



SALEM CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

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Salem City Manager Kevin Boggess is pleased to announce the hiring of Rosie Jordan as the city's new Finance Director. Jordan comes to Salem from Bedford City, where she has been a fixture since 1994. She began her professional career there as an accountant, later became the Assistant Director of Finance and in 2001, was named Bedford's Finance Director.

"I will be forever grateful to the people in Bedford and I truly leave there with mixed feelings," she says. "Bedford has helped me develop the skills I have today and allowed me to grow, but the job in Salem is an amazing opportunity."

In Salem, Jordan will oversee a \$171 million city and school division budget and take over for a couple of highly respected individuals. She replaces longtime Finance Director Frank Turk, who retired in December 2012 after 45 years of service to Salem and interim director, Diane Hyatt.

"First of all, I want to thank Diane for delaying her own retirement plans a few months and offering her talents and expertise to Salem after Frank Turk's retirement," says Kevin Boggess, Salem City Manager. "She stepped in at a critical time for the city and we are very thankful for her leadership and guidance."

"Following in Frank Turk's footsteps is not only a daunting task, but also a tremendous honor," says Jordan. "He set the standard for Finance Directors around the state and I look forward to working with the members of the finance staff he assembled in Salem."

Jordan is a Vinton native and graduate of William Byrd High School and Virginia Tech, who has nearly 20 years of financial experience on the municipal level. In addition, she is uniquely qualified for the position because like Salem, Bedford has its own Electric and Water Departments.

"Only a handful of localities in Virginia have their own utilities, and certainly her experience in that area will be a plus for us, but Rosie is highly qualified to meet all of the challenges this type of job presents," says Boggess. "We can't wait to get her on board."

"I truly see this as a once in a lifetime opportunity," she says. "I love challenges and this is an exciting challenge for me both personally and professionally."

Jordan will officially begin her tenure in Salem on April 29.

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