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Constitutional Officers Take Oaths of Office

Sheriff Martin Schulteis to begin first term, Clerk of Court Theresa Russell to begin third term

West Bend, WI – Washington County Clerk Ashley Reichert has received the oaths of office for first term Sheriff Martin Schulteis and third term Clerk of Courts Theresa M. Russell. County Board Chairman Don Kriefall congratulated both elected officials.

“I look forward to working with Sheriff Schulteis,” said Chairman Kriefall. “As a former law enforcement officer, I trust the sheriff to continue Washington County’s reputation as a safe community, while working diligently on issues like opioid addiction and mental health challenges. I know Sheriff Schulteis will continue his honorable career as the chief law enforcement official in our county.”

Sheriff Schulteis took his oath at the Washington County Old Courthouse and was administered the oath of office by his brother, an active duty Air Force Lt. Colonel. Schulteis has over twenty-five years of service to law enforcement and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office where he most recently served as captain of administration and the appointed undersheriff. As captain, Schulteis had oversight over 911 communications and the countywide radio system. Sheriff Schulteis served as the deputy incident commander for the 2017 U.S. Open held at Erin Hills.

“Clerk of Court Russell has done a great job recouping court costs for the county,” commented Chairman Kriefall. “Under her leadership, Washington County leads the state in debt collection. I look forward to working with Ms. Russell for the next four years as she is a pacesetter for the state and region.”

Russell continues Washington County’s reputation as an innovator within the court system. In the past, Washington County piloted electronic case files after Ms. Russell testified before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the use of electronic files which was granted. During her tenure, she piloted collections through the State Debt Collection Agency and has collected roughly \$2.4 million dollars (and counting). Russell just concluded her presidency of the Wisconsin Clerk of Court Association and hopes to stay involved at the state level where she believes Washington County can make a difference.

The terms for each office begin on Monday, January 7.

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