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Lenzmeier has the background, experience

Three years ago I approached Stearns County Commissioner Leigh Lenzmeier for advice on converting my rental house on the south side of St. Cloud to an adult foster care home and was encouraged to go forward.

Lenzmeier's real estate background combined with his county experience provided valuable insights for such a land-use decision. The stress on the state with the closure of institutions in Willmar and Fergus Falls created a need in providing services to the developmentally disabled and mentally ill residents of Minnesota.

Leigh recognized that adult foster care can provide these services more efficiently and provide a higher quality of care in a home environment.

With the state facing a potential \$3 billion deficit next year, we need more people in public office willing to look at all the options to provide the highest quality services in the most efficient manner. Stearns County is fortunate to have Leigh Lenzmeier as a county commissioner, and I urge you to vote for Leigh.

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