

Belton appointed as Charles County administrator

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La Plata, MD - On Tuesday, Jan. 8, Charles County Administrator Michael D. Mallinoff Esq., ICMA-CM, submitted his resignation to the Charles County Board of Commissioners, effective Friday, Jan. 11. As County Administrator, Mallinoff has been responsible for the day-to-day management of County Government, in accordance with the policies and directives of the Commissioners.

"It's been my honor to work for the Charles County Government over this past four years, in particular, all the professional staff and elected officials," said Mallinoff.

"We are grateful for the contributions he's made to ensure that Charles County is a great place to live, work, and visit; and thank him for his service," stated Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins, II [D].

The county commissioners announced the appointment of Mark Belton (pictured, above) as the new county administrator, effective Monday, Feb. 4. Belton is returning to the role in which he previously served from December 2012 to December 2014. Most recently, he has worked as the secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Belton served in the military for 31 years, in active duty for seven years and in the U.S. Navy Reserves until his retirement as a Rear Admiral in September of 2014.

"I am excited to return to Charles County and am looking forward to working with the Commissioners and the talented team of professionals in County Government to move us forward," said Belton. "I want to thank Commissioner President Collins and the entire Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to serve and am grateful to Governor Hogan for appointing me to lead the Department of Natural Resources and serve as a member of his cabinet."

Commissioner President Collins said, "We are delighted that Mark has agreed to return to Charles County as our County Administrator. He brings a wealth of valuable experience to the position, and the institutional knowledge we need to ensure a smooth transition. We look forward to working with him to implement the priorities of our new Board as we move forward."

John H. Stevens, the chief of Capital Services, has been selected to serve as the interim County Administrator during the transition until Belton begins on Feb. 4. Stevens has worked for the County for the past 12 years.

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