

Tom Stinnett Blount County Commission Resignation

Ten years ago I swore an oath to protect the county, its interests, and the people of my commission district. As I look back on a decade of service as a member of the governing body of Blount County, I cannot help but reflect on our accomplishments and certainly acknowledge the honor to serve the great folks of our community.

We reduced the county debt over \$140 million dollars in ten years, converted the county debt from a variable rate to a fixed rate, increased salaries for the Sheriff's officers and Teachers to \$50,000, protected our seniors from fraud and supported our education system. We took positions on tough issues that faced our county, and although sometimes we did not always agree with each other, we respected each colleague and their beliefs knowing that they wanted to do what was right for their commission district and the county.

I learned so much from each member of the commission I served with and respected them all for having the courage in this modern-day awkward era of politics to represent the people without prejudice or personal gain.

So, for an old teacher who never dreamed of serving in public office, I am grateful for your patience with me. I am thankful that we together made a difference for our county and I am blessed that the good Lord gave me this opportunity to give back to my community that has been so good to me.

As this chapter closes, and a new one begins with my recent election to the Tennessee State House, let me just say how honored I was to be a part of this governing body.

Today, November 11th, I hereby resign my current post of County Commissioner and wish you the absolute best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Stinnett", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.