

campaign in Corryton

By Ron Lay

Steve Babb kicked off his election campaign for Knox County Commissioner Tuesday night at the Corryton Senior and Community Center and his supporters came in droves.

Babb, who will seek his first full term representing the Eighth District, was appointed to replace Dave Wright, who was elected to a second term in the state legislature.

The election is in 2020 but Babb said that he did not want to waste time and he disclosed that he wanted to formally announce his candidacy in Corryton.

"I wanted to let the home state know first," Babb said before addressing the multitudes of supporters present Tuesday night. "The election is in March of 2020, so we

really don't have a lot of time. It's a presidential year and you have to get on with that."

Early on Tuesday February and you don't have a lot of time to campaign during the holidays, during Thanksgiving and Christmas, so I'm ready to hit the ground running."

He also said that he felt that announcing his candidacy in Corryton was a tough thought for him to do.

"I feel like Corryton is the right place because I have deep roots in Corryton," Babb said. "My father was the mayor in Corryton. I'm excited and honored to have the chance to represent the eighth district."

"It's the greatest place in Knox County and the greatest place in the entire live. It's a blessing to live in Knox County and a blessing to live in Northeast Knox County and to

have to represent the eighth district. There's a lot of love and the eighth district means a lot to me."

When this is his first election campaign, Babb is certainly no stranger to Knox County Commission, having replaced Wright, who died during the influenza season.

"I've enjoyed serving on County Commission and it's been a real rewarding experience," he said. "One of the joys has been about building relationships."

While his supporters stood on balconies, sidewalks, lawns and porch steps, Babb spoke briefly to the crowd, which included former Mayor of Corryton Dave Hall, Mayor of Corryton Tom Halliday, Knox County Sheriff Tom Springer, County Law Director Paul Armstrong and

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Babb elected vice chair of school board

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At 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 11, 2019, the newly started Knox County School Board, which the regular session of the Knox County School Board meetings is held on Tuesday, September 18, 2019 at a location yet to be determined.

At 6:00 p.m. there will be a public meeting at the Knoxville High School, Knoxville, and the contracting three board members who have agreed to attend. The board will also announce that the Annual Board Meeting Session will take place on Tuesday, September 18, 2019 at a location yet to be determined.

During next week's meeting several members

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Pellissippi State honors retired

Rep. Harry Brooks with Career Education Center