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## County administrator selects Evans to join team

SARASOTA COUNTY - Jonathan Evans has accepted a conditional offer to become an assistant county administrator with Sarasota County.

Evans is currently the city manager for Haines City in Polk County. He will serve as one of three assistant county administrators for Sarasota County, replacing Lee Ann Lowery, who is scheduled to retire at the end of September.

"Departing from Haines City is undoubtedly a tough decision for me, but the values and the reputation of County Administrator Tom Harmer and his team are what resonated with me and drew me to Sarasota County," Evans said. "I look forward to joining the county's 'One Team' and being a part of the community."

Evans is an adjunct professor at Polk State College, where he teaches public budgeting and finance. He holds a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Central Florida, as well as an MBA from Saint Leo University.

He is certified as a credentialed manager through the International City/County Management Association, a distinction held by only 1,300 individuals worldwide.

"Jonathan is extremely well-respected among his peers in local government," said Sarasota County Administrator Tom Harmer. "His diverse background and practical experience as a city manager and his ability to make things happen while maintaining a positive work environment make him the right fit for Sarasota County."

Evans began his career in public service with the City of St. Cloud, where he was recreation site supervisor. He left there to become recreation manager/operations for the Town of Celebration, then worked as assistant to the city manager in Largo before moving to Haines City in 2012 to serve as assistant city manager, acting city manager and finally as city manager.

Evans' confirmation will take place during the Board of County Commissioners' June 21 meeting. He is scheduled to begin employment with Sarasota County on Aug. 22.



**Jonathan Evans**

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