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Mike DeWine is photographed in the Ohio Statehouse Ceremonial Office on Oct 13. DORAL CHENOWETH/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Mike DeWine to leave Ohio politics after half a century

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Whether cutting a ribbon on a highway rest stop or guiding Ohio through a global pandemic, no assignment was too big or too small for Republican Mike DeWine.

Over his nearly 50-year political career, DeWine likely attended more events, held more press conferences, shook more hands and navigated more crises than any politician in Ohio history.

In early January, just after his 80th birthday, he will finish an extraordinary career that focused largely on protecting children.

DeWine served eight years as Ohio attorney general, 12 years in the U.S. Sen-

> **"Spending on kids is the most cost-effective thing we can do for the state of Ohio and the people of Ohio."**
> **Gov. Mike DeWine**

ate, four years as lieutenant governor to George V. Voinovich, eight years in the U.S. House, two years in the Ohio Senate and four years as Greene County prosecutor.

He capped off his career with two terms as governor, a powerful post that

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Fran DeWine, left, smiles at her husband in this file photo, Ohio attorney general Mike DeWine is sworn in for a second term on Jan. 11, 2015. KRISTEN ZEIS/THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Traffic stop delayed for drug sniff unlawful, court says

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In a 6-1 decision, the Ohio Supreme Court on Nov. 17 said a sheriff's deputy violated an Ohio man's constitutional rights when he prolonged a traffic stop to include a sniff by a drug dog.

Meigs County Sheriff's Deputy Tylun Campbell stopped John Kincaid and his passenger in 2019 for lane violations. Once Campbell finished the work related to the traffic stop, he called for backup before having his canine check the car. Campbell said he had prior information that Kincaid was dealing drugs in the area.

Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharon Kennedy, a former police officer, wrote in the majority opinion: "Officer safety does not justify prolonging a stop for a canine sniff since a sniff is not part of a traffic stop's mission."

Kennedy pointed to a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision that didn't create an exception to extend a traffic stop for officer safety when the safety concern isn't related to the original reason for the stop.

The canine alerted to drugs in Kincaid's car, and he was indicted for possessing and trafficking in heroin and fentanyl. He asked the Meigs County Common Pleas Court to suppress the evidence discovered in the traffic stop, arguing that the extended stop wasn't supported by probable cause.

The trial court denied the motion to suppress. Kincaid pleaded no contest to the drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison.

Kincaid appealed to the Fourth District Court of Appeals, which said that a person's reputation doesn't give police cause to shift a traffic stop into a drug investigation. But in a 2-1 decision, the appeals court determined that Campbell didn't unreasonably extend the stop to ensure officer safety. The supreme court overturned that decision.

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Officials: ICE detention plan wasted millions

DHS trying to sell several warehouses it purchased

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SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA – When federal officials revealed plans for a 10,000-bed immigration detention center in this tiny Trump-loving community, locals had a lot of questions. Among them: How, exactly, are you planning to flush the toilets?

Envisioned as a core part of a network of Amazon-like warehouse "mega centers" housing migrants facing deportation, the building sits at the corner of an industrial park fewer than 50 miles east of downtown Atlanta and is large enough to fit 17 football fields. The project would have dwarfed the more than 200 migrant detention facilities operating nationwide today.

Social Circle officials said the Department of Homeland Security lacked the kinds of detailed plans necessary to move the project forward, including access to wastewater treatment for thousands of detainees and as many 2,500 workers. They also said the DHS significantly overpaid for the property.

"DHS was secretive and did not engage with us until after they purchased the building," Social Circle City Manager Eric Taylor told USA TODAY. "Perhaps if they had been more transparent and performed the due diligence that federal law requires, they would have seen that it wasn't going to work."

Ultimately, federal officials largely abandoned their $1 billion warehouse plan following a DHS leadership change. By then, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement initiative had run into a buzz saw of opposition in many communities, including those that otherwise backed the president's policies.

Across several states, USA TODAY found that the DHS repeatedly advanced warehouse detention projects before resolving fundamental infrastructure and regulatory questions, provoking lawsuits

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