

Robert M. Blair

Professional History

Ohio Department of Administrative Services

Director 2011 – 2019

Highlights: Consolidated the state's Information Technology systems saving over \$150 million per year in operating costs by placing all 9,000 servers into a cloud technology and one central data center. Increased state use of minority businesses by over 10% reaching a goal of 15% for the last four years of the Kasich administration for the first time in our history. Successfully negotiated 15 contracts with the state's five unions over the 8 years of the Kasich administration. Changed the state's building construction laws for the first time in 134 years by implementing a single prime administration system.

Retired 2008 - 2010

EMH&T Engineering

Business Development Manager 2005 – 2007

Highlight: Successfully developed public sector clients for the largest engineering firm in Ohio.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Assistant Director 2001-2005

Highlights: Responsible for approximately 1,000 employees within the offices of Information Technology, Human Resources and Fiscal Services. Reduced the budget by over \$50 million by consolidating offices and reducing office space.

Ohio Department of Transportation

Human Resource Director 1995 - 2001

Highlights: Responsible for Personnel, Labor Relations, Training divisions. Directed right sizing efforts and reduced staff from 7,800 to 5,800 which saved \$100 million per year. Implemented a county manager system and combined jobs allowing for a flexible workforce and efficient workforce.

Chief Executive Assistant 1991 – 1995

Highlights: Responsible for negotiating special projects including the \$160 million interchange with Limited Inc. resulting in the Easton development.

Development Committee for Greater Columbus - Executive Director 1987 – 1991

Highlight: Developed a new type of enterprise zone providing tax abatement to a major Columbus plant creating 300 new jobs.

City of Pickerington - Manager: 1985 – 1987

Highlight: Built a new waste water treatment plant allowing for continuing growth of the City.

City of Tiffin - City Administrator: 1980 – 1985

Highlights: Successfully implemented a \$1.8 million “downtown streetscape” and built a new four lane highway to reduce congestion.

Ohio Ophthalmological Society - Executive Director 1978 - 1980

Highlight: Obtained and wrote the Governor’s veto of SB 204.

Ohio Senate 1974 – 1978 - Administrative Assistant to Senator Thomas Van Meter and Legislative Service Commission Intern

Medina Senior High School Teacher 1970 – 1974

Academic History

Post Graduate Work: Bowling Green University, Akron University, Ohio State University

Undergraduate: University of Findlay – BA June 1970

Personal

Married to Kay E. Blair and two children, Gavin and Emily

Golf and jogging

Boards – Trustee and Commission member

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, Ohio Facility and Construction Commission, National Association of State Chief Administrative Officers, Ohio Turnpike Commission, Fairfield County Board of Health, Pickerington Library