

CITY OF OXFORD

110 West Clark Street
Oxford, Georgia 30054
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NEWS RELEASE

The city of Oxford has hired a new City Manager to replace Clark Miller who has advised the Oxford Mayor and City Council that he will be retiring as soon as a replacement is found.

The new manager will be Robert P. (Bob) Schwartz and he is expected to report for duty on or about October 15, 2012. Schwartz has extensive experience in city administration, including managing city owned enterprises such as electric utilities.

He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and a Masters of Public Administration.

In addition to serving as the city manager for several communities, Schwartz was the executive director for the Municipal Technical Advisory Service at the University of Tennessee for ten years. There he directed a staff of 58 in providing a wide range of technical assistance to 347 cities in Tennessee.

Oxford received thirty resumes and letters of interest in the city manager position. Mayor Jerry Roseberry said he had prepared a list of qualifications that he and the city council had agreed on and it did not take long to single out Schwartz as the ideal candidate. He was the only applicant that met all of the requirements on the list and following his appearance before the city council in executive session the vote to hire him was unanimous.

Items on the list of qualifications included: Masters in Public Administration; City Manager in a Georgia city; City Manager for a city with enterprise funds, including being a Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia city. Additional pluses were experience with a regional commission such as the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, the Department of Community Affairs and experience in an academic environment. This last item is related to the large role that Emory University and Oxford College have in the city.