



MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS ACCEPT ADMINISTRATOR'S RESIGNATION

MontgomeryCountyVA.gov

Dec. 16, 2008

Montgomery County, Virginia – Montgomery County's Board of Supervisors has accepted the resignation of B. Clayton Goodman III, who has been named the new County Administrator for Roanoke County. Goodman succeeds longtime Roanoke County Administrator Elmer C. Hodge, Jr., who retired July 1 after more than 22 years.



The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors announced the hiring of Goodman at its meeting this afternoon. Goodman met with department managers and directors earlier in the day to announce his decision at a staff meeting in Montgomery County.

"The Board of Supervisors wishes Clay Goodman well on this next step in his career," said Board Chairman Annette Perkins. "Montgomery County and the Board made significant accomplishments under his guidance and leadership over the past five years. We have many challenges ahead in these tough economic times but we have a great foundation on which to move forward.

"The County's bond ratings were upgraded last summer due to our strengthened financial position," Perkins said. "This enabled us to issue bonds for major construction projects needed in the community for our students, public safety and courts. We broke ground last week for a new elementary school in the Elliston-Lafayette area, and plans to construct a new Courthouse are well under way. We are also working out the final details on the purchase of land for a new elementary school in Prices Fork Village. It has taken many years for these projects to reach this point where we are now seeing the results of our planning and hard work."

"I am saddened to leave Montgomery County but excited about my opportunity to stay in this area and work with Roanoke County," said Goodman. "While I will miss my staff, citizens and our elected officials, we will be crossing paths on many initiatives such as the new regional jail. I am proud of the things we have accomplished together and I will support the Board in any way I can to ensure a smooth transition."

The Board is expected to name an interim county administrator and will soon be moving ahead on a nationwide search for a new administrator.

Goodman replaced former County Administrator Jeffrey Johnson, who retired in December 2003. He was Vinton town manager from 1993 to 2003, and city manager in Buena Vista from 1988 to 1993. From 1985 to 1988, he was city manager in Austell, Ga. He also served as Montgomery County's assistant administrator from 1981 to 1985.

Goodman started his career in Fairmont, W.Va., where he left as assistant to the city manager in 1981. He has a master's in Public Administration from West Virginia University. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Virginia Tech. He is also a member of the Virginia Local Government Management Association and the International City/County Management Association.

E-News in Your Inbox!

To receive news and announcements directly via e-mail, go to MontgomeryCountyVA.gov and click "E-mail Lists."