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Kalamazoo County hires Ryan Post and Chad Ensign to lead Finance and Animal Services & Enforcement Departments

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – With a fully intact leadership team for the first time since 2021, Kalamazoo County is entering a new era of organizational excellence as Ryan Post and Chad Ensign join as the Directors of Finance and Animal Services & Enforcement, respectively.

Ensign starts on Feb. 13, replacing Steve Lawrence as the Director of Animal Services & Enforcement who retired from the position in November 2022. Coming all the way from Texas, Ensign brings 13 years of animal handling experience to the County as a Certified Animal Control Officer and Advanced Animal Cruelty Investigator. Prior to the County, he previously served as an Animal Care Manager and Senior Animal Control Officer for the cities of Converse and Boerne, Texas.

“As my family and I transition from Texas to Michigan, I look forward to the privilege of serving the residents of Kalamazoo County,” said Ensign. “I am excited to step into this role and develop relationships benefiting animal welfare within the community.”

Meanwhile, Post returns to Kalamazoo County on March 27 as the Director of Finance after several years with Van Buren County Government, where he served most recently as the County Administrator. Post previously worked for Kalamazoo County for more than 10 years in various finance positions for the Health & Community Services Department.

“I am beyond thrilled to return to Kalamazoo County where my career kicked off fresh out of college,” said Post. “I was very fortunate to have some of the finest mentors to learn from and help grow my passion for county government financial management. Kalamazoo County has always held a special place in my heart, and I look forward to the opportunity to provide leadership throughout the County.”

The two appointments bring the County leadership team to a new level, enabling further opportunities for success and well-being for the County.

“We are excited to welcome Chad and Ryan to the team,” said Kevin A. Catlin, Kalamazoo County Administrator/Controller. “Their expertise and passion for financial management and animals, respectively, will undoubtedly bring fresh perspectives and invaluable contributions to our organization. This is an exciting time for us as we continue to grow and strive for excellence.”

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