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## Two New Bedford Regional Water Authority Board Members Sworn In

Two new board members for the Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) have been sworn in at the Bedford General District Court. The two members appointed by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors are Donald Barger and John Sharp; Donald Barger was appointed on December 12<sup>th</sup> and took his oath on January 11<sup>th</sup> and John Sharp was appointed on February 13<sup>th</sup> and took his oath on February 17<sup>th</sup>. All members will serve a four-year term with the option to be appointed for a second four-year term.

"We are excited to welcome our new members onto the BRWA board. Both members provide diverse backgrounds and experience that will continue the strong leadership and guidance our board provides for the organization," said Brian Key, BRWA Executive Director. "It is bittersweet to see long term board members leave; however, these two new members make us excited about the skills and knowledge they will bring."

## About the new members:

Donald Barger is self-employed and runs a franchise of Snap-On to offer productivity solutions for businesses by providing them the tools needed to perform their work. He is a James River High School graduate who lives in Goodview. He says, "I would like to give valuable input on decisions affecting the County and my family's quality of life."

John Sharp is the current District 4 Supervisor for Bedford County and a project manager with Trax International in Forest. Mr Sharp has been on the Board of Supervisors since 2006 and has been working at Trax for 28 years in various roles. He says, "I want to better the open channels between and Board of Supervisors and the BRWA and share information between the two."

Mr. Sharp and Mr. Barger replace two longstanding board members whose terms ended in December 2022. Walter Siehien and Thomas Segroves have been on the BRWA board since the BRWA was formed in 2013. Both members were recognized at the December 20, 2022 board meeting for their longstanding leadership.



Donald Barger taking his oath on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bedford Courthouse.



Board Member John Sharp

## **About the Bedford Regional Water Authority:**

The Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) provides water and wastewater services to the residents and businesses in Bedford County and the Town of Bedford; additionally, the BRWA partners with the Western Virginia Water Authority to serve customers surrounding Smith Mountain Lake in both Bedford and Franklin County. Visit <a href="https://www.brwa.com">www.brwa.com</a> for further information.

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