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## **City Manager names Jim Kerr, Jr. as new Transportation Director**

*Kerr previously served Murfreesboro as Traffic Coordinator for 11 years*

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Murfreesboro City Manager Rob Lyons named Jim Kerr, Jr. as the new Transportation Director, succeeding Dana Richardson who retired January 14 after 31 years of service.

Kerr, who rejoins the City after serving as Senior Vice President of Wiser Consultants Civil Engineering Division, brings over 29 years of experience in project and contract management of state and federally-funded road projects. Kerr will begin his new role with the City of Murfreesboro March 21.

“We are delighted to have someone of Mr. Kerr’s management experience to oversee the critical delivery of road and traffic projects in Murfreesboro,” said City Manager Rob Lyons. “Under Jim’s direct supervision, Wiser Consultants Civil Engineering Division delivered more than 90 Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) or TDOT-funded projects.”

Kerr’s projects for Wiser in Murfreesboro include serving as the program and contract manager for the Cherry Lane Interchange project and the Middle Tennessee Blvd. project (Broad to Main) in which he was responsible for providing the design and cost estimates for expansion of the existing CCTV System along the Tennessee Boulevard corridor.

Prior to joining Wiser in 1997, Kerr was the City of Murfreesboro Traffic Coordinator for 11 years, where he was responsible for managing all traffic signal operations and construction projects in the City and was instrumental in several firsts in the State of Tennessee, including the first closed-circuit television system, the first sound activated pre-emption system, the first closed-loop system to communicate with radio transmission, and the first closed-loop system to operate traffic responsive.

During his previous tenure with the City, Kerr acted as the overall Program Manager for the City’s construction of the Medical Center Parkway, Gateway and Avenues Projects. In addition, Kerr acted as Project Manager for the Murfreesboro CCTV Expansion Phase 3 which was

responsible for planning, surveying and design services to upgrade 21 existing camera locations along approximately 21 linear miles of roadway. He was also responsible for Expansion Phase 2, providing design for the system, including approximately 4.5 miles of fiber optic cable upgrade and the interconnection of four existing traffic signals and six new camera locations to be incorporated into the existing CCTV system.

Working as an assistant traffic coordinator for Arnold's Electric while attending MTSU, Kerr also worked part-time as an assistant traffic coordinator for the City of Murfreesboro from 1985-1987 before becoming a full-time traffic coordinator.

Kerr is a 1987 graduate of MTSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Technology and holds multiple certifications, including IMSA Level 1 & 2 Construction, Signs and Markings Specialist, IMSA Level 1 and 2 Traffic Signal Technician, Peek 3000 Series Controller School, Transyt Closed-Loop System Operational, and Local Programs Federally-funded project process class.

Kerr was appointed to the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in 2010 and is an active member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and American Public Works.

Kerr is a lifelong resident of Rutherford County and graduated from Oakland High School. He and his wife, Amelia, have four sons, Dylan, Dalton, Taylor, and JT.

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**Photo caption:**

*Jim Kerr, Jr.jpeg.*

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