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### **Transportation Director Hired for Craven Area Rural Transit System**

NEW BERN, N.C. – Rosann Christian of Lancaster, Ohio has been selected as Craven County’s new Transportation Director for Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS). Christian has over eight years of experience in public transportation management and oversight. Christian served as the Assistant Director of the Fayetteville Area System of Transit, a fixed-route urban transportation system in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Christian was then promoted to serve as the Executive Director of the Lima Allen County Regional Transit Authority, a small urban fixed-route transit system, in Lima, Ohio. Both of these positions were facilitated through First Transit, Inc., a private firm which provides transportation solutions for both private and public entities.

Prior to working with First Transit, Christian served as the Director of Public Transit for Lancaster Public Transit System, a rural transportation system, and also as the Administrative Manager for the City of Lancaster Department of Transportation, in Lancaster Ohio, serving as part of the management team overseeing the Department’s six division functions. Christian earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Management and Organizational Development from Tabor College in Wichita, Kansas. Christian also earned a Master of Science degree with a double major in Human Resource Development and Organizational Development from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

Craven County Manager, Jack Veit stated, “Craven County is in the process of transitioning from a rural transportation system to a mixed rural and urban transportation system. Ms. Christian’s experience with urban transportation systems and the related funding sources will be a great asset as CARTS progresses through this transformation.” Christian was selected from a field of over 30 candidates in a nationwide search Craven County conducted to fill this position.

Christian begins work as Craven County’s CARTS Transportation Director on August 11, 2014. The Transportation Director is responsible for the provision of rural and urban public transportation services for the general public for Craven County’s three-county transportation system serving Craven County, Pamlico County and Jones County.

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