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## **Pasco County Commissioners hire new County Administrator**

~~Dan Biles will be the next Pasco County Administrator~~

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- The <u>Pasco County Board of County Commissioners</u> unanimously approved a 3-year contract with Dan Biles to be Pasco County's next County Administrator. Biles, a professional engineer, most recently served as Deputy County Manager of Infrastructure for Jefferson County, Alabama. Biles held several leadership positions in his four years with the City of Corpus Christi before being named the first Deputy County Manager over Infrastructure for Jefferson County in 2014.

Biles will take over from retiring Pasco County Administrator Michele L. Baker who has served as Pasco County Administrator since May 30, 2013. Baker's contract expires on July 9, 2017 and she is in the process of negotiating an exit agreement with the Board. Biles is slated to start his new position on May 1, 2017 with an annual starting salary of \$220,000.

"Pasco County is extremely fortunate to have such a strong County Administrator candidate as Dan Biles," said Pasco County Chairman Mike Moore. "We are a growing County and the leadership abilities Dan has shown in his military, government and private sector experience are impressive. I look forward to working with him as he will undoubtedly take the County to new heights."

Dan Biles has more than 30 years' experience leading a wide spectrum of military, private business and local government teams. At each step along the way in his career, his teams have been consistently recognized as the best in the organization and in the region – even winning national "Best of the Best" awards.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work as Pasco County's next County Administrator, to work closely with the Board and to get to know the people of Pasco County," said Biles. "I was impressed with what I saw when I toured Pasco County. My wife and I look forward to making Pasco County our new home. I also look forward to hearing from County staff and community leaders about the unlimited potential Pasco County offers."

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Dan Biles earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University. The U.S. Air Force commissioned Biles from his time in A&M's Corps of Cadets, sending him to Luke Air Force Base (AFB) in Phoenix, Arizona, then on to Andersen Air Base in Guam and finally to Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, Montana.

Following his separation from active duty, he spent the next ten years working as a consulting civil engineer and land developer in the south Puget Sound region of Washington State.

Having finally tired of the long, wet winters, he was hired to lead the civil engineering group for one of the fastest growing engineering firms in the nation located in Corpus Christi, Texas. A couple of years later, he began his local government career with the City of Corpus Christi and most recently in Jefferson County.

Biles also recently retired from the Washington Air National Guard after commanding three different units and reaching the rank of Colonel.

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