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BARDON APPOINTS TOWNSHIP LEADERSHIP TEAM

INDIANAPOLIS – As Wayne Township Trustee Jeb Bardon begins his first full term in office, today he announced appointments to his administration's leadership team.

"After what occurred in the previous administration, I've worked hard to restore trust in this office, to put in place more checks and balances, and to professionalize all township operations," said Bardon, who took office via a caucus in July following the resignation of the previous Trustee and was then elected to serve a full four-year term in November.

"As we continue to make improvements to the services we provide, having an experienced, capable team is critical. I'm excited to make these appointments and look forward to the good work they will do for Wayne Township residents."

Bardon has appointed or re-appointed the following individuals:

- **Communications Director: Jeff Harris**
Harris joins the Bardon administration with more than 20 years of communications experience. He has served in similar roles in O'Bannon-Kernan administration, with the Indiana State Senate, the Indiana AFL-CIO, Early Learning Indiana on numerous statewide political campaigns. In this position, Harris will oversee all media relations, communications and public outreach efforts for the township as well as advise on policy and legislative matters.
- **Fire Chief: Marcus Reed**
Trustee Bardon has re-appointed Marcus Reed as Wayne Township Fire Chief. A career firefighter with experience leading fire departments across the county, Reed was first appointed to the role in August and continues working to restructure and modernize the department while developing long-range strategic plans for the township's EMS and fire services.
- **Human Resources Director: Ellen Robinson**
Following a national search, Bardon has named Ellen Robinson as the township's first-ever Human Resources Director. Robinson, who brings more than two decades of experience to the position, is charged with setting up a human resources structure for the township, including creating policies and procedures to ensure professionalism and fairness across the organization as well as managing personnel matters, employee benefits and compensation, and recruitment and retention efforts.
- **Senior Operations Director: Lynn McWhirter**
Lynn McWhirter has been re-appointed as the township's Senior Director of Operations, where she manages the township offices and works closely with the Wayne Township Fire Department on all operational, budget, staffing and management matters. McWhirter, who has been with the township for 32 years, also works directly with the Wayne Township Trustee and Board on various legislative matters.
- **Township Assistance Supervisor: Shaneca Everett**
A 13-year employee of the township, Bardon has named Shaneca Everett as the Wayne Township Assistance Supervisor. In this role, she will manage the township's caseworkers and disaster relief, utility, rental, school clothing and burial assistance programs.

The appointments take effect immediately.

Located on Indianapolis' west side, Wayne Township is home to nearly 150,000 residents, vibrant neighborhoods, hundreds of businesses and important assets like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis International Airport. The Wayne Township Trustee's Office offers numerous programs and services to assist residents facing difficult situations and also oversees the Wayne Township Fire Department. For more information on the Wayne Township Trustee's Office, visit www.WayneTwp.org.

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