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Powhatan County Names Will Hagy as Next County Administrator

POWHATAN, VA — The Powhatan County Board of Supervisors is proud to announce the appointment of Will Hagy as Powhatan's next County Administrator. The unanimous vote, taken at the Board's meeting on May 19th, reflects the Board's firm belief in Hagy's exceptional leadership and deep commitment to the people of Powhatan.

Mr. Hagy will officially assume his new role on June 1, 2025, bringing with him over a decade of experience in public administration, strategic planning, and results-driven governance.

For the past three years, he has served as Powhatan's Deputy County Administrator, playing a central role in delivering major infrastructure projects, driving operational improvements, and advancing community priorities. His background also includes service as Director of Social Services in Sussex County and leadership roles within Virginia's human services and nonprofit sectors.



“Will Hagy is exactly the kind of leader Powhatan needs,” said Board Chairman Bill Donati. “He knows this county, he knows the work, and he knows the capabilities of the staff. The Board has every confidence in his ability to move Powhatan forward.”

In his current role, Hagy has provided oversight to several key departments, including Public Works, Public Utilities, Social Services, and Parks and Recreation. He has played a central role in supporting capital projects, strengthening internal operations, and improving service delivery across County functions. He has also helped coordinate grant funding efforts and contributed to strategic planning initiatives that align with Powhatan’s long-term goals.

Hagy holds a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Science in Leadership from James Madison University. His career reflects steady advancement through roles of increasing responsibility in local government, supported by a strong foundation in public service and collaborative leadership.

Hagy lives in Powhatan County with his wife and their daughter. As a family, they enjoy spending time outdoors and can often be found walking the trails at Fighting Creek Park in the evenings. Beyond his commitment to public service, Hagy is an avid whitewater kayaker who loves exploring the rivers throughout the region. He values the sense of community and connection that comes with living and working in Powhatan.

“Powhatan County is a special place, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role. I appreciate the trust that the Board of Supervisors has placed in me and the support of our talented County team. I will work hard every day to honor that trust and support. I am excited for the work we have ahead.” said Hagy.

Hagy succeeds current County Administrator Bret Schardein, who has accepted a Deputy County Administrator position in Hanover County and will remain engaged during the transition period to ensure continuity and a smooth handoff.

The Board of Supervisors expressed appreciation to Mr. Schardein for his dedicated service and leadership and looks forward to a seamless transition as Mr. Hagy steps into the role.

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