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### **David Fitz Appointed Director of Communications & Media Relations**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 20, 2020** – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of David Fitz as the county government director of the Department of Communications & Media Relations (CMR). Fitz’s appointment is effective July 1, 2020.

Fitz most recently served as CMR deputy director and replaces Linda Vassallo, who was promoted to deputy county administrator.

“Dave’s background in strategic communications makes him an excellent choice to lead the Department of Communications & Media Relations going forward,” said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. “We are confident his leadership skills and experience will be an asset to the board and county citizens.”

“During the past several months, Dave has shown that his level of expertise and collaborative approach make him an ideal fit for this position,” said County Administrator Mark Willis. “I look forward to seeing him take on this new challenge.”

In February 2020, Fitz joined Calvert County Government after eight years at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the last four years he served as the Public Affairs Officer at the FBI Baltimore Field Office and prior to that he worked at FBI Headquarters in the Office of Public Affairs section. Fitz also worked as communications director at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby from 2008-2011. In that role, Fitz served three years on the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Fitz is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served as a journalist/public affairs officer. Some of his notable tours were with the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (the

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Blue Angels), the Amphibious Assault Ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) where he served as the first Navy public affairs officer on the scene after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and a tour on board the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Fitz holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Excelsior College, a master's degree in leadership and management from Webster University and an MBA with a concentration in sports management from Columbia Southern University.

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