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STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint D. Michael Barhorst, from Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Emergency Response Commission for a new term beginning March 29, 2024 and ending at the close of business January 13, 2026, replacing D. Michael Barhorst, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.



Mike DeWine  
Governor

## RESUME

NAME: David Michael Barhorst

ADDRESS: 604 North West Avenue  
Sidney, OH 45365

TELEPHONE: 937.492.1401 (home)  
937.441.1111 (cell)

PERSONAL DATA: U. S. citizen, married, 71 years old,  
height, six feet, four inches, weight,  
220 pounds

EDUCATION: MS, August, 1981, major, educational  
administration, University of Dayton;  
BS, June, 1972, major, social studies  
education, The Ohio State University;  
Fairlawn High School, 1968

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Semi-Retired; Serving eighth term as a  
City of Sidney Councilmember

July, 2014-July, 2015, Editor, The  
Piqua Post and The Troy Times

August, 1979-June, 1984, high school  
social studies instructor; advanced to  
Business Manager (1980); Administrative  
Assistant (1981); Assistant Principal  
(1982); Executive Vice-Principal (1983),  
Principal (1984) and President (2006-2014),  
Lehman Catholic High School, 2400 St.  
Marys Ave., Sidney, Ohio 45365

September, 1974-June, 1979, junior high  
school social studies instructor, Holy  
Angels School, 120 East Water Street, Sidney,  
Ohio 45365

Summers, 1975-1980, self-employed,  
contracting work

June, 1972-September, 1974, supervisor,  
Mill Clerks, advancement to chief timekeeper,  
The Stolle Corporation, 1501 Michigan Avenue,  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Summers, 1969-1971, variety of summer  
jobs, primarily clerical, in shipping,  
receiving, scheduling and inventory  
control, The Stolle Corporation

Summer, 1968, laborer, Copeland  
Corporation, Campbell Rd., Sidney, Ohio 45365

CURRENT JOB  
ACTIVITIES:

I am a voting member of City Council. I've just completed my eighth term as mayor, During which I was the presiding officer at Council meetings, and was the official head of the government of the City of Sidney. As Mayor, I was a member of the Audit Committee, the Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board, and the Enterprise Tax Incentive Negotiating Committee, the Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Committee and Paint the Town Committee. Under the City-Manager form of government, mayors also perform numerous ceremonial duties. The new committee assignments will not be made until councilmembers are seated.

FAMILY  
BACKGROUND:

I grew up on a 200-acre farm near Sidney, Ohio, and, along with my two brothers and sister, helped my parents operate the farm. I was married in 1975 to Jennifer Russell (B.A., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio). We have two children, a son, Thomas, age 45, and a daughter, Sarah, age 41.

AWARDS:

Three Rivers Athletic Conference Golf Coach of the Year, 1980-81; Jaycee's Outstanding Young Men of America, 1982; University of Dayton's Eun Joong Chyung Memorial Award, 1982; Outstanding Principal, Science Education Council of Ohio, 1998; National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Service Award, 1998; Archdiocese of Cincinnati Livitate Dei Award, 2011-12; Xi Iota Iota Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Citizen of the Year, 2017; Fairlawn High School Hall of Honor (2018); Shelby County Historical Society Historian of the Year (2018).

ACTIVITIES:

Honorary Chairman, Shelby County WalkAmerica, 1988; Ohio Catholic Education Association Convention Planning Committee, 1988-1992; Chair, Archdiocese of Cincinnati Lay Pension Committee, 1986-1996; Sidney City Councilman, 1977-1989; Vice-Mayor, City of Sidney, 1981-1987; Mayor, City of Sidney 1987-1989; President, West Central Ohio Lung Association, 1980-1983; Darke-Mercer-Shelby Regional Health Board, 1977-1979; Shelby County Group Home Board, 1975-1978; Boy Scout Master, 1973-1974; Sidney Jaycees Vice President, 1975; Sidney Environmental Action Center President, 1973-1981; Shelby County Volunteer Probation Officer, 1974-1979; Eucharistic Minister, Holy Angels Catholic Church, 1979-Present; Community Improvement Corporation Board 1987-1989; Regional Associate Region 6, (Ohio & Michigan) National Catholic Education Association, 1989-2014; Executive Secretary,

Lehman Catholic High School Education Commission 1985-2006; Chair, Governor's Community Traffic Safety Network of Shelby County 1990-Present; Ohio North Central Association of Colleges and Schools State Committee, 1994-2000; Trustee, Clear Creek Farm, 1998-2006; President, Board of Trustees, Clear Creek Farm 2005-2010; Knights of Columbus Council 659 (1990-Present); Secretary/Treasurer, Gigandet Student Loan Committee 1984-2014; Member, Lehman High School Board of Limited Jurisdiction 2006-2014; and, Executive Committee, 2006-2014; Sidney City Council 2007-Present; Mayor 2007-2021; Shelby County District Health Advisory Council (2007-2021); Community Improvement Corporation 2007- 2021; Ohio Mayor's Association Executive Board, District 12 (Champaign, Clark, Darke, Miami & Shelby Counties), 2007 – Present; Current President; Homelessness Task Force Chair, 2014-2020; Ohio Municipal League Board of Directors 2015-Present; President 2019; Civil War Living History Weekend Chair, 2015-Present; Shelby County Mayors Association Chair, 2016-2021; Shelby County Land Reutilization Corporation Vice-Chair 2016-Present; Johnston Farm Friends Council 2016-Present; The Supreme Court of Ohio Task Force to Examine Bail Reform-2019; Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Nominating Council-2019; Local Government Impacts of COVID19 Strike Force-2020 - Present; Joint Committee on Force Accounts – 2021.

INTERESTS: Reading; writing; hiking; collecting American antique furniture (Renaissance Revival Period;) collecting Civil War store cards; collecting Sidney ephemera.

TRAVEL: England, France, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, Italy, Austria, and Federal Republic of Germany; extensive travel in the continental United States

REFERENCES: Sister Kathryn Ann Connelly, SC, retired Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 4924 Western Hills Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45238.

Martha Baker, past president  
Lehman High School Education Commission  
718 Trade Square West  
Troy, OH 45373

Judge William R. Zimmerman, past president  
Lehman Catholic High School Education Commission  
11901 Port Jefferson Road  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

**Biographical Sketch  
Councilmember Mike Barhorst  
City of Sidney**

Having completed his eighth term as Sidney's Mayor, Mike Barhorst was born and raised on a farm in rural Shelby County. A ten-year member of Perry Livestock 4-H Club, he was president of the Junior Leadership 4-H Club and a member of the Shelby County Junior Fair Board.

Mike obtained a Bachelor's Degree from The Ohio State University in 1972 and a Master's Degree from the University of Dayton in 1981. After working his way through college in the accounting department of The Stolle Corporation, he began his teaching career at Holy Angels School in 1974. In addition to teaching, he also coached football, basketball, cross country, and track.

Mike moved to Lehman Catholic High School in 1979 to teach social studies, and became a part of the school's administrative team in 1981. He was named principal of the school in 1984. While at the school, Mike chaired the Archdiocesan Lay Pension Committee, and saw assets grow from \$10M to more than \$100M.

Mike was named America's Outstanding Catholic High School Principal in 1998 by the National Catholic Education Association. That same year, he was also named the Outstanding Principal by the Science Education Council of Ohio. Mike served as principal until 2006, when he was named the school's first president.

Mike served as a Regional Associate for the National Catholic Education Association representing Ohio and Michigan. He was also elected to serve as a member of the state committee of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mike worked with donors to raise funds for the school in three separate campaigns. His first campaign was the first in Shelby County to raise more than \$1M. In his final major campaign, more than \$8M was raised. Mike left the school in 2014, concluding a 40-year career in Catholic education.

Long involved in community affairs, Mike has served on the boards and chaired a number of local non-profit organizations, including Clear Creek Farm, the Community Traffic Safety Network of Shelby County, the Civil War Living History Weekend, and the Shelby County Bicentennial Committee.

Mike was first elected to City Council in 1977. He served as a member of council, vice-mayor and then mayor through 1987. He was re-elected to City Council in 2007, and served as Mayor through 2021.

In addition to his mayoral duties, he represented Council on various boards and committees. Mike also currently president and a member of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Mayor's Association, and is a past president and continues as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Municipal League.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 3/29/2024

**Name of Appointee:** D. Michael Barhorst

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Shelby County  
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**Name of Commission:** State Emergency Response Commission  
Jeffrey Beattie  
(P): (614) 644-2269  
Kelly Toth  
(P): (614) 728-5043  
50 W. Town St., Suite 700 (P.O. Box 1049)  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(P): (614) 644-3606  
(E): jeffrey.beattie@epa.ohio.gov; kelly.toth@epa.ohio.gov

**Term Begins:** 1/14/2024

**Term Ends:** 1/13/2026

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

**Financial Disclosure:** Confidential disclosure required

**Vice:** D. Michael Barhorst