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### **ELLER DEPARTS CATAWBA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES**

NEWTON, NC – Catawba County Social Services Director John Eller has been named County Manager for Davie County and will leave Catawba County Social Services January 9.

The Catawba County Social Services Board is expected to appoint an interim director at its meeting December 20.

Eller has served as Social Services director since joining Catawba County in 2008. In his role, he oversaw the development of innovative and effective approaches to service delivery and community partnerships in collaboration with a skilled team of Social Services staff. He also advocated for the needs of Catawba County residents through leadership roles with the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, as president of the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services, and with the United Way of North Carolina Executive Board. Locally he helped advise the Catawba County Partnership for Children, the Catawba County Child Protection and Fatality Prevention Team, and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Workforce Development Board.

“Social Services programs in North Carolina are as uncertain, complex, and ambiguous as ever,” said Catawba County Manager Mick Berry. “John's leadership was very effective in navigating this ever-changing environment. We are grateful for his vision and advocacy on behalf of our residents and our staff, and we wish him continued success as he takes on his new role with Davie County.”

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