

To: Pender County Board of Elections

From: Jimmy T. Tate

Date: March 15, 2010

I am today announcing my withdrawal as a candidate for Pender County Clerk of Court. My decision to withdraw has been a difficult one but it is based on three factors. First, a very close family member is currently experiencing severe medical problems and needs my immediate assistance. Second, I have been touched by the many friends and citizens throughout the county who have indicated their desire that I continue as a member of the Board of Commissioners. In recent days many people have come up to me to say that I have made a difference to them and our county and wished that I would stay on the county board. Their views and support have deeply touched me and I am so appreciative of their positive words. I have come to realize the important contributions that I can hopefully continue to make in my current position.

I have also come to realize how much I value my role with the community college and the opportunity it provides me to both help students and build this fine educational institution. After deep reflection, I have come to realize that I should focus on the opportunities provided to me to serve citizens through my membership on the Pender County Board of Commissioners and my position helping students at the community college.

I apologize to any who may be disappointed or inconvenienced by my decision. I am announcing my decision as early as possible so that an appropriate candidate to replace me for the position of Clerk of Court can be named. I am enthusiastic about continuing to serve all the citizens of Pender County on the Board of Commissioners. I thank you for your tremendous encouragement. We live in a great county and our future is very bright if we work together.

Sincerely,



Jimmy T. Tate

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