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STENEHJEM NAMES NEW CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem today named Senator Thomas Trenbeath as Chief Deputy Attorney General.

Trenbeath has been the city attorney for Cavalier since 1992 and city administrator since 1997. He was elected to the North Dakota Senate (District 10) in 2000. During the past six years Trenbeath has served on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Chaired the Senate Transportation Committee, and is a member of the Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration.

“As an attorney Tom’s reputation is beyond question. As a city administrator he has experience in managing administrative, financial, and personnel issues for a government entity. I have been friends with Tom for many years; I respect him and trust his judgment,” said Stenehjem. “He will be an excellent Chief Deputy.”

Trenbeath will relinquish his senate seat before assuming the Chief Deputy’s position on November 27, 2006.

“I’m extremely pleased to have been offered this opportunity and am confident the Attorney General and I will work well together,” said Trenbeath. “On the other hand, serving District 10 in the North Dakota Senate has been the great pleasure of my career, and I will miss it,” he continued.

Trenbeath, 58, attended Neche High School and graduated from the University of North Dakota, receiving his law degree from the UND School of Law in 1978. He served in the US Army and US Army Reserve from 1971-1979. During his private practice, Trenbeath worked with both corporate and family law. He was a partner with the Fleming DuBois and Trenbeath law firm in Cavalier until becoming City Administrator in 1997.

Tom and his wife, Rose, have two children.