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Town of Cajah's Mountain Hires New Town Manager

September 10, 2019 – Hiring a Town Manager is one of the most important decisions that a municipal council can make. It impacts the effectiveness of the mayor and council and the services to its residents and businesses. In July of this year, the mayor and town council embarked on an extensive hiring process to select the best candidate to serve as the next town manager.

The Town of Cajah's Mountain is pleased to announce that Randy Feierabend will serve as the next Town Manager. The Town Council voted to appoint Feierabend as the Town Manager at their meeting on September 9th, 2019 and he assumes that role immediately. Feierabend served as the interim town manager since July 15th when former manager Logan Shook took the same position with the Town of Hildebran in Burke County. Feierabend was selected from a pool of applicants from across the region, state and country. Applicants from as far as Pennsylvania applied for the position, but in the end, the Council chose Feierabend due to a combination of his education, experience and personal characteristics.

Feierabend comes to the position with extensive local government experience including previous service as the Beech Mountain, NC town manager where he supervised 53 employees and oversaw a \$9.2 million budget. Feierabend also served as the Caldwell County planning director for eight years and the director of Planning and Development Services for York County, SC for eleven years. He is a graduate of Southwestern Louisiana University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in City and Regional Planning. He also completed the Municipal and County Administration Course at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill's School of Government.

Mayor Ronnie Setzer said about Feierabend's selection, "We received a number of strong applications for the position but we were most impressed with Mr. Feierabend's experience as a town manager and his familiarity with Caldwell County. We also took notice of how well he builds relationships with people and his judgement during his time as interim town manager."

Randy Feierabend said, "I am excited and honored to accept the position of Town Manager of Cajah's Mountain. I look forward to serving the Town Council and the citizens for years to come."

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) assisted the town with the search process. The WPCOG is a regional planning, service, and economic development agency that is owned by and serves the 28 local governments in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties.

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