



Caldwell retires after 10 terms as county commissioner

At the end of this term, Commissioner Jim Caldwell will be retiring after serving the residents of Ross County for the past 40 years. When he's not busy as a county commissioner, Jim is a certified public accountant and president of Caldwell, Ott & Co.

Prior to his election as county commissioner in 1977, Jim served on the Chillicothe City Council as the Finance Committee Chair, and as a teacher for Jackson City Schools. A graduate of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Jim has a Master of Arts in Public Service and Doctor of Public Service (Honoris Causa) from the University of Rio Grande. Jim and his wife, Pamela, have been married for 53 years.



Over the years, Jim has been active in many organizations on the local, state and national levels. CCAO appreciates Jim's time and dedication chairing the CCAO Audit Committee and Deferred Compensation Committee for many years.

When reflecting on working with Jim, Doug Corcoran, fellow commissioner and CCAO president, stated, "It has been an honor to serve alongside Jim Caldwell as commissioner here in Ross County. The fact that he has been a commissioner for 40 years is a testament to the type of leader that he is: honest, sincere, humble and dedicated. He is a true public servant, but more importantly a true friend."

Join Ross County at a reception honoring Jim on Monday, Dec. 19 from 3-6 p.m. at the Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue, in Chillicothe. Special presentations will be made at 5 p.m.