

Employee Council elects 2022-23 Officers

Employee Council recently selected its leadership for the upcoming year following the February election.

The members re-elected KRIS CONNELLY, Asst. Director of Planning Services, as President; ANDY RIGGI, Asst. Director of Public Works - Engineering Division, as Vice-President; and MICHELE GREEN, Planner I in the Department of the Planning Services, as Secretary.



Long-time member and Treasurer PAT ORONA, Deed Clerk III in the Recorder of Deeds Office, is retiring from Kent County on April 30, so Council elected new member KRISANNE MILEY, Budget Analyst in the Department of Finance, as Treasurer.

They join the other two newly elected members: MEGAN COX, Administrative Officer in the Department of Public Safety – EMS Division and JOSEPH SIMMONS, Director of Information Technology in the Department of Administration.

With member Pat Orona's pending retirement on April 30, President Connelly announced he will appoint SUSAN LANYON, Library Technician I in the Department of Community of Services to complete the nearly one year remaining on the term.

Three Council members did not seek reelection in February, including DEBBIE BYERS, Accounting Supervisor in the Department of Finance; BRANDON OLENIK, Emergency Management Administrative Officer in the Department of Public Safety; and KAITLYN SCHECH, Recreation Program Supervisor I in the Department of Community Services. Please thank them for their service.

Terms of office are two years and elections are held annually for about one half of the Council members. No more than two Council members may work in the same Department. Newly elected members take office in March.

The purpose of the 7-member Employee Council, which was established by Kent County Levy Court in 1986, is to discuss issues with and assist the Personnel Director and/or County Administrator with matters relating to personnel rules and employee relations. The group also selects the Employee of the Year from among the 12 Employees of the Month. If you would like to honor a deserving co-worker as Employee of the Month, please submit the nomination to your Department Head.

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