

**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**Iroquois County Board Chairman Rod Copas**

The truth has no agenda. In moving forward to assure fairness to everyone, all information received so far regarding concerns of FIPHD has been given to the appropriate authorities. This matter is now out of our purview, except that all incoming information will be passed along as well. It is important to let the professionals do their job and we as citizens will await the outcome.

Our purpose as government officials should always be honest, open, transparent and ethical conduct. I apologize to the Iroquois County Board for not always being able to share everything, but hopefully in the future you will understand why.

As Chairman, it is always important to review and look at information that is presented with concern from the public. Too many times in the past, wrong doing was left under the cover of darkness and as a society we all suffered an unjust cost. To condone or turn our back on any abuse or violation of the law would make us just as guilty as the wrong doer.

Any factual information that suggest or alleges misconduct or wrongdoing will be turned over to the proper authorities for investigation. Most of these concerns can usually be addressed and resolved in a more subtle way, but this issue has many complexities that have made it nearly impossible to address through normal channels. So while you may not have all the answers you want, remember it is important to let the process work. In time, all questions will be answered.

*THANK YOU TO Edgar County Watchdog*

*Rod Copas County Board Chairman*