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## **COMMISSIONERS BEGIN TERM AS FAYETTE 'FACES'**

**Uniontown, PA** – One newcomer and two incumbents were recently sworn in to begin their four-year terms on the Fayette County Commissioners Board.

Commissioners Scott Dunn, Vince Vicites and Dave Lohr are working together to build a better future for Fayette County. They were chosen as the January “faces” in the Fayette County Public Relations Initiative’s Faces and Places series for their efforts.

Commissioner Dunn, 55, graduated from Uniontown Area High School in 1983 before earning a business degree from Robert Morris University. He and his wife, Michele, have resided in Dunbar borough since 2003, with their three children, Morgan 24; Conner, 20; and Landen, 13.

Prior to being elected commissioner, he served as president of Dunbar Borough Council for many years. Dunn also has extensive experience in the banking, steel and transportation industries, where he gained valuable skills he hopes will help him during his time in office.

“I want to raise our quality of life and attract new business to Fayette County,” Dunn said. “I’m most looking forward to fulfilling my campaign promise to visit each municipality for business meetings, and establishing lines of communication with our community organizations and leaders.”

Thus far, Dunn said the best part of being commissioner has been seeing friendly faces throughout the county each day and working with everyone to achieve positive results for our area.

“Thank you for your confidence in me,” Dunn said to his constituents. “I’m working every day to fulfill the vision I conveyed during my campaign. My commitment to Fayette County is unwavering.”

Commissioner Vicites, 59, graduated from Laurel Highlands High School in 1978 before earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration from West Virginia University. He then received his master’s degree in human resources from St. Francis University.

Vicites lives in South Union Township with his wife, Kelly Cheripko Vicites. He has two sons and a daughter-in-law; Nick Vicites and Joey Vicites and wife, Ariel; and a stepdaughter, Morgan.

While Vicites has served multiple terms as commissioner since the early 1990s, he established a diverse professional background in both the public and private sectors before seeking office. He also served as the Pennsylvania Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

“Over the next few years, I will keep fighting to increase economic development and create jobs; improve the county’s fiscal management, develop infrastructure, enhance our public transportation system, expand our county business parks and maximize our tourism promotion efforts,” Vicites said. “This is not a part-time job. It takes long hours and dedication to make a difference while working for Fayette County residents.”

Vicites thanked his constituents for their continued support and said he will continue working hard to move the county forward and improve citizens’ lives.

“As commissioners, every choice we make impacts many lives,” Vicites said. “We must be consistent in our decision making and understand the cause and effect of our actions when serving the people of Fayette County.”

Commissioner Lohr, 63, is a Connellsville Area High School graduate and U.S. Navy veteran who was self-employed in the insurance and securities industries before taking office. He studied mechanical and civil engineering at Penn State - Fayette and Asbury Bible College before joining the military, where he reached the rank of Petty Officer Second-Class before being honorably discharged.

Lohr is the son of Homer R. Lohr and the late Alice (Ritenour) Lohr. He and his wife, Gretchen (Killinger) Lohr, reside in South Connellsville, where he enjoys mentoring youth members at his local church. He plans to continue pulling from his extensive military and leadership experience during his new term as commissioner.

“I want to see Fayette County on the cutting edge, leading the pack, as the place others point to and say, ‘That’s the way we should be doing it,’” Lohr said. “My goal is to bring sustainable growth to Fayette County without losing our unique cultural identity.”

Lohr said he has worked with developers, legislators and utilities to build the county from within, as well as reached beyond its borders to promote Fayette regionally, statewide and worldwide. He plans to continue creating infrastructure for future development to support incoming businesses and create jobs.

“I tell everyone I talk to, ‘Good things are happening in Fayette County; let’s keep the good going,’” Lohr said. “We have so much to build on; we have so much that we’re working on; and I’m so excited about what it all means for everyone who calls Fayette County home. From economic development and infrastructure, to recreation and tourism - I have goals on every front.”

Lohr said he is most looking forward to serving the great people who live and work in Fayette County over the next four years.

“We have a unique sense of community, of kinship, a kindred spirit, and we’re blessed,” he said. “I am so honored and blessed to represent the people of Fayette County.”

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners meets publicly at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Public Service Building, 22 East Main St., Uniontown.

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