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## **County Manager Martin Announces March Retirement**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County Manager James E. Martin will retire March 31, 2014. Martin announced his retirement decision today to the Board of Commissioners, county department heads and employees.

Martin has been the Cumberland County manager since October 2000, after serving as the deputy county manager for five years.

“After lengthy deliberation, I have made the decision to retire effective March 31, 2014,” Martin said. “Serving as County Manager for the past 13 years has been challenging, rewarding and the capstone of my 44-year career in local government.”

With the exception of his first accounting job with the Haigh and VonRosenberg CPA firm in Fayetteville, Martin’s professional career has been solely in local government. He started in the public sector as the assistant finance director for the City of Fayetteville and became an accountant in the Cumberland County Finance Department before moving into county administration.

He was the county manager in Hoke County for six years and Robeson County for 10 years before accepting the deputy county manager position in Cumberland County in 1995.

A native of Tar Heel, Martin graduated from Pembroke State College with a degree in business administration. He is a credentialed manager through the International City/County Management Association.

“With the exception of some limited time off, I will be ‘on duty’ until March 31,” Martin told the commissioners. “I express my gratitude to you for the opportunity to serve.”

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