# JAIME LAUGHTER AICP, ICMA-CM

# TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY MANAGER

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#### **EDUCATION**

NC State University
Masters Public Administration
B.S Political Science
Minor in Geology

# **CERTIFICATIONS/AWARDS**

American Institute of Certified Planners

International City-County Management Association Credentialed Manager

Robert E Shepherd Regional Excellence in Local Government Award

National Association of Counties Program Excellence Award for GetSet Early Childhood Initiative

#### **PROFILE**

Local government executive manager for 19 years of a 25 year governmental services career with certification in planning and credentialed manager under ICMA. A native of Western North Carolina, she has been the first local government manager appointed in two different counties serving first as the Town Manager in Mills River and then in Transylvania County. She has been recognized for community work to improve early childhood, leadership in emergency management, and capital improvement implementation. Resident of Pisgah Forest, NC with husband, Geoff and three children Bella, 20; Mady, 16 and Sam, 8.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Transylvania County Manager

## 2014- current

Chief executive responsible for managing a \$80 million general fund annual budget, \$200 million capital improvement plan and over 350 FT employees covering a wide range of local government services including solid waste, health and human services, public safety, community development and administration.

Mills River Town Manager

## 2006-2014

Second Town Manager overseeing the Town's early development of policy and infrastructure including development of the Town Hall, Library and Park and economic development recruitment activities bringing Sierra Nevada brewing, Volvo, Fed-Ex expansion, Bold Rock Cider and others.

Transportation Planner/Engineer, NCDOT

## 2002-2006

Transportation Planning and Modeling, public involvement and community studies throughout the state of North Carolina.