



CENTRE COUNTY
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Centre County Elected Officials Sworn into Office

Bellefonte, PA (January 3, 2020) –Centre County elected officials were sworn in on Friday, January 6, 2019 in the Centre County Courthouse with President Judge Pamela Ruest presiding.

Home to approximately 163,000 residents, Centre County has more than 109,000 registered voters who re-elected all three incumbent Commissioners: Commissioner Steven Dershem to serve his fourth four-year term, Commissioner Michael Pipe to serve his third four-year term, and Commissioner Mark Higgins to serve his second four-year term.

The following officials, elected this past November, took the oath of office:

- Commissioners Michael Pipe, Mark Higgins, and Steven Dershem
- Controller Jason Moser
- Coroner Scott Sayers
- Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts Jeremy Breon
- Joseph Davidson, Recorder of Deeds
- Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans Court
- Christine Millinder
- Sheriff Bryan Sampsel
- Treasurer Colleen Kennedy
- Magisterial District Judge Kelly Gillette-Walker – Bellefonte 49-3-02
- Magisterial District Judge Donald Hahn – State College 49-1-01
- Magisterial District Judge Steven Lachman – State College 49-3-05

The start of a new term marks the retirement of three dedicated elected officials:

- Charles Witmer serving as Deputy Controller from 1999 through 2003 and Controller from 2004 through 2019.

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- Debra Immel serving in the Prothonotary's Office from 1976 through 1983, Deputy Prothonotary from 1984 through 1999 and Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts from 2000 through 2019.
- Richard Fornicola who served as Treasurer from 2000 through 2019.

The Centre County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, January 6 for an organization meeting. Michael Pipe and Mark Higgins were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Board of Commissioners. Administrator Margaret Gray and Solicitor Elizabeth Dupuis were also re-appointed to their roles.

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