raised in Brown County. I have a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Ball State. I have led website development teams. In 2006, I earned a master's degree in public recreation administration. I moved to Arizona to teach for Prescott College and work for Yavapai County Planning and Zoning. My role was liaison between the county, public and other government institutions. I left to run an outdoor company where I managed a large staff and ran programs for schools. I held senior leadership roles at a Fortune 1000 company and Arizona's largest home security company. In 2014, I moved my family back here. Currently, I work for Indiana University where I use data science to create strategic plans for marketing. I hope to modernize county government, create a strategic vision, and analyze data to make informed decisions.

**FOX:** I am a lifelong resident of Brown County, Indiana. I have worked on the county's highway department. I also have knowledge of roads and what it takes to maintain them. Some examples of this include knowing the amount of drop-off allowed and the importance of drainage. I have owned my own business, and been a long-haul truck driver

for many years. I know the importance of listening to people's concerns, communicating my thoughts and ideas to others, and have great communication skills.

**BIDDLE:** My previous elected offices include Jackson Township Advisory Board and county council. In addition to elected positions, I have served on several county boards including the extension board, Community Corrections and solid waste. I was one of the co-founders of Mother's Cupboard Community Kitchen, and I most recently served on the Brown County Historical Society board. I have enjoyed many life experiences, including teaching high school, planning events and managing various businesses. The skills I have learned in business and while serving the community have prepared me well for the role of county commissioner. I was selected by the county commissioners of the Southeast Indiana District of the Indiana Association of County Commissioners to serve as the district vice president. The county commissioners are tasked with managing all county resources and properties, supervising construction and maintenance of county roads, planning budgets, authorizing payment of claims, managing human resources, administering policies and overseeing the "business" of the county.

**KENNARD:** Previous four-year term as a commissioner. College degree, bachelor's degree in management.

**SANDERS:** I was Jackson Township trustee from 2006 to 2010, and I have worked with the state's

Department of Local Government Finance and state board of accounts; contracted with fire departments; and worked with the commissioners, assessor, treasurer and other offices. I have lived in Brown County most of my life and have a background in government, sales, construction, automotive, art and racing. I will listen to the people and get as much info on the subject that is facing the community at the time and make the most informed decision on the issue that will benefit the county.

## **2 WHY DO YOU WISH TO BE COUNTY COMMISSIONER? PLEASE DESCRIBE THREE RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR ACTIVITIES THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR ABILITY AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE COUNTY.**

**BIRKEMEIER:** I love Brown County. I left a lucrative career to return, and I was shocked at how county leaders seemed to operate by skipping from one crisis to another with complete disregard for open meeting laws and a serious lack of communication with the public. We've seen our county force eminent domain to take land for a recreation project. We've watched as county leadership failed to step in solve the Van Buren fire department issues, causing our county to not be able to receive grants. One of the greatest successes of the past decade has been the first section of the Salt Creek Trail. One of my goals will be

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