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## *Delaware County—Commissioner Merrell Elected President of the Board*

Commissioner Gary Merrell was elected President of the Delaware County Board of Commissioners during session today. Commissioner Merrell thanked former President Ken O'Brien for his leadership during 2013 and shared that he sees his role as President as one of a facilitator.

"My success or failure is largely dependent on the three of us putting personal interests aside and putting our county first. I believe honest, polite diversity of opinion is healthy. Only we, as Commissioners, have the ability to make it negative by our actions," said Commissioner Merrell.

Commissioner Merrell shares, "I look forward to taking the lead on several critical projects that need to be brought to fruition in 2014, including the decision about the completion of Sawmill Parkway. All the projects to be considered are important to our County residents and I promise to give them top priority."

Following his election, Commissioner Dennis Stapleton was elected to serve as Vice President and committee assignments were finalized.

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