

1. **Which two or three major issues or topics do you think are most important to voters in McHenry County District 6? How will you address them?**

Reducing taxes, creating jobs, and protecting our open spaces are all important to the voters of District 6. I believe our County Government should explore every avenue and opportunity to bring jobs to McHenry County. Quality jobs have the potential to drive our economy, bring tax dollars to our County and ease the tax burden on the homeowners in McHenry County.

District 6 is predominately rural. Protecting our open spaces, farmland and water recharge areas is essential. Our decisions on the County Board should be guided by the objective of our Unified Development Ordinance, "to preserve and maintain the unique and irreplaceable natural resources of McHenry County and environmental benefits of open space, clean air, ground water recharge and wildlife preservation". Following these guidelines will insure our quality of life, while protecting the rural heritage of McHenry County.

2. **If elected in the general election, what will be your first priority? Why?**

The most pressing issue will be budget considerations: holding the line on the tax reductions and looking for further savings to help reduce taxes. This will be the top budget priority for me. We need to change the tax reduction from a tax abatement, to a reduction in the tax levy, in order to lock in the savings for the taxpayers of McHenry County.

As a member of the Finance & Audit Committee, we have already begun working on the 2019 fiscal year budget, and I believe we can accomplish a reduction in the tax levy by implementing the following goals:

- (1) Hold the line on the 11.2% tax reduction which was accomplished for the year 2018;
- (2) Turn that tax reduction from an abatement to a reduction of the tax levy, which will lock in those savings for the taxpayers of McHenry County for years to come;
- (3) Reduce spending without compromising services, which will allow further reductions in the tax levy;
- (4) Formulate and finalize a five (5) year plan for critically needed capital improvements without raising taxes or borrowing money;
- (5) Continuing to balance the budget and preserve our "AAA" bond rating;
- (6) Preserve enough of a reserve to cover future unfunded State and Federal mandates.

These are realistic goals that I am confident we can accomplish.

3. **Why should voters elect you to this office?**

I am an experienced decision maker, a self-employed business owner in McHenry County for over 30 years, and a current County Board member. I have the work ethic to dig to the bottom of issues. I believe that understanding both the immediate *and* the long term consequences of my votes, is essential.

As a current County Board member, I have earned the respect and confidence of my colleagues. I have been voted unanimously by my fellow Board Members to chair the Planning, Environmental & Development Committee and the Community Development and Housing Block Grant Commission.

I will cooperate with and support any County Board member who brings forth ideas and plans to make McHenry County better, and save the taxpayers money. I will continue to bring a positive approach to County Board business and strive to represent my constituents free of the bipartisan politics that has so hindered good government in the past.