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## **Commissioner Blackwell Resigns to Accept Post at Cape Fear Valley Health System**

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Commissioner Breeden Blackwell is resigning from office effective midnight Jan. 31. Blackwell has accepted a position as the Director of Government Relations for Cape Fear Valley Health System.

Blackwell, whose term expires in December 2010, informed the Board of County Commissioners of his decision on Tuesday. He has served as a commissioner since 1998 and was the board's chairman in 2002 and 2008.

In a letter to Chairman Billy R. King, Blackwell said, "Seventeen years ago I offered myself as a candidate for public office out of a deep sense of appreciation for what America had done for me and my family. Through my service, I have gained the greatest respect for the people of Cumberland County and consider it a great honor to have had the opportunity to serve. I am also grateful for the privilege I have had to represent the men and women of our military and the military families that reside in Cumberland County."

Blackwell retired from the Cumberland County School System after serving 30 years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. He served on the Fayetteville City Council from 1992 to 1997.

Blackwell is a Democrat and the at-large vacancy on the board will be filled by the nominee selected by the Democratic Party's executive committee. Based on N.C. General Statute 153A-27.1, the Board of Commissioners must appoint the nominee selected by the executive committee.

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