

Granville County Government Monthly Employee Newsletter

September 2022

Drew Cummings Appointed County Manager



The Granville County Board of Commissioners has selected Drew Cummings to serve as the next County Manager. Cummings comes to Granville after fourteen years of service in the Durham County Manager's Office as Assistant County Manager and Chief of Staff. Preceding his tenure with Durham County, Cummings previously held several positions in municipal government and worked for seven years as a middle school teacher before entering the local government profession.

During his tenure in Durham County, Cummings focused on a wide range of issues including economic development, education, transportation, affordable housing, and homelessness. He has been a member of the International City-County Management Association (ICMA) as well as the North Carolina City and County Managers Association since 2004. Cummings achieved his ICMA Credentialed Manager status in 2021 and is also a graduate of the UNC School of Government's Public Executive Leadership Academy, participating in the 2015 cohort. He is a graduate of Harvard University, holding a BA in Government and received his Master's in Public Policy from the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. Cummings is a native of Kalamazoo Michigan and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School. He and his wife, Amy, have three school-aged children and in his spare time Cummings enjoys exercise, woodwork, and singing in his church choir.

"The Granville County Board of Commissioners is unanimous in its selection of Drew Cummings," said Tony Cozart, Chair of the Granville County Board of Commissioners. "His educational level and extensive experience make Mr. Cummings the desired candidate to serve as our next County Manager. Cummings comes to us with outstanding references, is very well-trained in county administration, and has shown throughout his career that he is a person who has committed himself to getting results. His longevity with Durham County shows that he is willing to ingrain himself in a community and weather a few storms while moving towards a long-range vision of success. As a longtime Durham resident, Mr. Cummings is already familiar with this region and knows the needs and opportunities for success that we have in Granville. The entire Board of County Commissioners is excited to welcome Drew Cummings to our community."

"I am so excited to come to Granville County and look forward to working with the Commissioners, staff, and the community to continue building on the strong groundwork that has already been laid," Cummings said. "I look forward to getting to know the community and staff much better in the coming months as we recommit ourselves to the goals of responsive, innovative, efficient government and seek to seize the positive out of all the change we have seen over the past few years. It is a true honor."



September 26: Emma Young September 28: Cassie Elliott

Audrey Hill Shamika Terry

Shamika Terry
Constance Yarborough

September 30: Cassandra Putney

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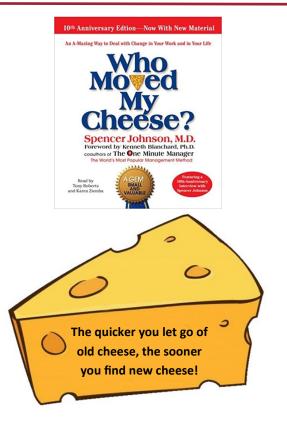


The following employees have recently joined the Granville County Government team:

Bailee Evans, Animal Management
Angela Blount, Board of Elections
Tonya Rice, Board of Elections
Karen Carr, Detention Center
Nashina Brown, Detention Center
Zachary Porterfield, Development Services
Ariana Rivera, Development Services
Robert Hannon, Sheriff's Office
Cindy Royster, Sheriff's Office
Virginia Ballard, Social Services
April Goetz, Social Services
Theartis Holmes, Social Services
Dina Sakyi-Addo, Social Services
Brittany Strother, Social Services

Welcome to our staff!

Congratulations to Dale Evans, Development Services, on his well-deserved retirement!



Safety Corner - Ergonomics



National Preparedness Month is observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen anytime. Homeowners, families, communities, and businesses can use this opportunity to find ways or help others understand more about preparing for disasters and reducing risks to health and the environment. Preparing before an emergency incident plays a vital role in ensuring that employers, workers and families have the necessary equipment, know where to go, and know how to keep themselves safe when an emergency occurs. The CDC is committed to strengthening the nation's health security by protecting against public health threats, whether they began at home or man-made. Below are some helpful Websites that can assist you in preparations. Making a plan to prepare for disasters is the best way to protect you and your family!

WWW.Ready.gov

WWW.Osha.gov

www.readync.gov

Changes to Pay Schedule Reminder Key Dates to Remember

12/30/22 - Sheriff's Office final monthly paycheck 1/11/23 - Sheriff's Office first 28-day cycle paycheck 6/30/23 - All other employees final monthly paycheck 7/12/23 - All other employees first bi-weekly paycheck