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## Attorney Terica Smith appointed Deputy Mayor, Director of Human Resources

JACKSON, Tenn. - Madison County Mayor AJ Massey has appointed Assistant District Attorney Terica Smith to serve as Deputy Mayor and Director of Human Resources for Madison County. In her new role, Smith will lead human resource management, activities, and staff development for the second most populated county in West Tennessee.

"My entire career has been dedicated to public service and improving the lives of residents of this community. I am honored to serve the citizens of Madison County in this role and grateful to Mayor Massey for this opportunity," Smith said.

A Jackson native and product of the public-school system, Smith received a Political Science degree from Tennessee State University before obtaining her Juris Doctor degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. Prior to her work as Assistant District Attorney with the 26th Judicial District, Smith was a staff attorney with West Tennessee Legal Services, and a Governor Bill Lee appointee to the Board of Judicial Conduct.

"Madison County has the good fortune of being home to a number of world-class professionals. Terica possesses managerial talent and a tested legal mind," Mayor Massey said. "Her expertise will be valuable to my office, the Madison Courthouse, and the community," Mayor Massey added.

In addition to advocacy and leadership roles within the Tennessee Bar Association, Smith has participated in a number of community involvement efforts through JONAH Affordable Housing, Leadership University, and the Jackson-Madison County Public Library.

"Terica's professional and civic experience have been noted by a number of community leaders. I am impressed with Mayor Massey's forethought in building a leadership team that reflects what Madison County is and has the potential to be," Madison County Commissioner Joey Hale said.

Smith will begin her tenure with Madison County government on Wednesday, February 1. Residents are encouraged to visit <u>https://madisoncountytn.gov/Jobs</u> for full and part-time employment opportunities.

