Press Contact
Matthew Dowling
Political Strategist | Amplify Communication Strategies, LLC
273 Krulock Road, Uniontown, PA 15401
matthew@AmplifyPA.com | 724-322-6577

FOR RELEASE: NOVEMBER 25, 2026

Matthew Virgillo Announces Republican Candidacy for Fayette County Commissioner in 2027

Candidate highlights fiscal responsibility, community investment, and a pledge to support local projects and nonprofits alongside good-paying jobs, stronger services, and responsible county leadership

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA — Wednesday, November 25, 2026 — Matthew Virgillo, a lifelong Fayette County resident, construction professional, and local business owner, announced his candidacy for Fayette County Commissioner in 2027 as a Republican.

Born in Mount Pleasant and raised in Dunbar Township, Virgillo says his working-class upbringing and career in construction have shaped his approach to work, financial management, and public service. His campaign will focus on responsible county spending, attracting businesses that offer good-paying jobs, improving infrastructure, and making county government more responsive to residents.

Virgillo also says he intends to give his county salary back to support community projects and nonprofit organizations serving Fayette County.

> *"I really think that I can manage money. I know I can. I think I could communicate way better." — Matthew Virgillo*

Experience in construction and business

Virgillo began his career as a welder and fitter before entering the construction industry. He advanced from laborer to superintendent and worked on bridges, highways, ship docks, utilities, and other infrastructure projects across multiple states. In those roles, he managed budgets, schedules, subcontractors, and teams on projects ranging from approximately $1 million to more than $200 million, according to his interview.

Today, Virgillo operates a family-owned residential construction business that performs work including foundations, additions, concrete, and utilities. He says his professional experience has taught him the importance of careful budgeting, meeting deadlines, and holding people accountable for the work entrusted to them.

> *"Deadlines are very important because deadlines save or spend extra money. If you don't make your deadline, it'll cost you more money in anything." — Matthew Virgillo*

Jobs, investment, and stronger communities

Virgillo says Fayette County should work more actively to attract private investment and create opportunities that encourage younger residents and families to remain in the area. He has

PAID FOR BY THE CANDIDATE

identified manufacturing and industrial employment, energy, tourism, film and entertainment, and redevelopment of former industrial properties as areas worth exploring.

"We need businesses paying $30–40 an hour." — Matthew Virgillo

He also wants county officials to communicate more effectively with business owners, municipalities, state legislators, and state and federal agencies. Virgillo supports reviewing zoning and permitting processes to identify ways to make them more practical for businesses and property owners while considering the purpose of those requirements.

Fiscal responsibility and accountability

Virgillo says county government should examine spending, prioritize infrastructure needs, and make decisions based on clear plans and public needs. He has raised concerns about roads, public water, sewage, deteriorating properties, and the financial pressure taxes can place on residents. He says taxpayers are increasingly worried that taxes make it harder to repair and improve their own homes. He would review county spending and pursue ways to generate revenue before making specific promises about tax policy.

"Taxpayers are scared of fixing up their houses because of taxes." — Matthew Virgillo

"I don't promise everything to everybody. I can promise that I will give 100% to investigate ways to lower costs and generate revenue for the county." — Matthew Virgillo

A commitment to Fayette County

Virgillo says he wants commissioners to work together, listen to residents, and focus on practical results. He believes county priorities should also recognize the needs of nursing homes and education programs, alongside essential services and community projects. A hunter, outdoorsman, and history enthusiast, he describes Fayette County as home and says he wants to help create conditions that allow families and businesses to build their futures locally. He also identifies raising his children as one of his greatest sources of pride.

"I really want to be known as the person that served the county." — Matthew Virgillo

Virgillo is seeking the Republican nomination for Fayette County Commissioner in the 2027 election.

# # # # #

PAID FOR BY THE CANDIDATE