

# COUNTY COMMISSIONER

completing this trail to the park, high school and hopefully Deer Run. I plan to use my experience building a 72-mile trail in Arizona to reorganize the trail committee, work with landowners and complete the trail through compromise, without eminent domain.

**FOX:** I wish to be county commissioner because I have watched this county go in a direction that I am not pleased with, and feel a sense of responsibility to help try to change it for the better. I want to bring the people of this county a transparent government, one where any resident can have their concerns heard. They can then have their ideas acted on, or given a reason why it is not feasible. I feel this kind of personal and individual feedback is important. I feel comfortable in my ability, as I am a semi truck driver, and have the responsibility of not only following and staying within all the laws and requirements, but also keeping daily logs of time spent on and off the road. I plan to do all of this as commissioner. What I do not know, I am more than willing to learn.

**BIDDLE:** It has been my pleasure to serve Brown County for the past three-plus years. I would love to continue providing balanced common-sense leadership for the upcoming four years. I have worked tirelessly at the Indiana Statehouse on behalf of Brown County. Our success in road funding last year will culminate in the unprecedented paving of close to 50 percent (100 miles) of our county roads by the end of this year. This past year we have focused on deploying broadband in our underserved rural areas. The commissioners passed the first county Broadband Ready initiative in the state, and we followed this with a Broadband Infrastructure Zone ordinance, the goal of both being to incentivize broadband service to prioritize their business in Brown County. Brown County will have its first comprehensive financial plan within the next few months, so we will be able to plan long-term spending and whether we can afford to do business as usual.

**KENNARD:** I feel there are many issues that have not been resolved in the most effective manner over the past few years.

**SANDERS:** In the few years I lived out of the county I picked up real-world experience, running different businesses. I knew then how much I missed Brown County and how much I loved the people I grew up with. The commissioners make a lot of decisions that affect our lives. As a county commissioner being able to read the room and a person in the room, why they have come to a meeting: If they have packed the room to get the result they are looking for or a person wanting to voice an opinion. 1) Help get two commissioners out of office that did not listen to the people about the fire district. 2) Saved the taxpayers millions of dollars that could have been spent in the hands of unelected people in the fire district. 3) I will continue to help the taxpayer so they don't have to pay any more in taxes than necessary.

## 3 DO YOU SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN THAT PROVIDE COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED GUIDANCE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE? WHY OR WHY NOT?

**BIRKEMEIER:** I fully support the development of a county comprehensive plan and economic development strategic plan in conjunction with community members and leaders of local business, not-for-profits and religious institutions that would guide and support all aspects of development and infrastructure. A strong plan that brings together the community and government can be a guidepost, a reference point in times of transition, and allow benchmarking and measurement of success. I appreciate the League of Women Voters of Brown County for their hard work pushing for this and see the recommendations laid out in their 2017 County Fiscal and Development Position as a strong starting point for developing these plans. Together with the hard work of other local groups