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### **Roanoke County Names Assistant County Administrator**

**January 8, 2019** –Roanoke County Administrator Daniel R. O’Donnell is pleased to announce the appointment of Rebecca E. Owens as an Assistant County Administrator, effective January 5, 2019. Owens previously served as the County’s Finance Director.

"Rebecca has a thorough understanding of fiscal policy and regulation and led a successful implementation of a complicated new financial system," said O’Donnell. "She brings a strong regional perspective to the position as she has provided fiscal services for several regional agencies including the Western Virginia Regional Jail and the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority. All of these factors make her extremely qualified for this position."

"I am excited about this new opportunity," said Owens. "I look forward to continuing to work with our experienced team to maintain and build on what we have accomplished for the citizens of Roanoke County."

Owens served as Roanoke County’s Director of Finance since 2003 where she was responsible for oversight of Accounting, Purchasing, Payroll, Risk Management, Debt Management, Grant Management, and Financial Systems. Prior to coming to Roanoke County in 2000, Owens worked for the City of Salem in the Finance Department.

Owens currently represents the County on boards including Roanoke Valley Resource Authority, Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority, Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT), and the Local Finance Board.

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As Assistant County Administrator, Owens will supervise the departments of Real Estate Valuation, Finance, General Services, Communication and Information Technology, and Library Services. She will also be the liaison for the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, Elections, Roanoke County Public Schools, and CPMT.

Owens holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Averett University and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Roanoke College. She is professionally active as a member of the Government Finance Officers' Association and Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association where she served as President in 2006-07.

Owens fills the vacancy left when O'Donnell took over as County Administrator January 5, 2019. Owens resides in Roanoke County.

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