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Delaware County—Merrell To be Sworn in as Delaware County Commissioner

Gary D. Merrell will be sworn in as the 19th Delaware County Commissioner over the past 40 years on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Judge David Gormley, Delaware Municipal Court, will perform the Administration of the Oath, with Merrell's family, friends, and supporters present. The event is scheduled from 5 to 7 pm, with speakers and the ceremony at 6:15 pm. Speakers for the event include State Auditor Dave Yost, Sheriff Russ Martin, and Delaware Chamber President Bob Kuederle.

Merrell comes well-prepared for the task at hand and looks forward to working with current Commissioners Dennis Stapleton and Ken O'Brien. "I hope to accomplish many goals, but particularly saving taxpayer dollars and increasing economic development sales tax revenue. We will always strive to do more with less and will continue to avoid duplication of services and bureaucratic inefficiencies," shared Merrell.

Merrell's career began in Oklahoma working for the *Oklahoman and Times* newspaper and led to several moves and roles in the newspaper field. Brown Publishing brought Merrell to Delaware in 2007 as vice president of several papers in central and northwest Ohio, as well as publisher of the *Delaware Gazette*. Along with his career, Merrell has also committed to community service in many ways over the years. He has volunteered with the Chamber of Commerce; Rotary; and United Methodist Church in several communities. Currently, he serves on the board of the United Way of Delaware County. Merrell lives with his wife, Cathy, and son Pablo, in Delaware and has grown children, Valerie and Kellie, with their families close by.