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Roddey joins McCrory & McDowell

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Jim Roddey, a former Allegheny County chief executive and the man who led Allegheny County through its home rule adoption process, has joined local accounting firm McCrory & McDowell LLC as a senior consultant.

Roddey was a leading force in abolishing the county's three-commissioner governing system in favor of a 15-member council and a chief executive post, which he held for its first four years. Roddey, a Republican, lost his reelection campaign to Democrat Dan Onorato in 2003.

During his term, Roddey led a county-wide reassessment effort that raised property values and increased tax revenue to the county by the maximum 5 percent allowed under the county code. Many, including Roddey himself, attributed his reelection defeat to fallout from higher property taxes.

A North Carolina native, Roddey graduated from Texas Christian University and served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps before embarking on a business career that included top posts at ten different companies and memberships in more than 30 nonprofit boards. Among several other civic obligations, Roddey currently serves as president of the board of RiverQuest, a nonprofit educational riverboat program.

He has lived in Pittsburgh since 1979.

McCrory & McDowell's Managing Principal Mike McDowell said the company is eager to implement Roddey's expertise in its Dewey & Kaye nonprofit division, as well as the firm's business consulting practice.

The company's other divisions include accounting, tax, Diversified Medical Management (healthcare industry consultants) and the Three Rivers Institute (leadership development & facilitation consultants).

The firm has served the Pittsburgh market since 1951.

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