Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to Detroit radio station: 'I think I've improved a lot ... to be blunt'



Michigan Governor Rick Snyder waves to the crowd before giving his victory speech during the Michigan GOP 2014 election party at the GM Renaissance Center in Detroit Tuesday, November 4, 2014. (Mike Mulholland | MLive.com)
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DETROIT, MI -- Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder was in a reflective mood Wednesday morning with a Detroit radio station just hours after he won re-election and celebrated downtown at the Renaissance Center.

Snyder told WJR 760 AM radio host Frank Beckmann it was a hard fought win over Democratic challenger Mark Schauer that often tested his positive mood and motivated him to give his constituents another productive four years.

"When you start something new, you have issues," Snyder said of his first four years in office. "And I think I've improved a lot -- to be blunt. (That's) in terms of growing into the job. (I'm) really feeling good about it because it's a great honor.

"I'm excited about what I'm doing and that's working well. I am absolutely fired up to keep going."

Snyder mentioned in the interview "great teamwork" with Michigan's legislature that he believes will create positive momentum for the new legislators that won Tuesday night and unwavering support from Michiganians.

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Snyder will start his second term in January with a Republican dominated state House and Senate -- just like his first term -- and is guaranteed full GOP control in Lansing for at least two years.

"It just reaffirms that we are doing the right thing," Snyder said of overwhelmingly Republican results in Michigan, "and I appreciate that. That was exciting to see; it really says that there's a mandate to continue the reinvention (of Michigan) and hopefully gives us more flexibility to say 'Here are all the things to work on.'"

Snyder added that he "still wants do things in a bipartisan fashion whenever we can."

"It's great to have majorities," he said. "A lot of the best answers though hopefully are common sense answers that all legislators will support.

"And people don't seem to recognize that most legislation passed actually has good bipartisan support."

What did you think about Snyder's victory and other election results? Feel free to share your thoughts in the comments section below.