SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION
SERVING NWI SINCE 2005

Established in 2005, the Shared Ethics Advisory Commission (SEAC) represents local municipalities in Lake, LaPorte and Porter counties.

SEAC brings ethics awareness and training to the Region. Our member municipalities voluntarily commit themselves to the Shared Code of Ethics & Values.

Each election, SEAC asks candidates running for local office to pledge to provide their employees with training on ethical decision-making.

For this Primary Election, every Northwest Indiana candidate running for a local town or county office has been asked to sign the Ethics Pledge.

When you vote, we hope you will consider ethical government as one of your reasons for selecting a candidate.

Courtney Smith, SEAC President

Early Voting Starts Oct. 6, 2026!

2026 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES WHO SIGNED THE PLEDGE

CEDAR LAKE

Robert Carnahan, Town Council, Ward 1, Republican
Carol Kerr, Town Council, Ward 2, Democrat
Wayne Witvoet, Town Council, Ward 2, Republican
Jeff Biel, Town Council, Ward 3, Democrat

DYER

Alicia Myers, Town Council, Ward 2, Democrat
Mary Timm, Town Council, Ward 2, Republican
Joe Douglas, Town Council, Ward 4, Democrat
Taylor Gibson, Town Council, Ward 5, Democrat
Annette Ludwig, Town Council, Ward 5, Republican

LAKE COUNTY

Latonya Spearman, Assessor, Democrat
Regina Pimentel, Auditor, Democrat
Charles Messler, Auditor, Republican
Mike Brown, Circuit Court Clerk, Democrat
Leslie Dallner, Circuit Court Clerk, Republican
Kyle Allen Sr., Commissioner, District 1, Democrat
Stephen Aichner, Council, District 3, Republican
Jen Wilson, Council, District 4, Democrat
Christine Cid, Council, District 5, Democrat
Randy Niemeyer, Council, District 7, Republican
Jerry Williams, Sheriff, Democrat
John Petalas, Treasurer, Democrat
Kevin Deane, Treasurer, Republican

LAPORTE COUNTY

Barbara Huston, Assessor, Republican
Angela Henzman, Commissioner District 1, Democrat
Jody Slabaugh, Commissioner District 1, Republican
Olga Pothorski, Council District 1, Democrat
Jennifer Heath, Council District 2, Democrat
Tyler Brownlee, Council District 4, Democrat
Timothy Stabosz, Council District 4, Republican
John Lake, Prosecutor, Democrat
Ronald Heeg, Sheriff, Republican
Juanita Haney, State Rep. District 20, Democrat
Randy Novak, State Rep. District 19, Democrat

LOWELL

Nickolas Witvoet, Town Council, Ward 4, Republican

PORTER COUNTY

Scott Kingan, Assessor, Democrat
Sue Neff, Assessor, Republican
Karen Martin, Auditor, Republican
Barbara Domer, Clerk, Democrat
Jackie Haney, Clerk, Republican
Kyle Nelson, Commissioner, District 2, Democrat
Mike Brickner, Commissioner, District 2, Republican
Julie Wiencken-Smith, Coroner, Democrat
Brian Bowles, Coroner, Republican
Ronald (Red) Stone, Council, District 1, Republican
Brian M. Gulley, Council, District 2, Democrat
Spencer Lemmons, Council, District 2, Republican
Julia Kocal, Council, District 4, Democrat
Craig Kenworthy, Council, District 4, Republican
Leslie Nuss Bamesberger, Recorder, Democrat
Jon Miller, Recorder, Republican
Jeffrey A. Balon, Sheriff, Republican

SCHERERVILLE

Jeff Kuhn, Town Council, Ward 2, Democrat
Kevin Connelly, Town Council, Ward 2, Republican
Tom Schmitt, Town Council, Ward 4, Democrat

ST. JOHN

Justin Nestor, Town Council, Ward 3, Republican

WINFIELD

Jon Derwinski, Town Council, At Large, Republican
Zack Beaver, Town Council, At Large, Republican

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	NUMBERS SIGNED	PERCENTAGE OF SIGNED
LAKE	38	29	76.3%
LAPORTE	15	11	73.3%
PORTER	24	17	70.8%
TOTAL	77	56	72.7%