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Chief Administrative Officer Barnes to Retire

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner announced today that Chief Administrative Officer Raymond Barnes will retire from Frederick County Government on Jan. 31. Mr. Barnes oversees daily operations for all 18 county divisions under the direction of the county executive.

“I asked Ray to come out of retirement so that I could utilize his outstanding managerial skills and knowledge of government operations. He has done a fabulous job and will be greatly missed,” Executive Gardner commented. “I join all of our directors and employees in wishing him the very best in his retirement.”

Mr. Barnes retired January 1, 2017, as chief operating officer for Frederick County Public Schools. Executive Gardner named him as Acting CAO in September 2017. The County Council confirmed his appointment in March 2018. He brought 35 years of experience in government, including more than a decade working in the Planning and Zoning Department of Frederick County Government.

“I would like to express my appreciation to all our directors for the outstanding job they do on a day-to-day basis serving our citizens,” said Mr. Barnes. “I also want to thank County Executive Gardner for allowing me the privilege of serving as chief administrative officer.”

Executive Gardner also announced that Budget Director Rick Harcum will serve as acting CAO beginning Feb. 1.

“I am very pleased that Rick will serve as acting CAO,” Executive Gardner said. “His financial experience and knowledge of county government will be a great asset to our citizens.”

Mr. Harcum was appointed budget director in February 2016. Previously, he served as director of performance management, budget director and in other budget-related roles at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for over 25 years. He also worked at the Maryland Department of Transportation as a financial planner and as a financial analyst for a telecommunications corporation. Mr. Harcum earned his master’s degree in finance and his bachelor of science in business administration, both from the University of Maryland.

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