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Board of County Commissioners

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Vice Chairman Mel Ponder Elected to Florida Association of Counties Board of Directors

OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA – We are pleased to announce that Okaloosa County Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Mel Ponder (District 5) was elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Counties.

His new role with the FAC will be instrumental in guiding Okaloosa County with fellow commissioners within the state to address the diverse interests of the County as well as the state. He will spend the next two years supporting and supervising the Association’s efforts.

“Commissioner Ponder has been singled out by his county commission peers as a valuable leader fit to represent the needs of their district, a task that I’m confident they will fulfill with grace and prowess,” said FAC Executive Director, Ginger Delegal. “Over the years, he has been a key player in rallying for their community and counties as a whole, and FAC is delighted to welcome him to our Board.”

For more than 85 years, the FAC and the 67 counties it represents, has emphasized the importance of protecting home rule – the concept that communities and their local leaders should make the decisions that impact their community. This concept is an idea the Vice Chairman Ponder fully embraces as he takes on this new role.

“I’m honored to serve on the Florida Association of Counties Board. This appointment affords me the opportunity to share Okaloosa’s voice at the State level,” said Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners Vice Chairman, Mel Ponder.

In addition to representing District 5 in Okaloosa County, including Destin and portions of Niceville, he is the owner of Business Empowered, a workplace ministry and is Government Affairs Director with the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors.

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