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Kent County IT Director Joins Corporate Counsel Team

GRAND RAPIDS – Kent County Administrator Wayman Britt is proud to announce that the County's Director of Information Technology (IT), Craig Paull, will join his Executive Administrator's Office Team as Assistant Corporate Counsel effective Monday. The promotion fills a vacancy left when Assistant Corporate Counsel Linda Howell was promoted to Corporate Counsel in February.

Craig has served as Director of Information Technology since joining the County in 2004. Prior to that he held various technology management positions with organizations such as Plante Moran, Family Christian Stores, and Amway. Craig has a MBA from Western Michigan University, and a JD from Cooley Law School. He is licensed to practice law in Michigan and is admitted to practice before the Federal Court in Grand Rapids and US Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Grand Rapids Bar Association.

Craig already has drafted multiple appellate briefs filed with the Federal Court in Cincinnati as well as the local appeals courts. "In his new role of Assistant Corporate Counsel, Craig will assist the office in deep-dive policy analysis, including special projects such as community mental health funding," said Britt. "Given Craig's tenure with the County and his past experiences, he is ideally suited to take on this varied role."

Craig says he's looking forward to the new challenges set before him. "The County Corporate Counsel team is one of the best in the State," Craig said. "I am excited to be joining a team with a wealth of knowledge. Together with the Administrator's Office team, we will make sure the best interests of Kent County residents are our top priority."

Tim Beck will assume responsibilities of interim Director of the Information Technology Department. Tim has been with Kent County Information Technology for ten years and has been the Deputy Director for IT since 2013. Prior to working for Kent County, he spent twelve years managing international IT infrastructure and operations teams for a global, Tier-1 automotive supplier. Tim holds degrees in Management from the University of Wisconsin and Ottawa University, various industry certifications, and has served on various panels and collaborative workgroups designed to improve connectivity throughout West Michigan. As part of his new responsibilities, Craig Paull will support Tim in that role and will work with the IT Department for several months to ensure the transition in leadership is seamless.

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