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Commissioners Appoint New Tax Administrator

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners appointed Joe Utley as the County’s new tax administrator during tonight’s regular board meeting. Utley has worked for the County for 23 years and will replace Aaron Donaldson on April 1. Donaldson is retiring after serving as the tax administrator for 13 years.

The board approved a two-year appointment, which is required to fulfill all statutory certifications.

Utley, the County’s current real estate appraisal manager, joined the Tax Administration department in 1992 after serving for 12 years as an engineer officer in the U.S. Army. Utley will manage a department of more than 70 employees and lead the County’s 2017 property tax revaluation.



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Utley earned a bachelor’s degree in forestry management from Clemson University in 1980 and received his Army commission following graduation. He also holds a master’s degree in business administration from Golden Gate University.

“Mr. Utley has over 20 years of experience with the County in the appraisal area and we are pleased to welcome him to our leadership team. He has gained strong commercial as well as residential appraisal experience and assisted the County in three revaluation processes, which is extremely important as he leads the County through the impending 2017 revaluation,” said Melissa Cardinali, assistant county manager for finance and administrative services.

“I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the challenges ahead. We have a tremendously talented staff in Tax Administration and I am very excited about working with them,” Utley said.

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