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**New Peoples Bank Announces Bart Long has been Named to the Board of Directors.**

Honaker, Virginia – New Peoples Bank is pleased to announce that Bart Long has been named to the board of directors.



Long began his adult life by serving in the United States Navy, where he was a member of the Presidential Honor Guard in Washington D.C. After completing his service, Long returned home to Bristol and began his career, growing his real estate auction firm. Long resides in Bristol where he operates Bart Long & Associates Realty and Auction, along with various other real estate and business interests throughout southwest Virginia and northeast Tennessee.

C. Todd Asbury, president and chief executive officer commented, “We are pleased to welcome Bart Long as member of the board of directors. Bart’s real estate and business experience, along with his civic and community involvement, will be a benefit to our customers, shareholders, and the communities served by New Peoples Bank.”

“I am excited to join the board of New Peoples Bank,” Mr. Long said. “New Peoples Bank is doing some great things, and I am thrilled about the opportunity to be a part of it.”

New Peoples Bankshares, Inc. is the financial holding company for New Peoples Bank, Inc., a community bank with 18 offices serving southwestern Virginia, southern West Virginia, northeastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. The Bank offers a full range of banking and financial services focused primarily on individuals, small to medium size businesses, and the professional community. The Bank strives to serve the financial needs of its customers while developing personal, hometown relationships.