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DeLozier steps down as CED-1 president, pursues VP of ACCO

OKLAHOMA CITY—Rogers County Commissioner Dan DeLozier of District 1 was appointed Vice President of the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO) recently in Oklahoma City during its board meeting — effective January 2023.

Also appointed by ACCO President [Ottawa County Commissioner] Russell Earls was Sequoyah County Commissioner Jim Rogers, who currently serves as secretary/treasurer, as the incoming ACCO president for 2023.

ACCO, which is comprised of 231 county commissioners from all 77 Oklahoma counties, works together for the betterment of all county citizens. The organization also serves as a statewide clearinghouse providing leadership training, educational programs and a comprehensive array of services specifically designed to meet the needs of its member counties.

Of the appointment, DeLozier said, “Being a part of this (ACCO) board allows me to be a part of decision-making that has to do with anything ACCO-related and anything to do with county commissioners, respectively. We make a lot of decisions, and I am honored they chose me in this leadership role.”

In a separate regular board meeting in Miami, DeLozier announced to the Circuit Engineering District 1 (CED-1) board, he would be stepping down as president/chairman of that board after serving four years, also effective January 2023. This decision, he said, was made to fulfill expectations of the statewide position with ACCO.

To fill the CED-1 seat(s), he appointed Washington County Commissioner Mitch Antle as president; Nowata County Commissioner Burke LaRue as vice president; and recommended Craig County Lowell Walker remain as its treasurer.

There are eight districts within each CED throughout the state (CED-1 through CED-8). Commissioners from Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Rogers, Tulsa and Washington counties represent the district within CED-1.

The CED was developed under Title 69 § 687.1 to allow counties to meet with one another to provide

efficiencies that are not available to an individual county. Each county designates one county commissioner to serve on the CED board.

Both the ACCO and CED meetings create opportunities for county leaders to exchange ideas, share experiences, take advantage of expert advice, communicate effectively on the issues and challenges facing counties and how they impact the lives of local citizens and their communities, and so much more.