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County Manager Hartmann to Leave Wake County in October

Wake County Manager Jim Hartmann today announced that after months of thoughtful consideration, Oct. 27, 2017, will be his last day with the county. Hartmann has served in his role for 3.5 years. During that time, he has led the county through the successful passage of the Wake County Transit Plan referendum, invested more resources in behavioral healthcare and services to support the homeless and others in need, and focused on modernizing the systems the county uses to serve its citizens.

“I’m proud of the work that the Board of Commissioners, staff and I have accomplished together during my tenure here,” said Hartmann. “Our organization has never been stronger, and I feel confident that it will continue providing innovative and excellent service to our residents in the years to come.”

“It’s the honor of my life to have served with Jim Hartmann,” said Sig Hutchinson, chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners. “He has built a culture of leadership in Wake County. He is leaving to be with his family and leaving us in a great place.”

Hartmann has committed the past 42 years of his life to public service – nearly eight years in the U.S. Coast Guard and 34 years in local governments across the country. He is now ready to return to his home in central Florida with his wife, and assist other

communities with solving complex problems.

“I spent last weekend in Omaha, Neb. at my daughter’s wedding,” said Hartmann, a father of two. “After I walked her down the aisle and celebrated this monumental milestone with my family, it was clear that now is the right time for me to transition my career.”

Over the next two months, Hartmann will work closely with commissioners as they consider selecting an interim county manager and develop a process for hiring a permanent replacement. He will also strategize with the county’s senior leadership team to ensure continuity of executive-level oversight on key projects and initiatives.

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