

PRESS RELEASE

Robert Hiss Appointed as New Bedford County Administrator

The Bedford County Board of Supervisors has appointed Robert Hiss as its new County Administrator at its specially called December 21 meeting. Mr. Hiss' first day as County Administrator will be the 25th of February. The current Administrator, Carl Boggess, is retiring at the end of 2018.

Hiss currently serves as the Assistant Manager for the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia. Before that he served 7 years as Assistant County Administrator for Pulaski County, Virginia and 8 years as County Administrator in both Chattahoochee County and Meriwether County, Georgia. Hiss holds a Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in Urban Affairs from American University in Washington, DC. He is also a 2013 graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.

With the aid of the Novak Consulting Group, the County undertook an extensive and exhaustive nationwide search to attract candidates with the qualifications and experience to suit the County's needs. From a pool of over 40 applicants, four finalists were chosen, who then participated in two days of intensive interviews to gauge their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Chairman Bill Thomasson noted "Mr. Hiss best illustrated the strengths and characteristics we were looking for and believe his motivation for the job and well-rounded experiences make him the best fit for the organization and County."

"I am honored and humbled to be entrusted with this responsibility. It is my intention to earn the confidence of the Board, the employees, and citizens as we continue to provide quality services for Bedford County. Over the past decade, I've had the opportunity to work with wonderful mentors and innovative local governments which helped mold me for this position. This is a very exciting opportunity and I look forward to working with the Bedford County team to achieve the goals set forth by the Board of Supervisors."