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## Union County Judge Executive Adam O’Nan sworn in as KACo President

**Owensboro, KY** — Last week, the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) officially swore in Union County Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan as its new president. The ceremony took place during KACo’s annual conference, held this year in Louisville.

“I am humbled and excited to begin this journey as KACo president,” says Union County Judge Executive Adam O’Nan. “I look forward to working with the KACo staff and elected officials across the state to partner with the Legislature in moving Kentucky forward. It will be an exciting year with KACo as counties lead the way.”

Judge O’Nan is no stranger to KACo. He began serving on the association’s All Lines Fund Board in 2019 and was elected second vice president in 2022. KACo Executive Director/CEO Jim Henderson said he looks forward to seeing Judge O’Nan’s proven leadership guide the organization in the year ahead.

“KACo looks forward to Judge O’Nan’s servant leadership approach; he lives out public service every day, understanding the issues impacting counties firsthand,” said KACo Executive Director Jim Henderson. “He has the trust and respect of his fellow county officials, as well as decision-makers in Frankfort and Washington. Judge O’Nan will be an effective representative for county leaders across the Commonwealth.”

Judge O’Nan was first appointed Union County Judge/Executive in 2018 by then-Governor Matt Bevin. Later that year, he won the Republican primary in May and went on to win the general election in November to officially secure the role.

“When I met Judge O’Nan, I recognized he was someone that wanted to serve his community,” said Rep. Suzanne Miles. “He was the right person Union County needed to go forward. As he accepts this new responsibility with KACo, same as before, he’s the right person to take KACo in a great journey forward.”

A lifelong Union County resident, O’Nan grew up on a farm in Sturgis, Kentucky, where he learned the value of hard work and service to others. His family raised corn, soybeans, hay crops, hogs, and cattle. Before entering public service, he joined his

father as a partner in Land O’Nan Farms, operating and expanding the farm for more than 30 years. He also held leadership roles in numerous civic organizations and his church, where he has served as a deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher.

Early in his career, O’Nan worked briefly for the Internal Revenue Service as a revenue agent. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana, where he earned a degree in accounting.

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