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STEVE BARNETT NAMED NEW CITY OF FRANKLIN MAYOR

FRANKLIN – The City of Franklin is proud to announce that Steve Barnett has been selected as the new Mayor. Barnett, 59, is the Republican replacement for former Mayor Joe McGuinness, who resigned earlier this month to fulfill his new appointment by Governor Holcomb as the INDOT Commissioner. Barnett will serve as Mayor for the remaining three years of McGuinness’s term; ending in 2019.

Barnett was selected by a majority vote of the 21 present precinct committee members of the Johnson County Republican Party at the caucus held in Franklin on Monday, January 30, 2017.

In his speech before the caucus vote, Barnett expressed his desire to focus on the big picture. He believes his work experience and public service will allow him to bring a visible change to Franklin. He is committed to moving forward with projects designed to attract new businesses and develop or expand the existing businesses.

The Mayor’s Office will continue to keep residents informed as the city develops and expands. Barnett will strive to continue improving the quality of place, life, and play in Franklin.

Barnett has served as the City Council President for the past 5 years, but has been an active member for the past 8 ½ years. He also served as a Board of Works member for former Mayor McGuinness for 5 years.

A life-long resident of Franklin, Barnett has been engaged in multiple organizations in the community: Franklin Rotary, Leadership Johnson County, and Franklin Elks; where he formerly served as the Exulted Ruler.

Barnett has always dreamed of the opportunity to serve as Mayor and will continue to strengthen and grow the Franklin community.

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