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Gloucester County Board of Supervisors Appoints a New County Administrator

The Gloucester County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Carol Steele as its new County Administrator. Ms. Steele, one of two Deputy County Administrators, has served as Acting County Administrator since April 2021 when then County Administrator Brent Fedors took a leave of absence. Mr. Fedors subsequently resigned in November 2021, citing a medical situation. At its meeting on May 17th, the Board approved an employment agreement with Ms. Steele.

Board Chair, Dr. Robert “JJ” Orth said, “The Board of Supervisors is very pleased to appoint Carol as Gloucester County’s next County Administrator. Carol has been serving in an acting role for a year and has faced many challenges with professionalism and initiative. She has demonstrated her dedication to the employees and citizens of Gloucester County, and we are glad that she will continue to provide her leadership to the organization and her support to the Board of Supervisors as we work on important County initiatives.”

The Board of Supervisors conducted a national search for the new County Administrator, assisted by The Berkley Group, of Bridgewater, Virginia. The Berkley Group received applications and conducted initial interviews with the most qualified candidates. It then assisted with selecting finalists for interviews with the Board.

Ms. Steele has worked for Gloucester County for nearly thirty-six years. She was appointed Deputy County Administrator in 2018 after serving as the Director of the Gloucester County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department, a position that she assumed in 1986. Ms. Steele is a Credentialed Manager by the International City/County Management Association and is a member of the Virginia Local Government Management Association. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration from Radford University and a Master of Science degree in Leisure Services

Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. In addition to other advanced training, she attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center and has served as adjunct faculty at Old Dominion University, Rappahannock Community College, and Virginia Commonwealth University. Ms. Steele has also been active on civic and volunteer boards in state, regional, and local organizations.

Ms. Steele shared these thoughts about her appointment, "I am honored to have this opportunity to continue to be of service to Gloucester County as its Administrator. I am passionate about this community and the County employees who work to make Gloucester County such a great place to live, work, and play. I am excited about continuing to work with the Board of Supervisors in fulfilling its vision for the County and am deeply appreciative of the confidence that it has shown in me."

Ms. Steele will formally assume the role of Gloucester County Administrator on June 1st.



Carol Steele