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Cumberland County Hires Finance Director

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Manager James Martin has hired Melissa Cardinali as the county’s finance director. Cardinali has been the financial services director for the City of Sanford since 1998. She will start Aug. 19.

Cardinali, 54, has more than 20 years of experience in local government financial reporting. She is a North Carolina Certified Public Finance Officer and has served on the Government Finance Officers’ Association Special Review Committee. During each of her 15 years as Sanford’s financial services director, the office was awarded the Certificate of Excellence for Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers’ Association.

A native of Chapel Hill, she graduated from East Carolina University in 1981 with a bachelor’s of science degree in business administration, with a concentration in finance. Prior to her job with the City of Sanford, Cardinali worked as a portfolio administrator with the City of Durham; and as the finance director, accounting supervisor and the tax collector for the Town of Southern Pines.

“I am really excited and pleased Ms. Cardinali will be joining the Cumberland County team. She has a strong background in local government finance and is highly respected in her field,” Martin said.

Cardinali’s annual salary will be \$128,500.

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