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**TANNER NEWMAN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER AT ROBINS FIELD**

Tupelo, MS— At noon today, with the historic backdrop of Robins Field, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced Tupelo as the first TVA city in 1934, Tanner Newman formally announced his candidacy for Northern District Public Service Commissioner surrounded by his family, friends, supporters, and a coalition of North Mississippi business and community leaders.

"This campaign is about the future of the working men and women of North Mississippi. I promise to listen. I promise to be accessible. And I promise to govern with good, common sense."

Newman is the son of a mother who spent most of her adult life as an educator in the public school system and a father who worked at a local tire manufacturing factory. A native of Lee and Itawamba counties, Newman attended both Itawamba and Lee County public schools. Upon graduating from Mooreville High School, he worked his way through college earning an Associate's Degree from Itawamba Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of North Alabama.

Newman spent his early career in a local Tupelo US Senate office as a Constituent Liaison where we worked with North Mississippians to solve the problems faced by our educator, veterans, and active duty service members. Currently, he serves the City of Tupelo as the Director of Development Services. Working alongside Mayor Todd Jordan, he has reorganized and reformed Tupelo's building regulatory department and made municipal services more accessible and efficient. Newman highlighted three key issues in his announcement speech focusing on the need for reliable, accessible, and affordable services.



"There is no room in the lives of busy, hardworking North Mississippians for the interruption of robocalls. I will work to eliminate the annoyance of these illegal callers so the workers of North Mississippi can focus their time on the tasks at hand.

When the recent winter storm swept through North Mississippi, we all experienced the effects of rolling blackouts. It hampered productivity and comfortability. Mississippians need and deserve affordable and stable power. Moving forward, all energy resources should be on the table to address the economic and residential needs of our people, while ensuring low rates and proper safety protocol.

Mississippi is leading the nation in broadband rollout. Tombigbee Fiber was the first co-op in the state to bring broadband to 10,000 rural residents. They did it the right way. As your Commissioner, I will work to ensure that rural broadband expansion continues at a steadfast pace to further connect rural Mississippi to the rest of the world. The same way the railroads were instrumental in connecting communities in the 1800s, rural broadband is just as important to the success of small town and rural Mississippians today."

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