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## **Batesburg-Leesville Town Manager Announces Her Retirement**

Batesburg-Leesville Town Manager Joan Taylor announced on July 14, 2014 at the Batesburg-Leesville Town Council meeting that she will be retiring at the end of August. In an emotional statement, Mrs. Taylor stated “I am ready to move on to the next phase in my life and it is a day I have long wished for and that is to be a full-time grandmother.”

Mrs. Taylor has served 33 years with the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, the last 12 ½ in the role of Town Manager. She began her career as a billing clerk at the Leesville Town Hall, prior to consolidation of the two towns. She was then promoted to Town Clerk of Leesville. When Batesburg and Leesville consolidated into one town in 1993, she became the Assistant to the Town Manager for consolidated Batesburg-Leesville. In January 2002, Mrs. Taylor was promoted to Town Manager.



At the conclusion of Mrs. Taylor's statement, Mayor Rita Crapps jokingly asked “Are you sure? Full-time grandmother will be a full-time position” with chuckles from the crowd. Mayor Crapps went on to state “The Town will certainly be at a loss.”

Mrs. Taylor's last official day as Town Manager will be on August 29, 2014.