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(Neb.)-Open House Held For Chadron's Paul Wess  [Listen](#)



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(Chadron)- When Judge Charles Plantz retired in December, 2011 it opened up a judgeship in the 12th Judicial District of Nebraska. On March 8th, 2013 Governor Dave Heineman selected Chadron Attorney and Dawes County Public Defender Paul Wess to fill that vacancy, which will be in Box Butte County. Monday afternoon (March 25th) an open house was held for those in the community to congratulate Wess on the recent appointment. Wess tells KCSR News the thought behind the transition from Public Defender to County Judge.

Sound In Story

Wess gives details of what the wait was like before Governor Heineman made the announcement.

Story In Story

Wess said a large thank you was in order for Governor Heineman when he called to inform him of the judge appointment decision.

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Wess said that he plans on residing in the Chadron area unless a move to Alliance is warranted. As a judge, Wess will undergo training in Lincoln, North Platte, and in Chadron along with a National Judges Conference that is held in Reno, NV.