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Wayne County Board of Commissioners Approves Process for Filling Vacant Seat

Wayne County, NC – At their meeting on March 17, 2020, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a process in which interested parties can apply to fill the vacant seat on the Board. This vacancy came from the sudden passing of Commissioner John M. Bell after serving on the Board for nearly 20 years.

All interested applicants will be required to provide a résumé of qualifications and a statement for why they would like to serve in this position. The interview process will consist of 4-6 minutes of questions in front of the Board of Commissioners.

A letter outlining this process was delivered to the Wayne County Democratic Party Headquarters and has been attached.



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Wayne County Democratic Party Headquarters
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Dear Chairman Martin,

On behalf of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, we want to honor the life of, and acknowledge the incredible service of John M. Bell, for his almost 20 years of service to our Board. His leadership and exemplary service is a shining legacy for our community.

At our meeting on March 17, 2020, the Board of Commissioners discussed the process of filling the remaining term of Mr. Bell. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the following schedule:

- March 17, 2020: Adopt a schedule and send a letter to the Democratic Executive Committee if they have not send the name recommended for appointment. At this time, we have not received a recommendation from the Executive Committee. If the Democratic Executive Committee desires to submit a name, please submit it to me for the Board's consideration. In addition to the potential Democratic nominee, the Board voted to consider applicants residing in District 3 interested in filling Mr. Bell's seat. The Board requests any potential Democratic nominee to participate in the application process.
- April 7, 2020: Board of Commissioners Regularly scheduled meeting and last day for District 3 residents to apply for consideration of Mr. Bell's seat.
- April 21, 2020: Board of Commissioners Regularly scheduled meeting, at which the Board will recess until 2:00 p.m., when they will begin to interview potential candidates for the District 3 Board of Commissioner vacancy. The Board will make a final decision by April 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

We will advertise and request interested parties let us know their interest, and we will then inform them of the process. We would also request all interested parties submit a resume' of qualifications, as well as a statement for why they would like to serve in this position.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

E. Ray Mayo, Chairman
Wayne County Board of Commissioners

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