

“From Then to Now” – Lessons Learned

Bill Beagle, Senior Director of Policy and Programs, Ohio Treasurer’s Office

Bill serves as the Senior Director of Policy and Program Administration for Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, overseeing four program areas, including the Center for Public Investment Management, and managing the agency’s public policy efforts.

Prior to joining the Treasurer’s office, Bill served eight years in the Ohio Senate representing the 5th Senate District, which is comprised of Miami County, Preble County, and portions of Darke and Montgomery Counties. In addition to serving as Dean of the institution, he chaired the Workforce Development Committee, Public Utilities Committee, Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, and Ohio Retirement Study Council. Bill also served on the Finance Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Health and Medicaid Committee, Ohio Third Frontier Advisory Board, Governor’s Workforce Board, and held other committee assignments during his eight-year tenure. He received honors for his legislative efforts from the Ohio Library Council, the Ohio Adoption Planning Group, Venture Ohio, Farm Bureau, and others.

Prior to his service in the Ohio Senate, Bill served as president of his local city council and on his local planning and library boards. Among other accomplishments, his efforts contributed to bringing Abbott Laboratories to the community.

With a background in banking and finance, he started his own company in 2002 that’s still in operation today. Bill received his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Miami University and a Master of Business Administration from Cleveland State University. He and his wife live in Tipp City and have three adult children.

Rick Karr, Fiscal Officer, Liberty Township (Delaware County)

Rick Karr has over 30 years of business and financial experience, including working for NCR, Microsoft, several mid-size medical device companies, and leadership positions with several start-ups. During his career, he has managed the funding, development, FDA regulatory approvals, commercialization, and market launch of innovative products and technologies that improve patient outcomes and enhance healthcare delivery.

Currently, Karr serves as the Chief Investment Officer at Delaware County Treasurer's Office. His skills and expertise in managing the county’s investment portfolio resulted in the largest interest revenue return in the history of Delaware County. Karr serves Liberty Township as the elected Liberty Township Fiscal Officer since 2020. As Fiscal Officer, he achieved the first GFOA Certificate of Financial Reporting Integrity for the Township, which has been awarded to only two other Townships of the 1,308 Ohio Townships. The Fiscal Office leadership has supported the effective financial planning for over \$10 million in new capital projects.

He and his wife Laurie own Buckeye Swim School; their Powell location represents one of the largest capital reinvestments in downtown Powell in recent years.

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Karr holds a bachelor’s in business administration and an MBA from the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University. He was the 2004 Fisher College Business Plan winner and the subsequent national winner of the Fortune Small Business Magazine Business Plan Showdown. Karr is an Eagle Scout. He and his wife Laurie have lived in the Powell area since 1998 and have two adult children, Makenzie and Jeremy.

Chris McCoy, Chief Project Manager, Ohio Auditor’s Office

James Christopher (Chris) McCoy is the Chief Project Manager for Local Government Services – Southwest Region. He has been with the Auditor of State’s Office for over 25 years, all of which has been spent with the Local Government Services Section. He participates in many different types of projects with a wide variety of clients (Villages, Cities, Townships, Counties, and several School Districts). His experience includes financial statement preparation, record reconstructions and reconciliations, and is either financial supervisor or helps manage staff that is overseeing entities that have qualified for fiscal caution, watch, or emergency. He also has worked with entities regarding financial forecasts, including a County in fiscal emergency. Chris is a 1996 and 1997 graduate of Ohio University with both Bachelor and Master degrees in Accounting.

Donald Rankey, Jr., Treasurer, Delaware County

Donald E. “Don” Rankey Jr. is a life-long resident of Central Ohio. He grew up on the North Side of Columbus and graduated from Northland High School. He later earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Capital University. Don and his wife, Pam, moved to Delaware County in 1985 and they fell in love with the area. Don has vast business experience in both the real estate industry and as the founder and president/CEO of HomeLife Companies Inc., a successful, national senior living and healthcare management and consulting firm.

He was previously the treasurer of the Delaware County Finance Authority and the chairman of the Delaware County Revolving Loan Fund. He also served on Delaware City Council and is considered by many to be the driving force and architect behind downtown Delaware’s revitalization.

Capital University recognized Rankey in 2022 with their Distinguished Alumni Award for his accomplishments in business and real estate.

He and Pam have three adult sons DJ, Morgan and Braydon.

John Veres, Director of Finance, City of Macedonia

Mr. Veres has been Director of Finance for the City of Macedonia since early 2019. He also has served as Director of Finance for the Village of Glenwillow since 2010 and has served as the City of Strongsville’s Tax Incentive Specialist since 2008.

Mr. Veres joined Macedonia from the City of Independence, where he served as the Director of Finance for over 19 years. Mr. Veres brought over 24 years of experience in Finance matters to the City of Macedonia. Mr. Veres has held several executive management positions in the

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finance industry throughout Northeast Ohio. He also has a wealth of knowledge from his extensive private sector experience as a public accountant and as a Controller for a local McDonald’s franchisee.

He is an expert in TIF financing, having created over 100 TIF’s for five Northeast Ohio municipalities. John is an active member of the GFOA, Ohio GFOA, MFOA, OAPT, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants. He has received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting nine times.

Mr. Veres holds a BSBA in Accounting from John Carroll University and a graduate of St. Ignatius High School. He has been married to Lorianne since 1989, has three adult daughters and three grandchildren.

Beth Weber, Budget and Settlement Supervisor, Hamilton County Auditor’s Office

Beth Weber currently serves as a Budget and Settlement Supervisor in the Office of Brigid Kelly, Hamilton County Auditor. Previously, Mrs. Weber spent 32 years as a public school treasurer in various Ohio districts including 24 years with the Sycamore Community Schools, located in Cincinnati. Mrs. Weber is an alumna of Miami University with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration.