

Campaign in Corryton

By Ken Lay

Richie Beeler kicked off his election campaign for Knox County Commission Tuesday night at the Corryton Senior and Community Center and his supporters came in droves.

Beeler, who will seek his first full term representing the Eighth District, was appointed to replace Dave Wright, who vacated the seat to serve in the state legislature.

The election is in 2020 but Beeler said that he didn't want to waste time and he also noted that he wanted to formally announce his candidacy in Corryton.

"I wanted to let the home folks know first," Beeler 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 go along with that.

"Early voting is in 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 the right thing for him to do.

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

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

honor to represent the eighth district. There's a lot of land and the eighth district borders five counties."

While this is his first election campaign, Beeler is certainly no stranger to Knox County Commission, having replaced Wright, his friend, during the midterm election.

"I've enjoyed serving on County Commission and it's been a nine-month learning curve," he said. "A lot of the journey has been about building relationships."

While his supporters dined on bologna sandwiches, barbecue and potato chips, Beeler spoke briefly to the crowd, which included former Register of Deeds Steve Hall, Register of Deeds Nick McBride, Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler, County Law Director Bud Armstrong and

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Babb elected vice chair of school board

By Anne Primm

At 5:06 p.m. on Wednesday September 11, 2019, the newly elected chair, Susan Horn, called the regular session of the Knox County School Board meeting to order. Eight out of nine board members were physically present for the meeting with First District Representative Evetty Satterfield joining by Skype. Chair Horn then announced that on Tuesday, September 17, 2019,

at 5:00 p.m. there will be a TSBA meeting at Maryville High School. Terri Coatney will be contacting those board members who have signed up to attend. Horn also announced that the Annual Board Workshop/Retreat would take place Thursday, September 26 and Friday, September 27, 2019 at a location yet to be determined.

During last week's meeting several members **Continue on page 4**

Pellissippi State honors retired

Rep. Harry Brooks with Career Education Center