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New Delaware County Commissioner Barb Lewis Takes Office Monday

Barb Lewis will officially take office as a Delaware County Commissioner on January 1, 2015, and will conduct her public swearing-in at 9 am Monday morning, prior to the first Commissioner session of 2015. Judge David Gormley will conduct the ceremony, with Barb's husband Jim holding the family Bible. Lewis joins the Board of Commissioners following seven years of public service as a Genoa Township Trustee.

She earned her Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. degrees from The Ohio State University, where she taught hundreds of OSU students the fundamentals of American government, including political participation and behavior.

"We look forward to Barb's leadership and guidance. With her knowledge of government and her real world experience, she will hit the ground running, I'm sure. She also makes history as the second female Commissioner of Delaware County!" said Tim Hansley, Delaware County Administrator.

"As a trustee, I was proud that Genoa Township provided residents with the greatest value for their taxpayer dollars," said Barb Lewis, "and I hope to use my practical experience to guide good county governance. I am surrounded by loads of knowledge, talent and experience. The best way to bring that out of Delaware County is to bring out the very best in everyone I work with—and I will always try to do so."

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Lewis has served as political director and outreach coordinator for a four-term U.S. Congresswoman, as economic alliance coordinator for the Ohio Department of Development, as a statewide legislative lobbyist, and manager of many successful election campaigns including three for the Ohio Supreme Court.

Lewis was raised in Genoa Township, where she attended Harlem Elementary and Big Walnut High Schools. She resides in Genoa Township with her husband of 45 years, Jim, a practicing attorney. They are active members of the Church of the Resurrection and have two grown sons, one of whom resides in Denver and the other in Columbus, with his wife and four young daughters.

Established in 1808, Delaware County is located in the center of Ohio, is 459 square miles in size, and serves more than 174,000 residents. With 1100+ employees and a budget of \$46.5 million, Delaware County is one of the top 50 employers in central Ohio and continues to be the fastest growing county in the state.

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