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**MONROE COUNTY GOP CHAIRMAN WILLIAM ELLIS APPOINTS DOUG HORN
TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

BLOOMINGTON, IN --- Monroe County Republican Party Chairman William Ellis appointed long-time community leader Doug Horn to the Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors today, filling a vacancy that has been open since August 1, 2020. Under I.C. 36-9-4, appointments to the Board of Directors must follow this criteria: *“The appointing authorities shall make appointments to the board of directors under section 15 or 16 of this chapter so that the number of directors belonging to either of the two (2) major political parties does not exceed the number belonging to the other by more than one (1).”* This makes the Board of Directors a partisan board, per Indiana Code 36-1-8-10, which reads, in part: *“(d) Notwithstanding any other law, if the term of an appointed member of a board expires and the appointing authority does not make an appointment to fill the vacancy, both of the following apply: (1) The member may continue to serve on the board for only ninety (90) days after the expiration date of the member's term. (2) The county chair of the political party of the member whose term has expired shall make the appointment.”* As such, Chairman Ellis has fulfilled his obligation to fill this 110-day vacancy.

This is the second appointment made by Chairman Ellis in 2020 under this section of Indiana Code. The first, the appointment of Andrew Guenther to the Bloomington Plan Commission, is currently being litigated in the Indiana Court of Appeals, as the City of Bloomington has chosen to ignore Chairman Ellis’s statutory authority.

“We are very excited to have the opportunity to appoint another strong, sensible Republican to a role in city government,” said Chairman Ellis. “The Public Transportation Board of Directors plays a pivotal role in the management of our local public transit systems and the development of our community in the future. I am confident that Doug, a long-time Republican and active member of our community, will be able to fill this role seamlessly and will serve with honesty and competence. We thank incumbent Republican member Alex Cartwright on his years of service to Bloomington.” The other minority political appointment to the Board of Directors is Republican James McLary.

Doug Horn is a former member of the Monroe County Plan Commission, where he helped develop the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan of 2012. Horn has been a continual supporter of the local Republican Party for over a decade, also serving as a Precinct Committeeman. He currently serves as a Board Member for the Canterbury House at IU, an Episcopal ministry. Horn is also a local business leader, having founded Horn Properties in Bloomington, which has received recognition from the Historic Preservation Commission on their efforts to revitalize old properties in our community.

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