



**Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention**  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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<b>HEADLINE:</b>	<b>Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Announces New Director</b>

The Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention (BRJD) Commission is pleased to announce that it has selected James “Jay” Boland as its next director, effective February 2, 2021, filling the role most recently held by outgoing director Cathy Roessler. Commission Chairman Eric Dahl said, “The Commission unanimously approved Mr. Boland's hiring, after conducting interviews with multiple candidates and receiving positive recommendations from the previous Director and other colleagues alike. He is the right person to take over the leadership of the facility and he will provide continuity during his transition from Deputy Director to Director. Jay brings an excellent balance of education and work experience for this role, and the Commission is confident that he will continue BRJD’s commitment for providing a program geared toward the well-being of the residents and fostering interagency collaboration.”

Mr. Boland joined Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention in 2014 as a Community Placement Program (CPP) Case Manager and has served as the Deputy Director since 2015. He has worked in the human services field in Virginia since 2010, with prior experience as a Juvenile Correction Officer and Rehabilitation Counselor. Mr. Boland is a graduate of Radford University with a major in Social Science. He has completed additional post-graduate coursework in Business Administration and Accounting, as well as International Law and Human Rights.

Outgoing director Cathy Roessler, who served BRJD for 14 years and as director since 2015, announced her resignation to the Commission in November 2020, which became effective February 1st. Dahl commended Ms. Roessler’s time at BRJD and noted that “Cathy’s leadership and dedication to her staff and for those in her care is the reason BRJD has a successful program. We wish her all the best and thank her for her years of service.”