It is an honor for me to express my full support for Tom Ballinger as our next Wayne County Sheriff. I have known Tom since he was growing up in Smithville. When he returned from protecting and serving his country, we reconnected when he was a cadet in a local Law Enforcement Academy that I was instructing at. I knew then he was going to be a great Law Enforcement Officer with a bright future. Hiring him as a Deputy for the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office was an easy decision. Tom Ballinger quickly showed what a great Deputy he was.

Tom Ballinger shows his genuine concern for people and always works hard to be the best he can be. If he tells you he will do something, you can be sure it will be done. He is a professional that has been recognized for his work as a leader in law enforcement. His volunteering in the community gives those in need the ability to improve their lives to become better citizens. His leadership by example with a strong ethical dedicated servant heart will serve Wayne County well.

Tom Ballinger and his family have strong roots in Wayne County. He is a proud veteran and continues his service to our community in so many ways. In my forty plus years of law enforcement service I cannot think of anyone who would be better suited to be our Wayne County Sheriff. Please join me in supporting our next Wayne County Sheriff Tom Ballinger.

Charlie Hardman

Retired Wayne County Sheriff’s Office Captain