

# Isanti County Commissioner Candidates

## District 1

### Alan Duff



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Isanti County residents want elected officials they can trust to do the right thing in representing their values. Many are tired of politicians giving empty promises. We want elected officials who listen and understand the challenges associated with today's uncertain economic times and will make decisions that respect the taxpayer's wallets while balancing the county's needs.

With higher gas prices, higher grocery bills, and families struggling to make ends meet, citizens want an elected official who will manage the public budget like a family budget when funding essential community needs. Our county property tax levy has grown from \$15.5M to \$26.1M in the past ten years, and this rate of tax increase cannot continue at this pace. I have a proven track record of protecting taxpayers' pocketbooks by voting for no tax increases in Isanti County for city and county government from 2007 to 2012. We need fiscal accountability that recogniz-

es family financial constraints more than ever in 2022.

In addition to fiscal accountability, my priorities include protecting citizen rights, including the right to vote for crucial county management positions like Auditor and Recorder. Citizens want a voice in their government, and voting is a fundamental right that citizens deserve as it keeps power in their hands instead of the hands of politicians.

Alan Duff has lived in Isanti County for nearly 20 years. He is married with five children and six grandchildren. He is a retired army officer with 23 years of military service to this great nation. His public service record includes six years as an elected official as County Commissioner and City Council member and a respected advocate for citizen rights as an author/speaker on preserving American values through authentic public service.

You can contact Alan Duff with questions at [duff@usfamily.net](mailto:duff@usfamily.net).

### Gary Lantz



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Greetings. My name is Gary Lantz, and I am excited to announce that I have filed for candidacy to run for Isanti County Commissioner in District 1, which is Cambridge West and Bradford Township.

I have lived in Minnesota for over 50 years and in the great county of Isanti for almost a decade. Prior to coming to Minnesota, I attended college in New York and graduated with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English Literature and Theology. I settled in Minnesota to be with family and raise two wonderful children in an environment that speaks of natural tranquility and Minnesota charm, and spent the next 50 years employed in both "blue-collar" and "white-collar" positions.

I have been connected to, and am able to relate to, a wide variety of skills and mindsets. This has led me to a deeper understanding of the hopes and dreams, as well as the challenges and struggles,

of people of all walks of life. My heart of love and concern for those around me has brought me to this place of believing that I can (and should) make some changes in our local government that would more fully encompass the wants, needs and concerns of the public.

It is my desire to serve all Isanti County citizens:

- By standing strong for a government of the people, by the people and for the people.
- By loving hard even during times of disagreement and even conflict, by identifying the legitimacy of needs, even if I am not able to completely comprehend, relate to, or even agree with them.
- By walking in integrity and making sure that all my decisions are consistent with my faith and grounded in knowledge, gaining wisdom, honesty, and a deep love of Isanti County.

Please feel free to contact me at [GLforCty-Commissioner@proton-mail.com](mailto:GLforCty-Commissioner@proton-mail.com).

### Joe Morley



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My name is Joe Morley and I'm running to be your next County Commissioner in District 1, which includes west Cambridge and Bradford Township.

Some of you may know my wife, Jayne, and I, as your neighbor of nearly 40 years. Others may know me as your financial advisor, with a small business right on Main Street Cambridge. Or, maybe you know me as a parishioner at Christ the King, as a member of the Sportsman's Club, or as your Representative on the board of East Central Energy.

Or further back still, maybe we served together at the Cambridge Chamber when I was President. Maybe I served you when I owned True Value Hardware. Or, it could have been on the Allina hospital board together, or maybe we played softball, curled, or shot trap.

Jayne and I are proud and involved members of our community. We've had the pleasure of rais-

ing three kids that all went all the way through our school district.

So, when this opportunity came to my attention, I decided it's time to continue serving Isanti County. As your Commissioner, I look forward to bringing the commonsense, Main Street experience you have seen firsthand since I moved here in 1983.

And if we haven't met yet, I look forward to getting to know you over the next few months. Whether we've been friends for years or met recently, I want to hear your concerns. Let's talk about what makes Isanti County a great place to live, work, and raise a family, and where we can improve it together.

If you live in West Cambridge or in Bradford Township, I look forward to hearing from you and bringing your issues up as County Commissioner.

My name is Joe Morley and I humbly ask for your vote.

## District 4

### Mike Warring



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Isanti County Commissioner Mike Warring is seeking election in the new Isanti County District 4 which consists of Athens Township, Stanford Township and part of the City of Isanti.

Commissioner Warring is a lifelong resident of Athens Township. He has carefully and conscientiously served the citizens of Isanti County as Commissioner since 2011. As part of his responsibilities as Commissioner, Mike

currently represents us on the Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services Agency, the Isanti County Historical Society Board and the East Central Regional Library Board.

He attended Bethel College and Minnesota School of Business until he was called to serve in the US Army during the Vietnam offensive. Mike owns two local businesses with 15 employees: Warring Decorating and Junction Bowl. His children and three grandchildren all reside in the area.

Community service is important to Mike. He is active with the Friends of Historic St. John's Board, and he has volunteered with the Minnesota Special Olympics. He is the proud sponsor of both the Cambridge-Isanti High School and the Cambridge Christian School bowling teams.

Mike believes that Isanti County government

needs to put family budgets ahead of its own growth. As Commissioner, he has consistently put family budgets first. He has kept his promises to the citizens by voting against large property tax levy increases. Mike has championed proposals that streamline services and save money.

He is seeking another term to continue protecting the taxpayers and improve the small business climate in our County. During this time of high inflation Mike asks for your continued support as he continues to work to protect our Isanti County lifestyle.