

May 30, 2017

Chairman Newman,

Over the last few weeks, I have reflected on my career with Buncombe County. I am very proud of the many things we have accomplished for our citizens, the community and our employees. It is an honor to have been part of the accomplishments and tremendous learning opportunities over the last 23 years.

I realize that I am ready for the next chapter of this wonderful life journey. Like most people, I have a bucket list, and it is time to change directions and enjoy many of the other things life has to offer. To begin the next chapter, I will retire on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I appreciate all the opportunities this and previous Boards have given me to serve the citizens, run a great organization, and hopefully leave it in a good place.

Times are changing and interests have shifted. I love the experience I had working for Buncombe County. I hope commissioners and county staff will always fairly and enthusiastically support our core serves and accomplish things that make life better for our community. I hope county staff will always look at the whole and balance their department needs with the competing and very real needs of other departments. Each function is important and has a significant impact on Buncombe County and the region.

There are parts of this transition that are sad - mostly leaving the great people I've had the privilege to work with side-by-side. There are other parts of the transition that are very exciting, and many doors are opening for me to enjoy this shift in my journey.

I wish you much future success and look forward to watching Buncombe County continue to be the great organization I know and love.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wanda".

Wanda Greene