

TOM BROWN Spencer County Commissioner

Tom Brown lives in rural Grandview with his wife, Sarah, with whom he has two sons. He is retired from Kimball International after 17 years with the company. Much of his professional life has been dedicated to the fields of quality control, waste reduction and facilitation between different departments. Brown hopes to continue to put his many years of experience to work in service to his community.

The county faces an unprecedented threat to its economic stability and prosperity from the upcoming closing of the Indiana Michigan power plant.

One of his major goals has been to promote economic development in the county, in order to grow the local economy. The county's role is to make it advantageous for existing businesses and new businesses to expand here.

While he firmly believes that private-sector investment and innovation is the key to the county's prosperity, Brown also stressed the importance of county-level public services, such as the maintenance of good roads and effective emergency services.

In an era of tight budgets, he noted that financing these critical public services could be difficult. It is in this challenge that Brown feels his private-sector background is of great help.

Eliminating waste, streamlining processes and generally working to do more with less has been a private sector priority for many years. Adopting similar principles and training personnel to ferret out inefficiency are critical to adapting to the new and challenging economic reality.

As Brown is well versed in these methods from his career in manufacturing, he feels he will continue to be of great help making county government more efficient, transparent and fiscally responsible.

Brown is a graduate of Chrisney High School and attended Bob Jones University, Tabernacle Baptist Bible College with further studies from Moody Bible Institute. He received his certification as a Six Sigma Green Belt from Southwest Missouri State. He was a member of the American Society of Quality, trained in Lean methodology and has been a Quality Manager, Quality Technician and Quality System Auditor.

Brown is a retired bi-vocational Southern Baptist pastor who has served in churches throughout Spencer, Warrick and Perry County. He and his wife served with Truckers Christian Chapel Ministry establishing chapels in large truck-stops across the country. He served as Executive Director of a large Food Pantry in Perry County serving over two thousand families throughout Perry, Spencer, Dubois and Hancock counties.

He and his wife are members of Chrisney Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing, hunting and reading. A conservative Republican who wishes to serve the good people of Spencer

County as their next County Commissioner.

