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Isle of Wight County is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristine R. “Kristi” Sutphin has accepted the position of Economic Development Director for Isle of Wight County, effective February 1, 2024.

Ms. Sutphin has served as the County’s Economic Development Coordinator since November 2008. She came to Isle of Wight County with over a decade of experience in public service. She previously served the City of Portsmouth from January 2001 – October 2008 as the Manager of Development Research and Information Technology. She also served as the Executive Secretary of the Department of Economic Development for the City of Suffolk from February 1998 – January 2001.

Ms. Sutphin’s educational background includes a Bachelor’s Degree in Mass Communications from Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She is also a 2007 graduate of the Economic Development Institute (EDI) at the University of Oklahoma.

“It is an honor to be named the County’s Director of Economic Development. I look forward to continuing to serve the community, building relationships and providing resources that enable businesses to put down roots and grow in Isle of Wight,” said Sutphin.

We congratulate Kristi on her new role with the Isle of Wight County team.