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SEARCH CONTINUES AS MANAGER PREPARES TO RETIRE

The Wake County Board of Commissioners is moving forward with the recruitment of a new County Manager and will post the position and begin accepting applications **today, Friday, November 15, 2013**. David Cooke, who has served as County Manager since 2000, will retire at the end of November. Cooke's last regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at **2 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013, in room 2700 of the Wake County Justice Center, 300 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh**. During the meeting the Board of Commissioners will recognize his contributions to the County and the Board will name an interim County Manager.

"David Cooke has been an absolutely fantastic County Manager, and we consider him to be the best in America" said Joe Bryan, Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners. "While we are all going to miss David, it is also a time of new beginnings. The commissioners look forward to the search process and to ultimately hiring a new manager in early 2014."

A section of WakeGOV.com has been devoted to keeping the community up-to-date on the County Manager search. A detailed timeline about the search for a new Manager is available at www.wakegov.com/employment/managersearch.

The current schedule includes:

- Friday, December 20, 2013 – Recruitment closes,
- Early January – County reviews preliminary findings and candidates are interviewed by the recruitment firm,
- Late January – Final candidates recommended to the County, and
- Early February – County interviews top candidates.

Additional information about the search and recruitment of a new manager will be provided on the website as it becomes available.

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