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Commissioners Elect Faircloth Chairman, Adams Vice Chairman

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners elected Marshall Faircloth as their new chairman today. Faircloth, who served as vice chairman this year, accepted the chairman’s seat from outgoing 2015 chairman Kenneth Edge. Commissioner Glenn Adams was unanimously elected to serve as vice chairman for 2016.

Faircloth was first elected in 1992 to the Board of Commissioners and served until 1996. He was re-elected to the board in 2008 and his current four-year term expires in 2016. Commissioner Faircloth is from District 2 and previously served as the board’s vice chairman in 2011 and chairman in 2012.

Faircloth, a Certified Public Accountant, has worked in public accounting and financial consulting in Fayetteville since 1972.

Adams was elected to the Board of Commissioners as a District 1 representative in 2014. His term expires in 2018. Adams, a lawyer, is a senior partner with Adams, Burge and Boughman, P.L.L.C.

Faircloth said the board was prepared to take on the challenges they will face in the next year, including determining the method of local sales tax distribution for the county and its municipalities.

“I challenge each individual here to keep up the hard work,” he said.

Edge Receives Order of Longleaf Pine

North Carolina Rep. Billy Richardson, on behalf of Gov. Pat McCrory, presented Edge with the Order of the Longleaf Pine during the meeting. The award is the state’s highest civilian honor.

“Your life is a playbook on how to build a consensus and be a part of something bigger than yourself,” Richardson said. “Yours is a career marked by a commission that worked together, rather than divided, under your leadership.”

Edge also announced he will not be seeking re-election when his current term ends in 2016. Edge was first elected to the Board of Commissioners as a District 2 representative in 2000 and has been elected every four years since. Edge served three terms as the board’s chairman and vice chairman.

“I want to sincerely thank the citizens of Cumberland County for electing me to serve 16 years as a Cumberland County commissioner and six years as a Cumberland County School Board member,” Edge said. “Serving has been an honor and a privilege. The rewards have been much greater than the challenges.”

To his fellow board members, Edge said, “Serving with all of you who will continue as commissioners and others on previous boards will always have a special place in my heart. I thank you for your tutelage, your patience, your kindness and the memories that we share.”

A retired educator, Edge served on the Cumberland County Board of Education from 1994-2000 and was its chairman in 1996. Edge was elected president of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners in 2011. Edge also thanked his family for their support during his years of service as an elected official.

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Chairman Marshall Faircloth presents a gavel and plaque to Commissioner Kenneth Edge in recognition of his service as chairman of the Board of Commissioners in 2015.



Commissioner Kenneth Edge accepts the Order of the Longleaf Pine award from N.C. Rep. Billy Richardson during the Dec. 7 Board of Commissioners meeting. The Office of Gov. Pat McCrory presented the award to Edge in recognition of his decades of public service as a public school teacher and administrator; Cumberland County Board of Education member and a county commissioner.