

Lyon County Commission - 3rd District

Warren Schmidt, Republican

Occupation: Agriculture and Business

Number of Years in Lyon County: 66 years

What prompted you to run as a candidate for Lyon County Commission?

I developed a love for community service through my experience as a notary public and a board member for 4 Rivers Electrical Cooperative for 12 years.

As a third-generation farmer and a lifelong native of SE Lyon County, I am proud of our county and want to give back all that's been given to me. It's important we don't lose sight of the values and integrity of our county. We need to make smart decisions every day, to keep our community strong, and focused on what is right. I believe in doing the right thing and showing up for the right reasons. If elected, I promise to represent the interest and concerns of our citizens and ensure their voices are heard and their feelings are addressed in good faith.

What do you see as the County commission's role regarding / ensuring the quality of life in Lyon County?

I believe a commissioner's role is to ensure that the various departments such as public safety, health, transportation and social services are adequately funded and staffed appropriately with qualified individuals.

Another role a commissioner plays is providing meaningful oversight so Federal and State requirements are fulfilled and county operations run smoothly.

I also see an important aspect of the position is meeting with community leaders and attending various community events that strive to make our county a stronger, better place to live, work and play.

A commissioner needs to carefully review and approve land use and zoning development decisions to ensure growth is sustainable and that the purpose aligns with the county's long-term goals.

To be successful in this role, a commissioner needs to have strong leadership skills and a cooperative attitude. As an architect of the county's future, it's critical a commissioner build effective relationships and strong alliances in order to find feasible solutions to the county issues.

What are your 3 top priorities?

1. I care deeply about our county's reputation and our financial integrity. It's important to me that we have strong economic development, and a robust commerce.

2. Policy development is something I will explore using a commonsense approach in hopes of providing some needed property tax relief.
3. I would also like to see the county have an infrastructure budget that is realistic and consistent to allow for improvements without causing financial deficits.

What do you think sets you apart from the other candidates?

My rural background taught me that hard work and determination are the keys to success in life. This strong work ethic will enable me to delve into the issues affecting our county and work collaboratively to develop effective solutions.

My proven track record of being professional and trustworthy in business dealings is evident through my 30-year sales career for the John Deere Dealership where I work closely with farmers, contractors, residential owners, businesses, and individuals from all walks of life.

My unique background in both business and agriculture coupled with my character and demeanor will reflect favorably on behalf of our county as I represent the county at the state and federal level.

If people would like more information, can they find you on social media, and if so, how?

I welcome individuals to reach out to me via my email address at wschmidt4U@gmail.com or by calling me at (620) 343-5124.

Anything else you would like the citizens of Lyon County to know about you?

I am a patient, courteous individual who believes in treating everyone with respect and being tolerant of differing viewpoints. As an effective arbitrator I am able to conduct proceedings fairly, giving every party a voice at the table and not allowing myself to be swayed by fear of criticism or by self-interest or agendas of others which don't represent the collective. I am sincere in my desire to make a difference and will act with honesty and impartiality and stay independent of outside influences while listening to the needs of the people.