

I have decided to enter the race for the Foster County States Attorney. I have been urged by both law enforcement who asked me to run again, by former defendants who said that I have helped turn their life around and that I needed to remain in that office, and by my children who asked me to run in Foster County rather than for District Judge as it would have me in Carrington virtually every day and I would be available to them if they needed anything. Another reason that I decided to run was that there are enough candidates for the position of County commissioner so that the board's makeup would be different, and conceivably less erratic and hostile to both me and the residents of Foster County. Being a lifelong resident of Foster County, I have seen the good, the bad and the ugly in county government and as my brother says "bad government cures bad government" ... when people get tired of seeing bad government, they will step forward and run or vote for people to replace those doing a bad job of governing. The replacements are not always better, but they can be replaced at the next election. We currently have some good county office-holders, we just need to replace those who are less-than-good. The people that are running as alternatives to one or more commission members are honest, conscientious and courageous members of Foster County. They have decided that they wish to step forward and try to "right the ship" before it sinks. The current path of Foster County involves reckless spending, political paybacks and possibly nepotism. The members that will likely win in the fall are not candidates that will follow the current example set by the majority of the board. I look forward to serving the community that I was born and raised in and that I hold dearly in my heart.

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