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Chris Slaydon Named as Director of Community Development

Lexington, VA – Rockbridge County Administrator Spencer Suter announced today the selection of Chris Slaydon as the County’s new Director of Community Development. Slaydon has served as Interim Director of Community Development and Zoning Administrator since the retirement of Sam Crickenberger in June. A panel consisting of Mr. Suter and the Board’s Personnel Committee (South River Representative Bob Day and Walkers Creek Representative Jay Lewis) conducted interviews of the top three candidates from a pool of eight who applied before selecting Slaydon.

“We had a good response to our advertisements, and were able to interview some quality candidates,” said Suter. “Ultimately, Mr. Slaydon was the best choice for Rockbridge. His longstanding knowledge of the community and code are significant assets for us, as is his proven work ethic. He works hard for the County, sacrificing nights and weekends away from his family to ensure that deadlines are met.” Lewis noted that “as a Board, we preferred that the process for this high-level position be competitive, and Chris rose to the occasion.” Day added that, “Chris has proven time and time again that he is committed to this community. His combination of skills and experience made our decision easier, despite having a good field of applicants.”

Slaydon graduated from Rockbridge County High School in 1995. After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Geography from Radford University in 2000, he worked for Perkins and Orrison, Inc. in Lexington before being hired as the County’s Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning in 2003. In his 17-year tenure with the County, he has participated in hundreds of rezonings and special exception permit processes, as well as serving as Secretary to the Planning Commission, Tourism Corridor Overlay Board (TCO) and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). In 2014, he earned a Masters Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech.

“I am very grateful to have Chris on the team,” noted Suter. “His hard-earned experience has prepared him well to meet the challenges of this position. He is a trusted leader and dedicated public servant, truly invested in our community. I look forward to working with him to advance the Board’s objectives.”

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Slaydon resides in the Buffalo District with his wife Alex and daughters Carson and Libby.

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