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Kent County Announces Administrator/Controller Search Committee

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (October 12, 2020) – Kent County Board of Commissioners Chair Mandy Bolter announced that the board will begin the process to seek a new County Administrator/Controller to replace Wayman P. Britt, who on October 8 announced his retirement effective July 2021.

A seven-person Administrator/Controller Search Committee comprised of Kent County commissioners and community leaders will coordinate a national search to identify a replacement for Britt, who has been with the County since 2004. The committee includes:

- Committee Chair: Mandy Bolter, Chair, Kent County Board of Commissioners
- Stan Stek, Vice Chair, Kent County Board of Commissioners
- Carol Hennessy, Member, Kent County Board of Commissioners
- Birgit Klohs, President & CEO, The Right Place, Inc.
- Mike Verhulst, Vice President, Rockford Construction
- Dante Villarreal, Vice President, Business & Talent Development, Grand Rapids Chamber
- Sam Moore, Executive Director, Kent County Parks Foundation

“We, in Kent County, have a strong sense of community pride. We have amazing schools, one of the hottest real estate markets, a solid work ethic, a vibrant arts and culture scene, and a robust philanthropic community,” said Kent County Board Chair Mandy Bolter. “I am thankful to the community leaders who have agreed to serve on the search committee. Together, I am confident we will find a highly qualified individual who is dedicated to maintaining not only what we have achieved, but who possesses the drive and ability to push us toward continued innovation and excellence in service to our community.”

Britt’s current agreement is due to expire on January 24, 2021; however, on October 22, the board will consider a 6-month extension to the agreement to allow them time to identify and hire his replacement.

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