



# GUILFORD COUNTY

## Administration

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### **Ben Brown Selected as Deputy Manager for Guilford County**

Guilford County Manager David McNeill announced today that John Benjamin “Ben” Brown, Jr. has been selected as the County’s Deputy Manager beginning February 1.

Brown is currently the Assistant City Manager for Economic Development with Greensboro, where he is responsible for the city’s economic development efforts and manages eight other business units of the organization. He also served with the City of Fayetteville in several capacities, including Assistant City Manager/Chief Development Officer, Assistant City Manager/Administrator and Finance, Finance Director and Acting Information Services Director.

“Ben Brown will provide immediate leadership assistance in overseeing the operations of Guilford County government,” said McNeill. “He will continue our countywide goal of looking at efficiencies and working on potential additional joint operations.” Brown was selected for the Guilford County Deputy Manager position from 86 applicants.

“I’m excited about this great opportunity to serve Guilford County, as well as the challenges ahead,” said Brown. “I hope my experience with other governmental positions in several other jurisdictions will help me bring a positive energy to the table. I look forward to assisting the County Manager in taking the organization to even greater limits.”

Brown currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Fayetteville State University. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the US Army.

Brown received his bachelor’s degree in political science and social studies from Central State University in Ohio, and a master’s in business administration as well as master’s in education administration, both from Fayetteville State University. He is also a graduate of several courses through the UNC Chapel Hill Institute of Government, including Municipal Administration, Public Finance Officers and Economic Development.