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Howell Files for Sedgwick County Commission

Wichita, KS – Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Howell announced today that he is running for reelection. Howell submitted a signature petition and the other necessary paperwork to the election office last week. By Friday afternoon, the 84-page petition was vetted and accepted by the Election Office. Howell is the first candidate to file for the fifth district.

Howell said, “Filing by petition is a great way to ascertain whether the voters in the district support me as their commissioner and want me to serve them for a second term. I greatly enjoyed knocking on voter’s doors since late August to speak with thousands of my constituents. Rather than file by fee, I prefer the voters themselves put me on the ballot”.

Significant accomplishments during Howell’s tenure include:

- Two new EMS stations in District 5. New EMS contract with Wichita.
- New Joint Law Enforcement Training Center at WSU’s Innovation Campus.
- Worked to secure 1,000 new high paying skilled jobs and \$1B capital investment in District 5.
- Successfully merged MABCD & MAPD.
- Creation of the Sedgwick County Community Crises Center to reduce hospital admissions.
- New Election Equipment which is designed to be audited for enhanced security.
- Reconsideration of the Downtown Tag Office plan – used a competitive bid process to negotiate a lower overall cost while improving the location and configuration.
- Negotiated sustainable long-term funding agreements with Exploration Place and Sedgwick County Zoo (unanimous support). Both Venues have had record level attendance and performance in last two years.

Howell continued, “The state of Sedgwick County is excellent. Our infrastructure is well maintained, the county’s fiscal health is exceptional, and the county’s public services are some of the very best in the state. The county needs great leaders to keep this positive momentum going. Holding taxes level while paying down debt, saving taxpayer money, and improving public services can only be accomplished with focused, principled leadership”.

The Fifth County Commission District covers most of southeast Sedgwick County, nearly everything east of the Arkansas River and south of Kellogg. The district includes the cities of Derby and Mulvane plus southeast Wichita and the communities of McConnell AFB, Oaklawn, Sunview, Hilltop, and Planeview. About 102,000 people live in District 5.

Please visit ComHowell.com for more information.

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Personal Info about Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Howell

Jim Howell, Sedgwick County Commissioner, District 5 (SE Sedgwick County)

Jim Howell was elected to the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners in 2014 and began his first term as the Fifth District commissioner in January 2015. He served as Chairman of the Board in 2016. He currently serves on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, The Wichita Metropolitan Planning Organization, Exploration Place Board of Directors, and the Chief Elected Officials Board.

Commissioner Howell graduated from Southeast High School in Wichita in 1982. Later, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management & Leadership from Friends University, a Bachelor's of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University College of Engineering and an Associates of Science degree in Avionics Systems Technology from the College of the Air Force.

Prior to his election to the County Commission, Howell served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 2011 to 2014. He also served 5 years in the U.S. Air Force primarily in England as well as in support Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia. Since then, he spent 24 years developing computer-based systems to help design, test, and certify new models of business, military, and commercial aircraft.

Today, Jim is married to his wife Leah. They live in Derby and now have five successful grown children and one awesome 5-month old granddaughter.