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Governor Parkinson thanks cabinet secretaries for their service

As four cabinet secretaries step down from their posts this Friday, December 10, Governor Mark Parkinson took time to thank them for their service to the State of Kansas and name their replacements for the remainder of the Parkinson administration.

Ending their service with state government this Friday are Duane Goossen of the Department of Administration, Don Jordan with Social and Rehabilitation Services, Colonel Terry Maple with the Kansas Highway Patrol and Roger Werholtz with the Department of Corrections.

“Duane, Don, Terry and Roger have served multiple governors and performed their duties admirably,” said Parkinson. “They are all extraordinary individuals with a wealth of knowledge in their respective subject matters. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.”

Department of Administration Secretary Duane Goossen has served as the budget director since former-Governor Bill Graves’ administration and was named Secretary of Administration by former-Governor Kathleen Sebelius. He was a trusted advisor to Governor Parkinson during one of the most challenging budget times in the state’s history. With the expertise of Secretary Goossen, the governor was able to cut the state budget by \$1 billion, and then craft a responsible, balanced budget that was supported by a majority of state legislators during the past session. Secretary Goossen will become the vice president for fiscal and health policy at the Kansas Health Institute. Carol Foreman, a former Deputy Secretary of the department, will serve as the Acting Secretary for the remainder of Governor Parkinson’s term. The Department of Administration manages state facilities, accounting, information services and employee programs.

Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) Don Jordan began heading the agency that is charged with overseeing social services and state institutions in 2006. Prior, Secretary Jordan was commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority. He began his career at SRS in 1976 in the Wichita area office and came to the SRS central office in Topeka in 1992. Under Governor Parkinson’s administration, Secretary Jordan helped implement the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars to assist Kansans struggling through the economic recession. He also made improvements to child welfare programs throughout the state and was committed to facilitating success among providers and contractors working with the agency. With Secretary Jordan’s retirement, Laura Howard, Deputy Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, will assume the role of Acting Secretary for the remainder of Governor Parkinson’s term.

Colonel Terry Maple, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, has been a member of the Patrol for nearly 32 years and was appointed Superintendent by Governor Sebelius in 2008. Under Maple’s direction, the Patrol applied for and received a \$4.7 million U.S. Department of Justice Rural Law Enforcement Grant that allowed the Patrol to place twenty new troopers in Kansas communities. A Domestic Highway Enforcement Team was also formed to complement existing troopers, which achieved national recognition for their efforts in identifying and removing criminals from Kansas highways. The retirement of Colonel Maple will elevate Major Alan Stoecklein, the West Region Commander, to Acting Superintendent for the remainder of Governor Parkinson’s administration. The Kansas Highway Patrol provides protection of life and property through active enforcement of traffic, criminal, and other laws of the State of Kansas, and by supporting homeland security initiatives.

Department of Corrections Secretary Roger Werholtz was appointed Acting Secretary by Governor Graves in 2002 and appointed Secretary by Governor Sebelius in 2003. He first joined the Department of Corrections in 1982 and became Deputy Secretary in 1987. During his tenure as Secretary, Werholtz built one of the highest-regarded parole programs in the country, becoming a national model for reentry programming. In 2009, Secretary Werholtz received the Association of State Correctional Administrators Michael Franke Award for his contributions to the field of corrections. With Secretary Werholtz's retirement, Acting Deputy Secretary for Community and Field Services and Topeka Correctional Facility Warden Keven Pellant will serve as Acting Secretary until the end of the Parkinson administration.

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