

Gene Branham elected Commission Chairman

Tony Cox elected as Vice Chairman of Commission

David E. "Gene" Branham Sr. was named Chairman of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission at the Commission's Jan. 27, 2022, meeting in Columbia.

Branham, of Kershaw County and representing the 5th Congressional District, first joined the SCDOT Commission in 2016. He was named Vice Chairman of the SCDOT Commission in January 2021.

Prior to joining the Commission, Branham had more than 20 years of service as both a past chairman and a commissioner with the Kershaw County Transportation Committee. He served his country in the National Guard for 6 years and also served on the Applied Technology Education Campus Advisory Board. Branham has been a citizen of Kershaw County for more than 48 years. He is married to Gail H. Branham, and they have three adult children: David, Patricia and Adam.

"I am honored to become Chairman of the SCDOT Commission and I will continue to work hard serving the public and improving the transportation system of the state of South Carolina," Branham said.

During the same meeting, Tony K. Cox, of Horry County, was named Vice Chairman of the SCDOT Commission.

Cox, a Commissioner representing the 7th Congressional District, joined the SCDOT Commission in 2017. He has previous-



ABOVE: SCDOT Commission Chairman Gene Branham, left, accepts the gavel from outgoing Chairman Barnwell Fishburne on Jan. 27, 2022.

RIGHT: During the same meeting, the Commission elected Tony Cox as Vice Chairman.

ly served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission.

He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in public administration/real estate and completed the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Advanced Management Development Program.

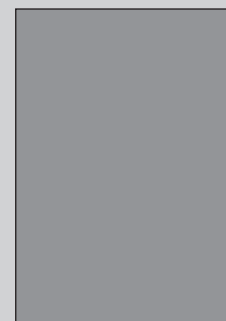
Cox is a real estate professional with 40 years of experience. He currently serves as the executive vice president at Burroughs and



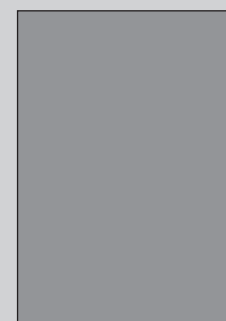
Chapin Co., Inc. in Myrtle Beach.

He is past chairman of the South Carolina Real Estate Commission and a former chairman of the Horry County Planning Commission.

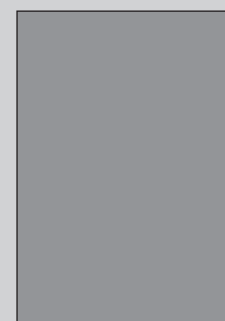
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4th Congressional
District



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Chairman
5th Congressional
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6th Congressional
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Tony K. Cox
Commission
Vice Chairman
7th Congressional
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