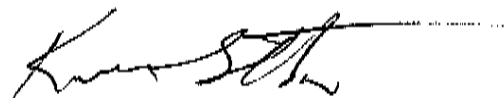


Cecil Tackett came into my office first thing Wednesday Jan. 9th and tendered his resignation as Chief of Police and Retired from the Police Department. I accepted his resignation. In the next few days I will make an announcement with Respect to a new Chief of Police.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Sutton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Keith Sutton

To Keith Sutton and City Clerk Suzanne Hawkins,

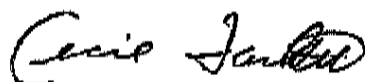
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I have served the City of Pocahontas with pride and honor over the past years first as a reserve, a part time officer, a full time patrolman and the last 8 years as Chief of Police. I have never been dishonest, neglected my duties or dishonored my badge. I have placed myself in harms way on many occasions to protect the citizens of this community and my Officers.

I know there is an agenda since the Mayors election even though I was told I would not be replaced. I have stood up for my Officers knowing the consequences and would do it again. I supported my officers when the law was enforced on people who think they are above the law. There is information that I have made comments about Mayor Sutton which are not true. I'm too old to lie to anyone and I have honor more than most people could imagine. I feel a man's word is only as good as his soul.

Accept this as my resignation as Chief of Police of Pocahontas. I have decided to retire from the Police Department with Honor.

Sincerely,



Cecil Tackett