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### **Gloucester Hires New Deputy County Administrator**

Gloucester County Administrator, J. Brent Fedors announces the hiring of Mr. Reed Fowler as the new Deputy County Administrator. In announcing the hiring Fedors states, “We are delighted that Mr. Fowler has accepted our offer of employment and are confident that his talent and experience will be of great benefit within our organization and to the community. We anticipate that he will make significant contributions in program, process, and project management functions as part of the County Administrator’s core leadership team.”

Fowler will oversee the Building & Grounds, Engineering / Environmental, Public Utilities, Planning/Zoning, and Building Official / Code Enforcement departments, as well as serve as Site Plan Administrator and Deputy Director of Emergency Management. He will also be the staff/county liaison to a variety of boards, committees, and commissions as assigned.

Mr. Fowler is currently employed as the Public Works Director for the City of Newport News, and has served within the department since 1984, having begun his public service career as the General Superintendent of the Wastewater Division with continual growth and promotions through his appointment as Public Works Director in 1999. Mr. Fowler brings over 30 years of proven performance, administration and leadership skills in the areas of asset management,

building services and support, security, solid waste and wastewater programs, stormwater operations, and street maintenance.

Mr. Fowler is a graduate of Christopher Newport University receiving a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Economics and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion University. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and previously served on the American Public Works Association (APWA) Mid-Atlantic Chapter - Board of Directors and on the National APWA Accreditation Council. In 2007, Mr. Fowler was named in APWA's Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year.

During his tenure with the Newport News Public Works Department, Fowler oversaw the department's accreditation by the American Public Works Association, joining only 106 other agencies in the United States and Canada qualifying for accreditation. The accreditation process demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement, through evaluation of policies, procedures and practices to assess strengths and determine how best to improve the delivery of services.

In accepting the position, Mr. Fowler states "It is an honor to join Mr. Fedors and the exceptional members of the Gloucester County team. I look forward to serving the citizens of Gloucester County. I am also grateful to the City of Newport News for their support during my many years of service there."

Mr. Fowler's first day with Gloucester County will be July 23, 2018.

