



# COUNTY NAMES NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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**Montgomery County, Virginia** – Montgomery County has named Brian Hamilton the new economic development director effective June 1. Hamilton succeeds Bob Isner, who recently retired after serving 12 years as director of Economic Development for the County and secretary/treasurer of the Industrial Development Authority.

Hamilton is no stranger to Montgomery County. He began his career as product development and financing associate for the County only days after graduating from Radford University in 1996. He was later promoted to economic development specialist and then associate director before leaving in 2007 to become economic development manager for Austin, Texas.



“We are delighted Brian is returning to Montgomery County after gaining valuable experience in Austin, Texas,” said Interim County Administrator L. Carol Edmonds. “Brian has managed traditional economic development, emerging technologies and international programs, resulting in significant new investment and jobs for the City. In addition, with more than 10 years of experience in Montgomery County, he has worked with many government, industry and business officials here in the New River Valley.”

“Brian has tremendous energy, enthusiasm and knowledge of the region, existing industries and the County’s strategic economic development plan,” said Isner, who plans to divide time between his home here and Florida. “I couldn’t be happier to have a former protégé succeed me.”

While working in Montgomery County, Hamilton developed an economic development strategic plan and served as project manager for existing industry expansions and prospective industries. He also served as project manager for the Blacksburg Shell Building.

Hamilton earned a master’s in business administration from Radford University where he was recognized as “Outstanding M.B.A. Student” in 1995-96. He has an undergraduate degree in accounting from Virginia Tech.

Hamilton also has earned certification as economic developer (CEcD) from the International Economic Development Council. He will move back to Montgomery County with his wife Cyndi and their three children.

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