

PRESS RELEASE:

Brianne Gregory is seeking the office of Monroe County Auditor in 2024.

BODY OF ANNOUNCEMENT:

Brianne Gregory is announcing today, December 8, 2023, that she plans to seek the office of Monroe County Auditor.

Brianne Gregory currently serves as the Monroe County Financial Director and, under Auditor Catherine Smith, leads an accounting team responsible for accounts payable, accounts receivable, preparation of the county's Annual Financial Report, and the county's GAAP report. Bri is also responsible for the accounting of millions of dollars of public fund grants, including the American Rescue Plan Act Grant (ARPA) and the bi-annual distribution of tax revenues to County Departments, the City of Bloomington, Ellettsville, the eleven Monroe County Townships, and all other Monroe County Taxing Units.

Brianne was the first Monroe County Internal Auditor, where she had the responsibility of drafting and implementing the Monroe County Risk Management Policy. In 2022, her responsibilities included the throughput of approximately \$424 million of revenue and \$399 million of expenditures.

Julie Thomas, Monroe County Commissioner, describes Bri as a "consummate professional" who "works effectively with elected officials and department heads across Monroe County Government." Commissioner Thomas continues, stating, "Ms. Gregory is knowledgeable and understands the ins and outs of county finances. She has the ability to explain the most complex accounting issues with clarity and specificity."

Monroe County Council President, Kate Wiltz, describes Bri as someone who "knows the job and cares about Monroe County." President Wiltz also shared that Bri "has the experience, temperament, and dedication we need as our Auditor."

Brianne volunteers in her community through club soccer and Girl Scouts. Dr. Julia Gadlage, a fellow Girl Scout volunteer, depicts Brianne Gregory as "passionate, hard-working and consistently able to meet goals." She states, "Bri is a strong leader while simultaneously being warm, caring, and focused on serving others." Dr. Gadlage feels Bri's "diligent nature will surely make a positive impact on our community."

Current Monroe County Auditor, Catherine Smith, calls Brianne "precise, intuitive, and dedicated to the citizens and officials of Monroe County." Auditor Smith states, "Bri's ability to accurately read and interpret the volumes of accounting codes prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts is only exceeded by her ability to apply these codes to the extremely complicated financial system that the state requires counties to manage." Cathy believes

Monroe County would be tremendously blessed to have Bri Gregory serve as the Monroe County Auditor.

Both professionally and as a volunteer in the community, Bri is accessible, responsive and caring. Brianne attends biannual trainings with the State Board of Accounts, and annual trainings with the Association of Indiana Counties to ensure she stays up to date on the latest guidance available. A testimony to this is Bri's success with Monroe County's transition from cash basis to accrual reporting which is evident in the county's annual audit reports. Bri has the experience, knowledge, work ethic and understanding of the role that is necessary for a seamless transition from the previous administration. Brianne is proud to serve Monroe County now and looks forward to continuing to do so as the next Monroe County Auditor.