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PRESS RELEASE

"It's Official!" Franklin County Board of Elections Names New Director
Franklin County's Deputy Director agrees to take the reins

Louisburg, NC, July 7, 2006: Franklin County Board of Election's Deputy Director Amy Southerland will take on the responsibilities of Director in September following the retirement of 14-year Director Billy Craft. The Franklin County Board of Elections made the announcement today after final approval was made by the State Board of Elections.

Southerland has over 12 years of election experience and has served as Deputy Director for the past six years in Franklin County. Southerland says "I am excited about the opportunity to serve as Director and I plan to make the transition as smooth as possible. As Director, Franklin County citizens can expect the same level of service they've come to expect from the Franklin County Board of Elections Office."

For additional information on the Franklin County Board of Elections, contact Director Billy Craft at (919) 496-3898 or visit www.co.franklin.nc.us.

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