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Press Release:

Title: The City of Shelby Selects Assistant City Manager

City Manager, Justin Merritt, has appointed Kerri Melton as the newest member of the City's management team. Ms. Melton will serve as Assistant City Manager. "We are thrilled to welcome Kerri to our Administrative Team" Merritt stated. "She is an exceptional addition to the City of Shelby and brings more than twenty years of local government experience to the City's day to day operations."

As Assistant City Manager, she will report to the City Manager and will plan, direct, evaluate and manage the operation of programs, projects and assigned departments. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to step into this new role with the City of Shelby. I'm excited to work alongside such an amazing team and look forward to serving the citizens who make this community so special", Ms. Melton stated.

Ms. Melton is a native of Massachusetts but has called Cleveland County home since 1998. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources from Bridgewater State University and is a graduate of the North Carolina School of Government Fellows Program. Her local government experience includes more than twenty years with Cleveland County Government, including eleven years serving as the Assistant County Manager and Community Services Director.

She has served as a Board Member for Destination Cleveland County and the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Board with the Partnership for Children, Cleveland County Travel and Tourism, and serves on the Personnel Committee at Poplar Springs Baptist Church. She is also an active volunteer with several community nonprofits.