

## Biographical Information

**Kenneth R. Gauntner, Jr.  
Madison Township Trustee**

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Kenneth R. Gauntner Jr. has worked in local government for his entire career of 48 years serving in a number of different local government positions. Mr. Gauntner started his governmental career after graduating from Madison High School in June of 1974 working 7 ½ years for the Lake County Engineers Department in various job positions until January of 1982. In February of 1982, he was appointed by the Board of Madison Township Trustees to serve in the position of Madison Township Administrator. His job responsibilities as Township Administrator gave him many different hats to wear during his tenure at the township. His responsibilities included the positions of Road Superintendent, Chief Zoning Inspector, Buildings & Grounds/ Parks & Cemetery Supervisor as well as being responsible for numerous administrative duties for the Board of Township Trustees. Mr. Gauntner served as Madison Township Administrator for 7 years until December 31, 1988. In January of 1989, he was appointed by the Board of Lake County Commissioners to the position of Lake County Administrator. Mr. Gauntner served as Lake County Administrator for over 20 years until his retirement on October 31, 2009. During his tenure as Lake County Administrator, he also served briefly as the interim Lake County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director in the later half of 2003. While County Administrator, Mr. Gauntner also served as the Chief Public Information Officer (PIO) for Lake County EMA for 30 years. He remained on as the PIO after retiring from the Commissioners Office until resigning his PIO duties in December of 2018. On November 5, 2013, Mr. Gauntner was elected to the position of Madison Township Trustee defeating longtime incumbent William Brotzman. In November of 2017, and again in November 2021, Mr. Gauntner was re-elected as a Madison Township Trustee. Additionally, as a Madison Township Trustee, Mr. Gauntner is also required to serve as a Trustee on the Madison Fire District Board of Trustees which oversees the operation and management of the Madison Fire District.

### **PUBLIC BOARDS**

During his professional career Mr. Gauntner has served on many different public boards.

**Ohio Public Works Commission (District 7) Integrating Committee** – 1989 to 2000 and 2006 to 2009  
**Lake County Local Emergency Planning Committee (HAZMAT) Chief Fiscal Officer** – 1989 to 2009  
**Lake County Homeland Security Advisory Board** – 2002 to 2009  
**Lake County 800MHz. Radio Users Board** - 1989 to 2009  
**County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Natural Gas Board** – 2001 to 2009  
**County Administrators Association of Ohio (Secretary/Treasurer)** – 2008-2009  
**Lake County Auditors Board of Revision (Chairman)** - 2013  
**Lake County Emergency Management Agency (Public Information Officer)** – 1989 to 2018  
**Madison Township Board of Zoning Appeals** – 1997-2012  
**Lake County Law Library Resources Board (Chairman)** – 2009 to Present  
**Lake County Utilities Department Board of Appeals** – 2003 to Present  
**Lake County Senior Levy Advisory Panel** – 2012 to Present  
**Madison Fire District Board of Trustees** – 2014 to Present

In addition to serving on various public boards, Mr. Gauntner has served on various citizen committees for Madison Local Schools, Madison Public Library, the Board of Directors for Madison Country Club, and as a football coach in the Madison Athletic Association for eight seasons.

### **PERSONAL**

Mr. Gauntner is the oldest of six children of Kenneth Sr. and Gina Gauntner and has lived in Madison for the past 61 years. Mr. Gauntner's father Kenneth Gauntner Sr. was a Madison Township Trustee from 1968 to 1972. Mr. Gauntner

has been married to his wife Laurie for 43 years, and they have a daughter Lindsey.