



MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPOINT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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Montgomery County, Virginia – The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors named F. Craig Meadows, 48, as the new County Administrator effective Aug. 1.

“Craig Meadows has extensive financial experience and a record of teamwork and community involvement,” said Board Chair Annette Perkins. “He received excellent recommendations and has a variety of experience with daily management of local government operations and issues such as regional 911 collaboration, municipal infrastructure and economic development. We felt he would fit in well with the excellent staff we have now and provide leadership.”



“I see tremendous opportunity for the County as it moves into the future with the dynamics between the County, towns and Virginia Tech. I believe Montgomery will be the premier county in Southwest Virginia in coming years. I am also impressed by the leadership of the Board of Supervisors and am grateful for their support of me and my family,” Meadows said.

Meadows will succeed Clay Goodman, who left in March to become Roanoke County’s administrator. Assistant County Administrator L. Carol Edmonds is currently serving as interim administrator. The Board received more than 50 applications in its nationwide search for a new administrator. Meadows’ annual salary will be \$140,000.

Meadows is no stranger to the New River and Roanoke Valleys. He served as City Manager of Bedford, VA, from 1998 to 2005. While there he initiated capital improvements, including a 100-acre industrial park. During his tenure, the city also collaborated with Bedford County to build a welcome center.

Meadows was named City Manager of Monroe, N.C., in 2005, where he managed a staff of 455 employees and \$135 million budget. His duties there included daily management of city operations, including police, fire, public utilities, planning, tourism, parks and recreation and economic development.

He is currently Interim Town Manager of Red Springs, N.C. after departing Monroe earlier this year. It was his second stint in Monroe, after serving as Assistant City Manager from 1993-98 and Director of Finance from 1991-93. From 1989-91, he was Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and Administration of Mount Airy, N.C.

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Meadows began his career in private industry where he spent nearly six years after graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's in accounting from Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina. He is a certified public accountant and credentialed manager in ICMA (International City/County Management Association). He also has taken extensive coursework in the municipal administration program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Government.

Meadows and his wife, Rhonda, have five teenage children, two of whom are in college. Montgomery County has approximately 450 full and part-time employees. Its FY2010 budget of \$158.9 million goes into effect July 1.

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