

# Amanda Norris

For  
REPUBLICAN  
16<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN  
WHITESIDE COUNTY, IL

*I have lived in Sterling, IL for most of my life. I am married to the love of my life, David Norris and have two wonderful children. Until recent years, I had been focused on raising my children, spending time with my family and working full-time. I kept very busy and never took the time to pay much attention to what was going on in our local, state or national governments. In 2008, that began to change. I started to notice an increasing trend of over-spending and a seemingly endless assault on the Constitution and our Rights as American Citizens. The more I watched, the more I felt the need to get involved.*

*I have spent the past 3 years educating myself on current events and our nation's history as well as working tirelessly to encourage other people to get more involved. I started attending county board meetings and was quickly disgusted by the way decisions are made in Whiteside County! I continue to urge folks to attend meetings of their local governing bodies and voice their opinions! Too many of us have ignored our responsibilities to be involved in our government for too long!*

*One disturbing thing I have noticed is people's tendency to take the easy way out and vote party line. I have asked many people why they voted for one candidate over another and a common response is, "because they were the democrat or the republican". We cannot afford to vote party line! We must do our homework and vote for the INDIVIDUAL! Both parties have let us down time and again and the only way to stop that is to hold them accountable and do everything we can to change the way the current parties select their candidates. I have organized two voter fairs in an effort to connect local voters with the candidates who seek to represent them. My message has always been, "Forget the parties and vote for the individual who best represents your personal values".*

*I have voted for Republicans and I have voted for Democrats...I refuse to vote for someone simply because they belong to a specific 'party'. So, I never thought I would be running for a party position! But the level of apathy in Whiteside county is sad. Out of 60 Precincts, 38 are currently vacant! Think of the difference that could be made if all of those precincts were filled!!! I decided that this is an area where I can make a difference and I decided to get involved.*

*The 16<sup>th</sup> precinct is currently represented by Richard Cox, who is also a member of the Whiteside County Board. I have not been impressed with his votes this year on the county board and decided that I would run against him for the 16<sup>th</sup> Precinct position. We need to infuse our local Republican party with new ideas and new passion. We need to have a more active presence so that Whiteside County voters have a voice in the Republican Party. We need to get away from selecting folks who will go-along-to-get-along and put the power of the party back in the hands of the voters, not the party machine.*

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