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Commissioners Appoint Acting Sheriff

This afternoon, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened an Emergency Meeting to appoint Franklin County Deputy Chief Stephan L. Martin as Acting Sheriff of Franklin County.

The appointment comes on the heels of today's announcement that Franklin County Sheriff Jim Karnes passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

The Ohio Revised Code Section 305.02 authorizes a Board of County Commissioners to appoint an acting Sheriff between the occurrence of the vacancy and the time when the person appointed by the central committee of the political party with which the officer-elect was affiliated qualifies and takes the office.

Acting Sheriff Martin will assume all of the rights and responsibilities of Sheriff until the Franklin County Democratic Party Central Committee makes a new appointment within the next 45 days.