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## County Management Changes Announced

FAYETTEVILLE – Deputy County Manager James Lawson will retire March 31 after serving 22 years with Cumberland County. Lawson was named the deputy county manager in June 2014 after serving as the assistant county manager for human resource development and support services for four years. He was the human resources director for 12 years.

“We are thankful for Mr. Lawson’s service for more than two decades to Cumberland County,” said County Manager Amy Cannon. “We wish him all the best.”

Cannon announced several changes to the County’s management team structure. With Lawson’s retirement, the County will no longer have a deputy county manager position and will have four assistant county managers and three general managers.

The vacant deputy county manager position will be converted to an assistant county manager for community support services that will oversee Child Support, Community Development, Library, Pretrial Services, Public Health, and Senior Employment. The County is recruiting for the position and the announcement can be found at [http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/human\\_resources/job\\_vacancies/default.aspx](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/human_resources/job_vacancies/default.aspx).

Melissa Cardinali is the assistant county manager for general government and stewardship. Her previous title was assistant county manager for finance and administrative services. Cardinali has been with the County since 2013 and oversees the Budget Division, Finance Department, Human Resources, Information Services, Internal Audit, Tax Administration and Wellness Services.

Tracy Jackson is the assistant county manager for environmental and community safety. His previous title was assistant county manager for support services. His departments are Animal Control, Cooperative Extension, Emergency Services, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Inspections, Soil & Water Conservation, Solid Waste Management and Workforce Development. Jackson has been with the County for two years.

Sally Shutt is the new assistant county manager for strategic management and governmental affairs and will oversee the Public Information Office, Board of Elections, strategic planning, legislative services, intergovernmental relations and citizen engagement. She was the governmental affairs officer and has been with the County for 11 years, having served as public information director since 2009.

Cannon promoted three department heads to serve as general managers in specific service areas:

- Engineering and Infrastructure Director Jeffery Brown is also the general manager for internal services. Brown has been with the County since 2012.
- Social Services Director Brenda Jackson is also the general manager for human services. Jackson has been the DSS director since 2008.

- Finance Director Vicki Evans is also the general manager for financial services. She has been with the county since 2014.

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