



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### **Amherst County Welcomes New Purchasing Manager Melissa Woodard**

Amherst County is pleased to welcome Melissa Woodard to her position as Purchasing Manager. Melissa joined Amherst County in May 2023 and is taking over the purchasing duties previously performed by Deputy County Administrator/Purchasing Agent David Proffitt, who retired on June 30, 2023.

Melissa received her Bachelor's degree from Radford University in 2013 and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Lynchburg in 2019. She brings six years of working in public service to the position, including a year in procurement at the Central Virginia Health Department.

As Purchasing Manager, Melissa will manage the procurement of goods and services for Amherst County and Amherst County Public Schools. She will also provide resources and project management, determine and implement cost-saving measures ensuring the most efficient and effective use of County resources, and ensure compliance with state and procurement laws and regulations.

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