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SHUFF RUNNING FOR COMMISSIONER, READY TO BRING MOMENTUM COUNTYWIDE

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Lifelong Seneca County resident, local business consultant and 12-year Tiffin City Council member Tyler Shuff announced his candidacy for a seat on the Seneca County Board of Commissioner this week. Shuff is running for the Republican nomination during the March 17 Primary Election.

Shuff grew up in Eden Township and Tiffin and is a graduate of Tiffin Columbian High School. At the age of 23, Shuff was elected onto Tiffin City Council and is currently in his 12th year of service.

"I have loved being part of the tremendous growth the city of Tiffin has accomplished during my time on City Council," Shuff said. "While I look forward to being part of Tiffin's continued progress, I am ready to help bring the momentum countywide."

In addition to serving on City Council, Tyler owns Shuff Consulting, is the Director of Operation for the Tiffin Community Reinvestment Group and serves on multiple Seneca County boards and committees. Shuff feels one of his greatest contributions to the community is the growth of the Laird Arcade in downtown, which he has managed for the Tiffin Community Reinvestment Group since 2013. At that time, the Laird Arcade building was in disrepair and mostly vacant, with a 30 percent occupancy rate. After 3 years of developing the Laird, the occupancy has stayed consistently above 90 percent of the 45 available spaces. In 2018 the building reached a 100 percent occupancy milestone. Many of these are small business startups and continue to be successful, with some having moved on to larger spaces due to their growth. These new startup businesses have been a driving force to the growth and invigoration of downtown Tiffin from which the community has benefited. Shuff has personally negotiated and brokered deals bringing more than 30 new businesses to Tiffin and Seneca County.

Shuff's campaign theme is working to bring people together to create a better Seneca County. He feels that every improvement to Tiffin that he has been involved with has been by combining the strengths of others to accomplish a goal. These successful experiences with collaborators have come in the public and private sectors. In addition to working with others daily, he has gained invaluable experience through his small business of managing and developing more than 80 tenants and businesses, as well as years of overseeing a multimillion-dollar city budget.

Shuff has developed a large network of people from his experience on city council and in managing his business.

"I've met a lot of great people along the way," he said. "We've been getting some wonderful things done in the city and I want to extend that countywide. I've enjoyed working together with other people to find solutions to meet the community's needs. I know good things can happen when I expand that collaboration to working with different townships and villages to hear their needs and finding solutions to get the job done."

Shuff said one of the major reasons he decided to move forward with running for commissioner was time. After he experienced the loss of his father, grandfather and two fellow councilmembers during the span of a few months, he said, "you realize life is short and you have to do what you love. What I love is public service. We live in a beautiful, safe, caring community and I want to build on that."

Shuff said his friends and family are in Seneca County and he is not planning to move anywhere else. "These are the people I want to serve. This is home for me, my heart is here," he said.

Shuff believes he is the best candidate for Seneca County Commissioner.

"I'm young but experienced, and I'm dedicated to helping people. I'm going into this with an open mind, open ears and an open heart. I feel it will be a very smooth transition from working hard for Tiffin to working hard for Seneca County," he said.

Learn more about Tyler Shuff and his campaign by visiting www.TylerShuff.com.

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