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Brett Hage Accepts Volunteer Award at Commission Meeting

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Brett Hage is a master of maximizing his time, Sumter County Administrator Bradley Arnold said.

Arnold said Hage is never late and always prepared when he shows up to meetings of each of the three Sumter County advisory boards he serves on. And Hage does so while balancing working as the president of T&D Distribution in Wildwood and serving as the newly installed president of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce.

"He's an impressive guy," Arnold said. For his hard work serving as a volunteer in the county, Hage recently received

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Brett Hage, of Oxford, recently was named the Florida Economic Development Council's 2017-18 Richard L. McLaughlin Volunteer of the Year.

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the Florida Economic Development Council's East Central Region Volunteer of the Year award for 2018. The award was presented to Hage at the Sumter County Commission meeting Tuesday at Colony Cottage Recreation Center.

"I volunteer to make the community better, and a better place to live," Hage said. "And in doing so, that allows for a better economy."

Hage currently serves on the county's Zoning and Adjustments Board, Industrial Development Authority, and Tourist Development Council.

Beth Kirkland, the executive director of the Florida Economic Development Council, presented Hage with the award Tuesday, highlighting the many ways he steps up to the plate to help industry thrive in Sumter County.

"We appreciate your commitment to the county's efforts and support of the community," Kirkland said.

Hage is contemplating adding another form of service to his resume, considering a run for the late Don Hahnfeldt's open seat in the Florida House of Representatives.



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Candice Hage, Brett Hage, center, and Cooper Hage, of Oxford, pose for a photo on Jan. 18, 2018.

In any capacity, Hage said it is an honor to serve his community.

"I'm grateful to have been able to serve," he said. "It's an honor to represent Sumter County, my company and The Villages, and encourage economic development here."

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