

# Fiscal Accountability, Efficient Government Spending, and Budgetary Responsibility



*"I will continue to strategize with Indiana County business leaders to navigate government channels and gain access to financing opportunities, services and supports."*

## Fiscal Accountability and Efficient Government Spending

Every year it becomes increasingly difficult to balance our budget and the coming years will bring additional financial challenges. I will ensure every penny is spent wisely to keep the county providing necessary services to its residents.

Beginning in 2016, I saved taxpayers' money by the following:

- Advocating for a fleet management program for county vehicles.
- Contracting a company to conduct an audit to save energy costs and restructuring; and
- Refinancing the county debt which saved \$850,000 per year.

My goals to be fiscally responsible and cut waste are the following:

- Reduce expenditures across management, administration, operations, including third party spending, real state, facilities, assets, and labor.
- Increase revenues without increasing taxes.
- Decrease bureaucracy and improve response time and service; and
- Provide for a tax assessment administration that is fair and equitable.

## Budgetary Responsibility

*"I am seeking solutions to spending every penny wisely and providing good value to taxpayers."*

My main responsibility is to ensure that Indiana County government is providing a good value to taxpayers while ensuring that services are funded by a reliable revenue stream.

County government is responsible for providing services that maintain health, safety, and welfare for its constituents. To do so equitably across stakeholders within a community is complex. I will work hard to properly manage the budget as well as fairly fund services.

My goals are the following:

- Collaborate closely with other leaders to ensure that resources are distributed equitably to ensure that all departments are properly funded.
- Work towards policies that are aimed at helping Indiana County prepare for and respond to the uncertainties that arise.
- Make bid awards and procurements processes for large building projects transparent and visible.
- Prioritize long-term financial planning.
- Perform cost-benefit analysis before making significant decisions related to public services.
- Set fair tax rates so that today's budget is not balanced on the backs of tomorrow's taxpayers; and
- Ensure that Indiana County does not accumulate debt at an unsustainable rate without input from independent experts; I will keep the community informed about such actions.