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Q: What office/s do you currently hold? What office/s have you held in the past?

A: I am currently Benton Charter Township Supervisor and prior I was Benton Charter Township Trustee.

Q: What inspired you to run for political office?

A: I worked for the State of Michigan for 30 years as a social worker, helping people resolve issues and find solutions for a safe and healthy life. I wanted to continue the journey in a different area. More resources and partnership working with community stakeholders. I have found this to be very rewarding while meeting people in various offices that would have never happened.

Q: What is your proudest accomplishment while serving in an elected office? and/or What is your current priority during this term of office?

A: The completion of US 31 to I-94 and I-196 was long overdue and will save time for all who travel and allow travelers to stop for lunch, visit the various beaches, fish, shop and or just browse the local area. The replacement of water and sewer lines in various communities before mandated. To be part of an agency who scores high in the building department that reflects the amount we pay for insurance on our homes. Our water department has kept our community safe by keeping the water free from contamination.. We just hired a police chief that I am very proud of and hope that you will see the change in the community. This gives our community pride and hope that our young men will want to follow suit to become a police officer.

Q: What advice would you give young women who are considering a career as a public servant?

A: If you have a drive to help others and a decision maker you can do this job. It should be a requirement that high school seniors shadow a political position to get an idea of what it is like. You have to like dealing with people. Being quick on your feet and a decision maker. It is not about being liked by the people you work with but doing the right thing for the people you serve.