

Press Release

From: Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

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Re: Appointment of County Administrator

On September 14, 2020, the Board of Commissioners appointed Tom Klein as County Administrator. Klein received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Affairs and his Masters Degree in Public Administration from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He began his career in the Public Works Department for the City of Bloomington and later served as the Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Bloomington. Klein then worked for two years as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director for the City of Indianapolis. In 1998, Klein was appointed as the first Town Manager for the Town of Avon, and he held that position for 22 years.

Klein is a Credentialed Manager recognized by the International City County Management Association and has a Level One Certification from the Municipal Management Institute of Accelerate Indiana Municipalities. He received the Cause-Driven Leadership Award for Social Responsibility from the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA of Avon and the Circle of Corydon Award from Governor Eric Holcomb. Klein also served as President and Central Region Director of the Indiana Municipal Management Association.

Board of Commissioners President Jim Fulwider believes that Klein's experience will be of great benefit to Montgomery County. "Tom has an exceptional amount of experience, has a positive attitude, and a willingness to be a part of our community. He knows how government works and how to make improvements in efficiencies and vision. This is an exciting time as we fill this position with a very experienced and talented person," Fulwider stated.

Commissioner John Frey is impressed with Klein's track record of looking to the future and obtaining funding for road projects. Frey stated that "Tom has a wealth of experience in securing funding for infrastructure projects and then getting the projects to completion. He will help us focus on our most pressing needs and then quickly address them."

Commissioner Dan Guard was most impressed with Klein's personal character. "We are very fortunate to find a person like Tom to be our Administrator. We are gaining a valuable manager, and our community is gaining a great family," Guard stated.

County Council President Tom Mellish and Council Member Don Mills participated in the interview process with the three Commissioners.

For his part Klein is excited to join the Montgomery County team. "I want to thank the County Commissioners and County Council for this opportunity to work with them in order to implement their vision for the County. My family is excited to move to Montgomery County and make new friends and be active in the community."

As County Administrator, Klein will manage the day-to-day operations of the County Government and will administer County policies and plans.

Klein is a member of the Avon United Methodist Church and Avon Rotary Club and active in many community activities. He is also a past director for the Indiana Youth Soccer Association.

Klein and his wife, Lexi, and his daughter, Grace, plan to relocate to Montgomery County. Tom is also the father of three adult sons, Mats, Evan and Cameron.