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PRESS RELEASE

Madison County Appoints New County Planner

The County of Madison has appointed Ligon Webb to serve as its first County Planner.

Mr. Webb was chosen during a competitive process from a pool of well qualified candidates to facilitate the physical development of the county. Responsibilities associated with this new role include leading programs such as comprehensive planning; zoning, subdivision, building code and environmental ordinance administration; complementing the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and County Administrator in their work; and initiating and administering development and other projects.

Mr. Webb has over 14 years of professional planning experience in Virginia via service as a planning intern for Chesterfield County, a Land Use Planner for Rockingham County and the Town Planner for the Town of Luray.

A native of Crewe, Virginia, Mr. Webb holds multiple degrees and certificates from Virginia Commonwealth University including a Master of Urban & Regional Planning. He served as the Chair for two years during his five-year tenure on the Page County Economic Development Authority. He lives in Luray, Virginia. Most recently employed as an appraiser, his first full-time day on the job as Madison County's County Planner is expected to be on July 15, 2019.

Increasing the County's capacity for professional planning is an expressed priority in the County's Comprehensive Plan.

County Administrator Jack Hobbs stated, "Ligon comes to Madison County with a wealth of local experience and shares Madison County's appreciation for careful planning so as to maintain the high quality of life its residents enjoy. We look forward to working with him in meeting Madison County's known and unknown challenges and opportunities."

New County Planner Ligon Webb stated, "I am very thankful and excited for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Madison County. I grew up in a rural community, and the majority of my professional experience has been in rural communities with strong agricultural and natural assets. Given the abundance of both in Madison County, I believe the County Planner position is a great fit for me professionally and personally."

In the short term, Mr. Webb will lead the adoption of an updated flood plain map and ordinance and recodification of the zoning, site plan and subdivision ordinances.

From Madison County Comprehensive Plan, adopted February 7, 2018 (Goal 1, Strategy 1)

Goals & Implementation Strategies:

Goal 1

Preserve, protect, and enhance the natural beauty, rural character, and air and water quality of Madison County, and sustain agriculture/forestry as the County's primary land use.
Implementation

Strategies:

1. Increase the County's capacity for professional planning. A professional planner on the County's staff, or a planning consultant, would serve, inter alia, as a facilitator and implementer of the Comprehensive Plan, an organizer of ad hoc citizens' committees to address specific planning issues, and an advisor to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.