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Davis County Commissioner Jim Smith Leaves Chair Position with Seven Months Left to Serve

Farmington, UT- Davis County Commissioner Jim Smith has decided to step down as commission chair. The decision was made last week and a resolution was unanimously passed by the commission on May 29 during its regular meeting. Smith has served on the commission since 2015 and as chair since January 2017. He is retiring from politics at the end of this term. Smith cites a mostly new commission as his reason for stepping down.

“With Commissioner Elliott being somewhat new to the commission and two new commissioners coming into office, I feel the time is right,” said Smith. “We want Elliott to get some experience with two experienced commissioners who can help guide him before we leave in December.”

The move is unprecedented. Commissioners typically serve as chair for one year. And even a newly elected commissioner would ordinarily have other senior electives to lean on during their time as chair. But because Smith did not seek re-election and Commissioner P. Bret Millburn did not win the Republican nomination at convention, Elliott will be the only veteran in the office in January. This put the commission in an unusual situation where a somewhat new commissioner would serve as chair without the mentorship of other experienced commissioners. For that reason, the commission felt it was necessary to replace Smith with Elliott.

“I’m excited to serve the residents and the departments within Davis County,” said Elliott. “I know that I still have much to learn and I couldn’t ask for two better mentors.”

The change will go into effect on June 1. Elliott will serve as chair for the remainder of 2018 and all of 2019. Davis County has three full time commissioners. Elliott has served as a commissioner since January 2017. Millburn, who will be completing his third term in office, will continue serving as vice chair. Smith has served only one term in office.

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