

Patricia Sykes
Republican Candidate – Brunswick County Commission District 3

Pat Sykes is a Brunswick County native and local small business owner. Her deep concern for excessive government spending and regulation, as well as the general lack of honor and integrity in government as a whole led to her decision to seek election to the County Commission. As a 20 year local business owner, Pat and her husband experience on a daily basis, the results of an over-reaching government. Pat believes that county spending should be based on validated fiscal requirements, and not “nice to have” programs and projects that serve the “politically connected” or special interest groups.

Pat graduated from Southport High School and has worked for 32 years in various management and leadership positions in government agencies: five years in management at the Internal Revenue Service; twenty five years in various other assignments at the Internal Revenue Service; three years at United States Attorney’s Office; Personnel Clerk at Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal; Personnel Clerk at the Brunswick County Personnel Department; Tax Collector and bookkeeper with the Town of Long Beach (Oak Island) and; computer technician with the Brunswick County School System. Pat now works with her husband as a small business owner in their local welding company.

Pat’s civic work includes serving as Treasurer for the Brunswick County Republican Women and member of the Brunswick County Republican Party Executive Committee. Pat was appointed by the County Commissioners in 2011 to serve on the Brunswick County Department of Social Services Board. Pat also volunteers for the Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office and did federal and state tax returns for AARP at the Southport Senior Center. Serving as a care-giver to her ailing mother is also an important part of Pat’s daily life. She is an active member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Bolivia.

Pat Sykes on Pat Sykes:

“I believe my successes and achievements in life are due to my core beliefs in being honest, persistent, and dedicated. I am a self-motivator and have no fear of hard work. I have a sense of pride and responsibility no matter what the endeavor. Because of my involvement in local politics for the past two years, I have grown in my desire to help the people of Brunswick County and to give back to the county that I love. I know I will continue to make a difference. I am very proud of my participation in the fight against forced annexation and my work on the board of the Department of Social Services.

As a County Commissioner I will strive for positive teamwork and will be a practical, conservative leader. I look forward to solving the many issues facing this growing county. As County Commissioner my priorities will include: offering integrity, honesty, common sense and transparency while being a good steward of the taxpayer’s dollars. I am not afraid to ask tough questions and thoroughly research the issues before making decisions.”

Pat currently lives in Southport with her husband Clarence Sykes. They have one son, a wonderful daughter-in-law and a new grandson.