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Pittsylvania County Announces Appointment of David M. Smitherman County Administrator

Chatham, Va. – David M. Smitherman has been appointed County Administrator by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, replacing Clarence C. Monday who is retiring from the post.

Monday announced his retirement in March, and the County hired Springsted to lead the executive recruitment process. Thirty (30) applications from ten (10) states were received. Following thorough screening, nine (9) finalists were presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

The Board reviewed personal assessments and references of each finalist, conducted interviews, and matched experience and qualifications to the position profile to determine the best fit for Pittsylvania County. All finalists had many leadership attributes and vast work experiences. However, Smitherman's inclusive, dynamic, and forward-looking approach to management sealed the deal, and he was subsequently selected as the choice of the Board.

Smitherman has more than 20 years of experience working in the local government industry as both an in-service manager and as a consultant. He previously served as County Manager in Lee, Onslow, and Hyde Counties in North Carolina and Town Manager of Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

Smitherman was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina. He attended and received a BS in Political Science from Appalachian State University and graduate degrees from UNC-Wilmington (MPA) and Wake Forest University (MBA). David also received a certificate in Executive Leadership from UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Government (Public Executive Leadership Academy).

David and his wife Amy live in Winston-Salem, NC and have four children: Kate (31), Allie (28), Connor (13) and Peyton (11). The family enjoys traveling and playing golf together. Smitherman will relocate to Pittsylvania County within one year of appointment.

“The County is very excited to welcome Mr. Smitherman to Pittsylvania County. I know he will do a tremendous job for us, and he is well-qualified to be our County Administrator. His education, experience, and personality are exactly what the Board was looking for to enact the vision and strategic goals established by the Board of Supervisors”, said Chairman Barksdale.

Barksdale added, “On behalf of the Board, we want to thank Mr. Monday for his dedicated and professional service to the County. We have progressed in many ways under his leadership. Monday guided the Board through this process, and both Monday and Smitherman will work together for an uninterrupted transition.”

Smitherman's appointment begins in Pittsylvania County on December 1st, and Monday will serve as an advisor to Smitherman until January 15th.

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