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Florida Farm Bureau Elects St. Johns County Commissioner As Its New President *Commissioner Smith resigns from his seat to serve in the statewide post*

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. --- Commissioner Jeb S. Smith formally announced his resignation as District 2 commissioner at the November 2, 2021, regular meeting of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners. His resignation comes shortly after being elected as the President of the Florida Farm Bureau.

The Florida Farm Bureau is the state's largest agricultural organization with more than 136,000 members. The organization represents farm owners who produce all 300 of the state's agricultural commodities.

Commissioner Smith is a fifth-generation cattle, hay, and sod farmer whose family has farmed the land in St. Johns County for more than a century. He currently serves as pastor of God's Way Baptist Church in Hastings, which he founded in 2005.

"It's been a great honor and a privilege to serve the people of St. Johns County these past seven years, and it's been a pleasure to serve with the members past and present of this board," he said. "May God bless St. Johns County and its residents."

Commissioner Smith was first elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2014 and subsequently re-elected in 2018. His district contains a large portion of rural St. Johns County and includes Hastings, Elkton, West Augustine, Flagler Estates, and Rivertown.

The District 2 seat will now be filled by a Governor Ron DeSantis appointee for the remainder of Commissioner Smith's term.

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