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Kent County Treasurer Ken Parrish Announces He Will Not Seek Re-Election in November

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (March 13, 2020) – Kent County Treasurer Ken Parrish announced yesterday at the Kent County Board of Commissioners meeting he will not seek re-election for a seventh term in November. His term is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2020.

First elected in 1996, Parrish previously served as a Kent County Commissioner (1992-1996) and as a Cascade Township Trustee (1988-1992).

“It has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Kent County over the last 32 years,” said Ken Parrish. “The trust voters have shown me over the years is truly humbling. Kent County will always be my home, and I remain committed to serving but in new ways.”

Parrish is especially proud of the following accomplishments that occurred during his tenure as County Treasurer:

- founding the Kent County Land Bank Authority,
- reaching an agreement with Airbnb to collect a five percent lodging and excise tax from online rental property companies, and
- minimizing tax foreclosures.

Additionally, he was the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Officer Award presented by the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers.

Parrish also praised the staff in his office. “I am proud of the professionalism with which my office continues to provide the best possible services to taxpayers,” Parrish concluded. “I look forward to watching Kent County continue this positive momentum for future generations to come.”

While his future plans remain uncertain, Parrish believes he has at least one more career left to pursue.

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