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Emily Lucas Selected as County's Chief Financial Officer

Lucas brings nearly 20 years of experience to position

Wake County Manager David Ellis officially announced today he has selected Emily Lucas to serve as the county's chief financial officer. Lucas previously served as the county's deputy finance director and assumed the role of interim finance director while the search for a CFO was under way.

"I'm proud to promote Ms. Lucas to this important position within our organization," Ellis said. "She has the technical skills, the expertise and the dedication we need to oversee our financial and budgetary operations, and ensure we maintain our coveted AAA bond rating from all three rating agencies."

After Ellis was selected as county manager, he restructured his executive leadership team to enhance its effectiveness and better position the county to meet the commissioners' goals and objectives. As part of that process, he launched a nationwide search to find the right people for the following management roles: CFO, chief community vitality officer and housing director. The CFO is the first of the three positions, which Ellis has filled.

Starting today, Lucas will oversee the county's financial operations, including budget, finance, and long-term debt and capital planning. She will also take on the role of working with the Schools Joint Facilities Committee and serve as the county's liaison to the Wake County Public School System's finance and budget departments. She will take over these responsibilities from Johnna Rogers who now serves as chief operating officer under Ellis' reorganization.

"I'm passionate about public service, and I look forward to working hard for the people of Wake County in this new leadership role," Lucas said. "My experience working for the county, as well as two local municipalities, during both challenging and robust economic times will help me look for ways to manage our taxpayer dollars even more efficiently and effectively."

Prior to joining Wake County, Lucas served as finance director for the Town of Garner from 2013 to 2015 and finance director for the Town of Zebulon from 2003 to 2013. Previously, she worked as an accountant I and accountant II for the Town of Zebulon from 2001 to 2003. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Meredith College in 2001 with dual degrees in accounting and public history.

(Editor's note: Headshot is available upon request.)

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