

Today I am pleased to introduce our new Polk County Auditor, Louis Ploth, Jr.

Mr. Ploth comes to us by way of all three U.S. Coasts.

He was born, raised and educated in New Jersey, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Montclair State University. He worked as a cost accountant and as a controller in New Jersey prior to relocating to San Diego, California in 1986, where he entered the life sciences field, serving as Controller for Synbiotics Corporation, a NASDAQ listed biotech company. In 1992, Synbiotics appointed Mr. Ploth to serve as Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of its spin off company, Unisyn Technologies, Inc.

Mr. Ploth was lucky enough to be called to Texas in 1993, during the biotechnology boom in The Woodlands. He served as Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Business Development at Repros Therapeutics, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed biopharmaceutical company. While at Repros, Mr. Ploth led the administrative efforts supporting the company's fund raising through three public offerings and two preferred stock private placements.

Mr. Ploth retired from Repros Therapeutics in 2010, and formed a small business consulting firm, Corporate Administrative Solutions, Inc., providing services including interim management, strategic planning, accounting and budget preparation, licensing and financing negotiations, and general administrative operating requirements. Mr. Ploth provided pro-bono services to start-up businesses through the Houston Technology Center and the Lone Star Small Business Development Center.

In 2015, Mr. Ploth took a temporary position as Chief Financial Officer of Moleculin Biotech, Inc., a preclinical pharmaceutical company focused on the development of anti-cancer drug candidates. During 2016, Mr. Ploth completed a \$9.2 mm Initial Public Offering ("IPO") for the company.

Since 2016, Mr. Ploth has been the proud owner of the Sawyer House at 312 W. Milam in Livingston, an 1894 home built by one of the city's founding fathers. He and his fiancée, local attorney Julie Mayes Hamrick, devote their spare time to the restoration and refurbishment of the home.

Mr. Ploth is the proud dad of recent Texas A&M graduate Gabrielle Ploth, who just began her career as a high school teacher in Navasota, Texas. He is an accomplished guitarist, playing with the band Acoustic Redemption, a regular at Livingston's Across The Tracks music venue. He rides a Harley Davidson Fatboy.