

## Commissioners Hire New County Manager

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners voted last night to hire Michael Silverman as the county manager effective July 1, 2025. The commissioners approved the employment agreement during open session.

Silverman most recently served as the County Manager in Pender County, NC, one of the fastest growing counties in the state. In that role, he was responsible for supporting and financing major capital projects while working with staff on developing a Land Use Plan, Facilities Master Plan, and a Strategic Plan. Michael's diverse background includes tenures as Pascagoula City Manager and Caro City Manager. In these roles, he led downtown development, financial stewardship, and community engagement.

The commissioners engaged the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) to conduct a nationwide county manager search. Early in the process, NCACC staff met with the board to create a candidate profile of attributes and characteristics they desired in the new manager and to develop a structured process with multiple layers of evaluation. After narrowing the applicant pool, the commissioners interviewed four candidates.

"I am so pleased that commissioners remained dedicated to this extensive and thorough process of evaluating candidates for our next leader. Mr. Silverman's background and experience in strategic planning and leadership will be valuable in navigating the opportunities and challenges that will define our county's future," said Chairman David Moxley.

Silverman earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Michael is excited about this opportunity due to "the unique challenge that the County is facing in terms of supporting development in the community, while preserving its unique quality of life for its residents. This position is an ideal match given my experience with economic development, fiscal management, strategic planning, and community engagement."

Silverman's first day on the job will be June 16, 2025, as he works with the current County Manager, Lisa Hughes to ensure a seamless transition upon her retirement. Michael looks forward to becoming a Yadkin County resident and becoming involved in the community.