



**Russ Crawford**, Tazewell County Board (R-District 3)

- Elected by the citizens to serve 9 terms on the Board
- Elected by the taxpayers to serve 4 years as Tazewell County Chief Fiscal Officer, Budget Director, Purchasing Agent, Chief Accountant, Comptroller & County Auditor.
- Elected Vice-President by IL Assn of Finance Officers & County Auditors (known as "***The Taxpayer's Watchdog***").

Russ currently is a Tazewell County Board member and Tri-County (Peoria, Tazewell & Woodford) Regional Planning Commissioner. He serves on the Tazewell County Land Use/Zoning & Transportation Committees and on the Executive & Nomination Committees of Tri-County. He successfully helped lead the merger of the Commission with the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS)/Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He was honored with the County Government Leadership Certification by the University of IL, Dept of Government & Public Affairs, Office of Public Policy and completed all requirements.

Russ Crawford graduated from Knox College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and performed graduate work at both Illinois State University and the University of Virginia in Constitutional Law and Government. Russ has served his Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) Fraternity as Chairman of the Board of Chapter Advisors and Member of the current House Corporation. He holds a Certified 6 Sigma Blackbelt Certification and has held leadership positions at Caterpillar including Global Cat-to-the-Core Manager, Global Training Manager, Global Class A Process Excellence Manager and Global Cat Production System (CPS) Manager with worldwide responsibility for each position.

Russ has been an Instructor of Gov't, History, Political & Social Problems at East Peoria & Pekin High Schools; Instructor of Traffic Law Administration at IL Central College; Chairman of the Tri-County Commission; 10 term member of the IL Republican Party Platform Committee; Chairman of the 5 county regional Economic Development Authority (EDA), member of the United Counties Council of IL (UCCI), President of the Peoria Historical Society, Tazewell County Chairman of the: Economic Dev Committee; Park & Forest Preserve District; Public Health Committee; Wage & Salary Committee and Jim Edgar's Assistant for Courts & Law Enforcement in Northern IL (35 counties).

Russ was President of the Heartland Water Resources Council (HWRC), Co-Founder & Chairman of the Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance (PLBA), Moderator and Speaker at the Governor's Conference on the IL River and elected as a Delegate to the first 3 IL Conservation Congresses and subsequently to the Congress Executive Committee where he led the process to write the bylaws, create the current IDNR from the former Dept of Conservation and formulate a volunteer network to assist with IDNR and Park activities that sustained environmental issues during constrained budget years. The mission was to speak with one voice to the public & private sectors and our citizens on the issue of preserving and protecting the Peoria Lakes & the IL River basin.

Russ has served in the Optimist Club, Rotary International, Chamber of Commerce and Easter Seals. He is married to Cindy Crawford and resides in East Peoria, IL. They have one son, Kristopher Russell Crawford and one rescue dog, Brody Russell Crawford.