



# Delaware County Commissioners

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### *Delaware County—Benton to be Sworn in as Delaware County Commissioner*

Jeffrey T. Benton will be sworn in as Delaware County Commissioner on Tuesday, September 8, at 9 am, in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Judge David Hejmanowski, Delaware County Juvenile/Probate Court, will perform the Administration of the Oath, with Benton's family, friends, and supporters present. A short reception will follow the oath ceremony.

Benton comes with an impressive financial and community service background and looks forward to working with current Commissioners Gary Merrell and Barb Lewis. "I am humbled by this appointment and will dedicate myself to doing what's best for Delaware County. We are fortunate to live in the best county in the state of Ohio and I intend to make sure that we continue to prosper for many years to come," shared Benton.

Benton's career includes more than 35 years as a business executive in financial services and other industries. After graduating from Miami University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting, he passed the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification on his initial attempt. He then joined Arthur Andersen and Company as an In-Charge Accountant, before moving to Wendy's International in several business executive roles. Benton's most recent experience has been in senior leadership positions with three different banks. Along with his career, Benton has always been committed to community service, currently serving on the Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, as Chair of the OWU Finance Committee, and as a member of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption Investment Advisory Committee.

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He is also a board member of the Little Brown Jug Society and the Delaware County Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. Benton was born and raised in Delaware County and is married to his wife, Barbara, with four sons.

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