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Arapahoe County hires Donald Klemme as new department director *Klemme to oversee newly renamed Community Resources Department*

Littleton, CO. — Arapahoe County has named Donald Klemme as its new Community Resources Director, effective Sept. 6.

After conducting a nationwide search, the Board of County Commissioners selected Klemme, the current Administrator of the Office of the District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District, where he has served since 1987 as the chief operating officer responsible for budget, finance, information technology, office systems, facilities management and the child support collection program.

“We are thrilled to have Don Klemme join our team,” said Commissioner Lynn Myers, who serves as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. “His outstanding credentials, his wealth of experience in the District Attorney’s Office, and his background in county government makes him the perfect candidate for this position. We look forward to working with Don in this new capacity as he helps bring the Community Resources department to the next level.”

Klemme will oversee a 160-member staff and an annual \$24.4 million operating budget, more than half funded by state and federal grants. The former Community Services department, which recently underwent a six-month review and restructuring, was renamed Community Resources to better reflect the department’s mission and services.

Community Resources is comprised of several divisions that provide a variety of services to the citizens of Arapahoe County, such as workforce training and development through Arapahoe/Douglas Works!; horticulture, 4H and agricultural programming through CSU Cooperative Extension; and helping people stay self sufficient and independent as long as possible through the Homemakers program.

The Department also oversees the Federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Partnership Funds through its Housing and Community Development division; and provides alternative sentencing programs for District and County courts through the Judicial Services division.

Prior to joining the 18th Judicial District, Klemme served as the County Manager for Douglas County and the Deputy Director for the Six County Consortium for Employment and Training in Escanaba, Michigan – a program similar to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! employment and training program.

Klemme also has a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Southern Illinois University.

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