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Forks supervisor decides against another term

David Hoff cites progress; only one incumbent on ballot.

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Forks residents can be assured of at least one new face next year on the five-member Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Chairman David Hoff said Thursday he has decided against seeking a third term.

Hoff, 51, issued a statement in which he listed accomplishments during the past 25 years he has served the township, as a volunteer and, for the last 12 years, as a supervisor. "I have had the opportunity to work with many fine people and many accomplishments have been attained," Hoff wrote. "While I cannot take credit for any of the accomplishments myself, I am proud to have been a part of the process that has worked very well in the township."

The statement did not give a reason for his decision.

Hoff listed more than a dozen township accomplishments, including maintaining the current tax rate for the past decade, the creation of several positions, including township manager and finance manager, and the construction and expansion of the community center.

A Republican, Hoff was first elected in 1995 and re-elected in 2001. His decision not to run leaves Supervisor John Ackerman, also a Republican, as the only incumbent in the May primary. Ackerman, 69, has already said he's going to run again, but hasn't made a formal announcement. The six-year terms of Ackerman and Hoff are the only two expiring this year.

Two other Republicans, township Planning Commission Chairman Erik Chuss and resident David Billings, a product management director for AT&T, are seeking GOP nominations. Township Zoning Hearing Board member Robert H. Egolf, a former high school English teacher and current adjunct professor at Lehigh University, is the only announced Democrat.

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