

campaign in Corryton

By Ron Lay

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

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

The election is in 2020 but Besser 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 tell the home state senior first," Besser 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 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 lived 100% in Corryton," Besser 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 entire life. It's a stepping stone in Knox County and a blessing to live in Northwest Knox County and in

towns to represent the eighth district. There's a lot of love and the eighth district certainly has counted."

While this is his first election campaign, Besser is certainly no stranger to Knox County Commission, having replaced Wright, Norford, during the mid-term election.

"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 balcony balconies, balconies and private steps, Besser spoke briefly to the crowd, which included former Registrar of Deeds Dave Hall, Registrar of Deeds Jack McFarlane, Knox County Sheriff Tom Springer, County Law Director Bud Armstrong, and

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Babb elected vice chair of school board

By Anna Brown

At a 5:00 p.m. meeting on Wednesday September 11, 2019, the newly elected chair Susan Hill, called the regular session of the Knox County School Board meeting to order. Eighteen of nine board members were physically present for the meeting with first District Representative Emily Sutherland joining by Skype. Chair Hill then announced that on Tuesday September 17, 2019,

at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Fall meeting at Maryville High School. New County will be contacting those board members who have agreed to attend. Hill also announced that the Annual Board Workshop Retreat would take place Thursday, September 19, 2019 and Friday, September 20, 2019 at a location yet to be determined.

During last week's meeting several members

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Pellissippi State honors retired

Rep. Harry Brooks with Career Education Center