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**TAZEWELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HOLDS CAUCUS TO SELECT
DISTRICT THREE COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATE**

***DISTRICT THREE ELECTED REPUBLICAN PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN SELECT
ATTORNEY WILLIAM "BILL" ATKINS OF WASHINGTON***

PEKIN, IL: The Tazewell County Republican Party announced today the selection by the elected Republican Precinct Committeemen in Tazewell County District Three of William "Bill" Atkins of Washington for the open Republican Party nomination for the upcoming November 6th, 2018, General Election. Atkins will join Republican incumbent Seth Mingus and Gregory Longfellow to challenge Democrat Mathew Ward for the three Tazewell County Board District Three seats available.

Atkins was unanimously selected from three candidates by the elected Republican Precinct Committeemen in District Three. Republican Chairman Jim Rule noted the high quality of all three candidates and the high hopes for the other two candidates to consider running for the County Board in the 2020 elections.

The Tazewell County Republican Party found itself with this opportunity following the unexpected departure of Republican Incumbent County Board Members Andrew Rinehart and John Redlingshafer.

"The Republican Leadership at the time understood one of them was going to not run for re-election. But the decision by both of them not to run for re-election caught everyone off guard and without enough time to find a candidate before the Republican Primary deadline" explained Tazewell County Republican Chairman Jim Rule. "Now, following the Republican Primary, with an open seat available, the local County Republican Party has the ability to caucus a candidate. We felt the citizens of District Three deserve the option of selecting three outstanding Republican Candidates for the three open seats."

William "Bill" Atkins has a diverse background of experience. In his years practicing law, he has served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Livingston, Tazewell and Peoria counties. Most recently he served as the Chief Civil Assistant State's Attorney in Peoria County. In his time working for these counties, Atkins has handled a wide variety of cases including zoning, real estate purchases, contract preparation, ordinance violations, juvenile, misdemeanor, felony, and traffic cases. Atkins is currently employed by Johnson, Bunce, & Noble, PC, of Peoria. Atkins

has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Ball State University and Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

The Tazewell County Republican Party slate of candidates for the November 6th, 2018, General Election is now set, featuring:

John Ackerman for Tazewell County Clerk

Mary Burress for Tazewell County Treasurer

Charles Hanley for Tazewell County Coroner

Jeffery Lower for Tazewell County Sheriff

Jay Hall for Tazewell County Board District 1

Nick Graff, Brandon Hovey, and Greg Menold for Tazewell County Board District 2

William "Bill" Atkins, Gregory Longfellow, and Seth Mingus for Tazewell County Board District 3