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County Executive-Elect Pittman Announces Key Staff Appointments

Annapolis, MD – Today, Anne Arundel County Executive-Elect Steuart Pittman announced several key appointments for his incoming administration. These positions will begin on December 3, when Pittman is sworn into office as the county's tenth County Executive.

"As my team and I prepare to take office, we are working to ensure that we are ready to serve our constituents on 'Day One,'" said Pittman. "I'm pleased to announce these members of our incoming Administration. They bring an impressive collection of talent, dedication and experience to Anne Arundel County government."

Mr. Pittman announced the following appointments:

Gregory Swain, currently a Supervising County Attorney with the county Office of Law, will serve as Acting County Attorney. Mr. Swain currently supervises the "Government Operations" attorneys, meaning code enforcement, land use issues, animal control, tax sales, purchasing, and legislation. The Pittman Administration, working with the transition team, will undertake a formal search for a permanent replacement. Mr. Swain will take over from current County Attorney Nancy Duden.

"I want to thank Ms. Duden for her service to Anne Arundel County," said Pittman. "She and her office have been very helpful to our transition effort and I wish her success in the future."

Doug Hollmann will be reappointed as Administrative Hearing Officer. Mr. Hollmann previously served in that position from 2008 through February, 2018. The Hearing Officer conducts public hearings on all petitions for zoning reclassifications, special exceptions and variances. They may also hear appeals of certain construction contract disputes.

"Throughout his career, Mr. Hollmann has earned a reputation for being thoughtful and fair," said Pittman. "I'm pleased to welcome him back to county service."

Janice Hayes-Williams will be a Senior Advisor for Community Engagement. Ms. Hayes-Williams is the former legislative aide for Councilmember Chris Trumbauer and currently serves as head of Constituent Services for the City of Annapolis. She is also a renowned local historian. As part of her position, Ms. Hayes-Williams will also oversee appointments for Board and Commissions.

Pete Baron will be the County's Government Affairs Officer. Mr. Baron has nearly 20 years of experience in Maryland local and state government. He is the former Director of Member Services for Maryland Speaker of the House Mike Busch, and worked as a legislative director for the Maryland Hospital Association and the Service Employees International Union, Maryland

and DC State Council. He also managed Mr. Pittman's successful campaign for County Executive.

Brandi Francis will serve as the Acting Public Information Officer. Ms. Francis is currently the Director of Communications for the county's Department of Aging and Disabilities. In that role, she leads the department in emergency operations for staff, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. In addition, Ms. Francis serves as the legislative liaison for the department.

James Kitchin and **Jenese Jones** will serve as Constituent Services Officers. Mr. Kitchin is a former high school teacher and current public policy doctoral student at University of Maryland. He lives in Crofton and was a candidate for County Council District 7. Ms. Jones is a former classroom teacher and is currently the Executive Director of Faith Leaders for Excellent Schools. She lives in Russett and was a candidate for District 32 Delegate.

Previously, Mr. Pittman announced Ben Birge as Chief Administrative Officer and Jennifer Purcell as Chief of Staff.

"I'm excited about this team," said Pittman. "After the inauguration, we'll be taking a close look at the roles and duties of all the County Executive's staff. Working with the transition team, I expect we'll make some changes in how that office is set up. But for now, we're ready to hit the ground running on December 3."

Information on the transition can be found on www.pittmantransition.com. The site includes a form to submit comments or ideas to the incoming administration.

County Executive-Elect Pittman will take the oath of office at 11:00AM on Monday, December 3 at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. Tickets for the event are free and can be requested on the transition website.

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