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Solid Waste Director Howard to Retire Dec. 31

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Solid Waste Management Director Bobby Howard will retire Dec. 31 after serving 33 years with the department. He has been the director for 11 years.

Howard, a Fayetteville native and South View High School graduate, started with Cumberland County as a temporary carpenter in 1982 with Solid Waste Management. He became a permanent employee in 1983 when he was promoted to a truck driver. Other promotions followed through the years. He worked as a heavy equipment operator, assistant landfill operations supervisor and landfill supervisor. He was named interim Solid Waste Management director in October 2003 and appointed permanent director in March 2004.



HOWARD

The department has 68 employees and an annual budget of more than \$17 million. It includes the Ann Street Landfill, Wilkes Road Treatment and Processing Facility and 17 container sites and recycling centers.

“It is the best place in the world to work,” Howard said. “I will really miss the people here.”

“We are grateful to Bobby for his long service to the citizens of Cumberland County. He has done an outstanding job as our Solid Waste Management director and is legendary for his resourcefulness and willingness to assist in any way possible,” said County Manager Amy Cannon.

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