

## Tiffin Mayor Aaron Montz Endorses Shuff for Seneca County Commissioner

[Tiffin, OH Feb. 20, 2020] – Veteran Tiffin City Council member and candidate for Seneca County Commissioner Tyler Shuff was endorsed Thursday by Tiffin Mayor Aaron Montz.

*“We’d hate to lose him from the city, but I know the county would be gaining a very valuable asset if Tyler is elected,” Montz said.*

At the age of 23, Shuff was elected to Tiffin City Council, where he joined Montz, who was elected in 2007 as a 22-year-old. Montz was then elected in November 2011 as the youngest mayor in the city's history, as a 26-year-old.

Montz is in his 12th year working with Shuff through the city's government.

*“I probably have more experience working with Tyler as a public servant than just about anyone else,” he said. “Tyler just has a way of working well with people and getting the job done.”*



The two have worked together on many projects and have seen tremendous growth within the city.

*“Tyler has been a champion for small businesses and has contributed greatly to the positive momentum our county is experiencing today,” Montz said.*

Montz and Shuff have been recognized for their work statewide as recipients of the 20 under 40 award for their leadership.

Montz said Shuff displayed many of his positive attributes when he administered a downtown business competition that assisted in the creation of three new locally-owned businesses.

*“He has a way of thinking outside the box, using his creativity to get results,” he said.*

Montz said he looks forward to working together with Shuff in continuing the progress countywide.

*“While I look forward to being part of Tiffin’s continued progress, I am ready to step up and work hard for everyone across the county,” Shuff said. “I want to bring a voice to the villages and townships to meet the needs of those particular communities. The way I view it, a stronger group of villages and townships makes for a stronger Seneca County. I’m ready to bring the momentum countywide.”*

Shuff said he is the right candidate to win the seat as a commissioner because he can use existing relationships, like his with Montz, to improve the county. The key theme of Shuff's campaign is working to bring people together to create a better Seneca County.

*“Throughout my entire career I’ve focused on building bridges to people all across the community, I build bridges, I don’t burn them down,” he said.*

Shuff said he appreciates the endorsement from Montz.

*“I’m honored to have the support of such an effective public servant like Mayor Montz,” he said. “It means a lot to have the backing of someone I respect and who I have enjoyed such a successful history with. I’ve spent countless hours working alongside the mayor to help improve the city and I can’t wait to continue effectively communicating from a seat on the board of county commissioners.”*

In addition to serving on city council, Shuff has valuable experience in the private sector, and through public service on more than 20 boards and committees.

He founded Shuff Consulting, LLC, is the Director of Operation for the Tiffin Community Reinvestment Group.

Shuff feels one of his greatest contributions to the community is the revitalization 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 three years of developing the historic block, 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 and Seneca County from which the community has benefited. Shuff has personally negotiated and brokered deals bringing more than 30 new businesses to Seneca County and he looks forward to aiding the smaller communities in having similar success, if elected.

Shuff is a Republican candidate for county commissioner, you can vote for him during the March 17 Primary Election.

To learn more about Tyler Shuff, visit his campaign website [www.TylerShuff.com](http://www.TylerShuff.com).