

## **Commissioner Tim Brown announces candidacy for State Representative.**

Wood County Commissioner Tim Brown announced his intention to seek election as State Representative in 2012. “This year the citizens of Wood County will send a new voice to Columbus to represent us in the Ohio House of Representatives. In such a challenging economy I believe it is critical that we find common ground for moving Ohio’s economy forward. Job creation and fiscal responsibility are hallmarks of my work as your County Commissioner and I look forward to taking that message and record of success to Ohio’s Statehouse.” Commissioner Brown said.

In spite of the State’s economy, Wood County continues to attract private investment in jobs. During this difficult economy, the Wood County Hospital unveiled a 42 million dollar expansion which led to the hiring of additional healthcare professionals – further diversifying our economy. CSX opened its largest intermodal rail facility in America, a 175 million dollar investment in Wood County’s economy hiring over 200 workers. First Solar completed a 135 million dollar plant expansion and hired over 100 new employees. “It has been my privilege to work with each of these businesses to create new jobs for our citizens, and I am excited about the prospect of taking our successful teamwork approach and message to Columbus. Priority one in Columbus will be to turn around Ohio’s economy, attract new jobs and keep the lid on expensive new government, and you deserve nothing less than an EXPERIENCED voice in Columbus leading the way.” Brown said.

“I believe the experience the citizens of Wood County have allowed me in serving as your Commissioner will enable me to make a difference in Columbus. Over the years I have built a solid working relationship with our local council members, mayors, township officials, and citizens, who have been willing to make suggestions and be part of our efforts to keep our county a great place to live, work, obtain an education and raise a family.” Commissioner Brown said

Brown foresees America’s future will include efficient and less expensive rail transportation of goods like those that CSX will bring to Wood County, and Green Jobs that will reduce America’s dependence on foreign sources of energy. The best example of this is the solar panels produced by First Solar of Perrysburg Township - the largest solar panel manufacturer in the United States under one roof. “I am proud of my experience working across Wood County to foster a climate for job growth.” Brown said.

“For the past few years we reduced the size of county government - doing what our citizens are doing - tightening the belt and cutting back. Wood County’s sales tax rate is the lowest in our region. We have not raised our sales tax in Wood County in over 20 years and yet we have met the challenge of providing the same quality services the citizens expect. This is the type of successful management that can be duplicated around the State and I look forward to taking that message to our Statehouse.” Brown said

Tim Brown attends Cedar Creek Church and is a member of the Wood County Historical Society, the Perrysburg, Bowling Green, and North Baltimore Chambers of Commerce, WBGU

Public Television and is a member of the Bowling Green Curling Club. He was elected by his colleagues around Ohio to serve as Vice President of the Ohio County Commissioners Association. He was elected by his colleagues Jim Carter and Alvie Perkins to serve as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. He serves on BGSU's Engineering Technology Advisory Committee and is Chairman of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) Air Quality Task Force as well as Chairman of the Roadway Reforestation and Beautification Project.

Commissioner Brown serves on the Ohio County Commissioner's Association Legislative Committee. He also serves on Wood County's Investment Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Extension Service Advisory Committee, the Community Improvement Corporation, the county's Data Processing Board, and is also Chairman of the County's Buildings and Grounds Committee. Prior to Mr. Brown's becoming Commissioner, he served Wood County for eight years as District Representative for the late U.S. Congressman Paul Gillmor. Mr. Brown managed the Congressman's Wood County office and provided constituent service dealing with many government agencies. Mr. Brown also served as a member of the Wood County Board of Elections from 1991 until 1996. Commissioner Brown hosts a web site with additional biographical information and links to various governmental offices. The web address is: [CitizensforBrown.com](http://CitizensforBrown.com)

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