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Board appoints Angie Miller as interim commissioner

The St. Louis County Board today gave unanimous approval to appointing Angie Miller as interim Commissioner representing the Second District. Miller will fill the seat left vacant when her husband, Commissioner Steve O'Neil, passed away in July following a battle with cancer. She will serve until the special election is held January 14, 2014, when voters will choose a commissioner to serve for the remainder of the term.

At previous meetings, Commissioners had debated whether an interim appointment was needed for the four-month span until the election. Based on feedback from residents of the second district, the Board felt it was important to appoint someone who would not be running in the special election.

Besides Miller, one other individual, Jim Laumeyer, had expressed interest in the interim position. Commissioners thanked him for his willingness to serve and praised his credentials.

"We are doing justice to what Steve O'Neil believed," stated Commissioner Frank Jewell who made the motion to appoint Miller.

Commissioner Pete Stauber seconded the motion, saying, "Steve O'Neil was a special individual and I believe today that he's looking down on his wife with pride and saying, 'Go for it!' You will represent the people of the second district darn near as well as your husband did."

Following the vote, Miller was sworn in as Interim Commissioner, and immediately took her place as the Board moved into its Committee of the Whole meeting. Miller said, "I am looking forward to serving the people of the second district and working with the rest of the Board."

The second district covers the eastern portion of Duluth and is home to approximately 28,600 people. Five candidates have filed to run in the special election. A primary vote will take place November 5. To learn more about St. Louis County and the work of the County Board, visit

