

Justin Hembree, Executive Director – Land of Sky Regional Council

Justin Hembree, a native of Mitchell County, NC, has 16 years of experience in municipal, county, and regional government management. He holds a BS and a MPA, both from Appalachian State University, and served in the US Army. Justin currently serves as Executive Director of Land of Sky Regional Council. Land of Sky Regional Council is a multi-county economic and community development organization that serves the counties of Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Justin has previously served as County Manager of Mitchell County, NC, Assistant County Manager of Henderson County, NC, and Town Manager of Tryon, NC. He is active with the NC City and County Management Association, serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Development Organizations, is a Past Chair of the Western NC Managers Association and served a term as President and currently serves as Treasurer of the Appalachian State University Local Government Alumni Association.