



County commissioners in Indiana have limited direct authority over healthcare access, as healthcare is primarily regulated and provided at the state and federal levels. But I can be an advocate. An advocate for resources. I can work with state legislators and federal representatives to secure resources for healthcare facilities, clinics, and programs. I can play a crucial role in shaping the policies, programs, and resources that impact healthcare access and outcomes within our communities

Every resident deserves access to quality healthcare. We have some amazing healthcare facilities in this county, and I've seen the work being done at the low-and-no-cost clinics like St. Ann's first-hand. I'd like to investigate ways to expand healthcare services in Vigo County, and improve accessibility for all members of our community.

If elected I will collaborate with local healthcare providers, hospitals, clinics, and community health centers to identify gaps in healthcare services and develop strategies to address them. I'd like to look into partnering with schools, community organizations, and healthcare providers to offer health education workshops, screenings, and wellness initiatives.

As I meet with residents, a topic that keeps coming up is how much the county is paying in healthcare for county workers. I personally haven't seen these costs, or whether there are alternatives that would not affect the quality of their care, but I can promise to look into it if elected.

I want to meet with our EMS providers to ensure residents are receiving timely access to emergency care throughout the county. This may involve coordinating EMS response times, funding ambulance services, and supporting training programs for first responders.

I will support funding for public health initiatives aimed at improving overall community health and preventing disease. This may include programs focused on vaccination, disease prevention, maternal and child health, and chronic disease management.

Even with two mental health facilities in our county, I am 100% confident we need more. The wait to see a therapist, psychologist or psychiatrist is too long. When a person is in need, they cant wait. We have got to expand access to mental health services, including counseling, therapy, and crisis intervention programs. This may involve allocating funding for mental health clinics, partnering with mental health providers, and raising awareness about available resources.