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**Talbot County Council Announces Appointment
of Terry Kokolis, Director, Department of Corrections**

The Talbot County Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Terry Kokolis as Talbot County's Director, Department of Corrections effective June 6, 2019. Corey W. Pack, President, Talbot County Council, noted that "Mr. Kokolis has the proven leadership skills and knowledge to successfully lead the Department of Corrections and continue with the expansion of cognitive programs offered to the inmate population."

Mr. Kokolis recently retired from his position as Superintendent of Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities. In that position he was responsible for the operations of the Jennifer Road Detention Center, a maximum security 750 bed intake facility hosting the Detention Division and Pretrial Services. Concurrently, he was also responsible for the Ordnance Road Correctional Center, a medium security 650 bed sentenced facility. Mr. Kokolis brings both a distinguished career in Corrections as well as a history of advocacy for correctional systems, having served on numerous boards and commissions, as well as providing expert testimony to the state legislature. Mr. Kokolis was appointed by Governor Hogan to the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board and the Police and Correctional Training Commission representing Maryland's 23 county jails. He has also served on the Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System representing Maryland Association of Counties.

Mr. Kokolis will be replacing Director Douglas Devenyns who is retiring after over nine years of service to Talbot County and a cumulative 29 years of service in the field of corrections

throughout the State of Maryland. Under the leadership of Director Devenyns a wide variety of programs and services were offered to the inmate population in an effort to address and resolve those issues that led to criminal behavior/activity and resulting incarceration. Several noteworthy programs were instituted including Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for all incoming inmates and arrestees to the Detention Center, Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, and Pre-Trial Supervision Program. Additionally, Director Devenyns was instrumental in working with local law enforcement agencies and the State District Court Commissioners to build and staff the County's first Central Booking Facility. Director Devenyns was awarded a Recognition of Achievement award from the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards in 2015 and the Caliber Award for Achieving Excellence through Effective Programming from Mid-Shore Behavioral Health in 2016. Mr. Pack noted, "Under the leadership of Director Devenyns, the County Detention Center has risen in terms of both professionalism and recognition of the need for increased and on-going programming to reduce recidivism. Director Devenyns leaves a legacy of having helped those that were incarcerated discover the path to a more successful life upon release. He has helped many people move forward and he will be sorely missed."