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Cleveland County Commissioners Appoint Interim Social Services Director

SHELBY, N.C.– The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners appointed Rebecca Johnson as the Interim Director of Social Services at their June 20th meeting, following the resignation of Director Katie Swanson.

Ms. Swanson has taken a position with the State Department of Health and Human Services as the Deputy Director of County Operations with the Division of Social Services. Her last day with Cleveland County DSS was Monday, June 26th.

“I will forever be grateful to Cleveland County for allowing me to serve as Director of Social Services amongst a group of strong and committed employees, however, this is an opportunity for me to impact a larger system and help more counties across the State,” said Katie, “I have a lot of faith in Rebecca as the Interim DSS Director and believe she will do an amazing job leading the team while the county searches for the next DSS Director.”



Rebecca Johnson has served Cleveland County DSS for the last 24 years. She was most recently a Program Manager for Adult Services before being appointed Interim Director. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Gardner Webb University. Rebecca is a native of Cleveland County and graduated from Crest High School.

The Board of Commissioners have begun the search for the next DSS Director.