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Gloucester Director of Economic Development Hired

Gloucester County Administrator Brenda Garton has announced the hiring of Sherry Spring as Gloucester County's Director of Economic Development.

A native of Martinsville, Virginia, Ms. Spring comes to Gloucester County with eighteen years of extensive managerial experience in economic development with a record of success in new job creation and capital investment. She has previously worked in local government as the Executive Director for Patrick Henry Development Council and Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority. After relocating to the area, Ms. Spring worked as the Executive Director for the Downtown Hampton Development Partnership. In this role, she successfully improved the economic vitality of Downtown Hampton by adding new businesses and drastically reducing vacancy rates. Ms. Spring received her Bachelor's degree from Averett University and received certification in economic development from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute.

In announcing the hiring of Ms. Spring, Ms. Garton states, "The interview committee was impressed with her 'boots on the ground' economic development experience and her extensive contacts with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership in particular."

Ms. Spring began her official duties on Monday, March 16, 2015. "I am very excited about the opportunity to work with the Board of Supervisors, the Economic Development Authority, and the administrative team in creating new capital investment, promoting business growth and development, and enhancing new job creation for Gloucester County. The county, and this area

of Hampton Roads, is poised for success and I feel fortunate to be part of this dynamic team. Gloucester County is committed to strategically moving the community forward with their growth and development plans.”

End of Announcement