



# Chatham County, NC

## Legislation Text

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2017 Second Quarter Employee of the Quarter Award-Denise Estridge, Accounting Specialist, Health Department

Action Requested: Award Denise Estridge with the Employee of the Quarter Award

Introduction & Background: Denise joined Chatham County as an Administrative Assistant on September 12, 1988 and was nominated by Anne Lowry and Beth Dickens for her unbelievable commitment to the Chatham County Public Health Department. She is known in her department as the Personnel and Finance guru. She completes her day-to-day personnel and financial responsibilities with accuracy and consistently meets deadlines. She provides strong customer service by always being available for employees to answer questions with an open door and a smile even though she has answered the same question repeatedly. Her calm and friendly manner allows employees to feel comfortable approaching her for help. Denise makes sure that we operate an efficient and budget conscious department. When Munis was rolled out to the County, Denise became our resident expert on the system and taught our Management Team and key personnel how to use the system for purchases and budgeting. She leads our department through the budget process every year which is not easy (kind of like herding cats at times!).

One-on-one training sessions in her office are not uncommon. Denise is also a team player and pitches in whenever needed to help set up for meetings, cover the front desk, or cover phone lines for others well. Denise is also instrumental in providing a wide variety of documentation for the Health Department's Re-Accreditation every four years, which is an ongoing process. The nickname Heart & Soul suits her and there are witnesses that the County Manager stated that, "Denise cannot retire before I do!"

Discussion & Analysis: None

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation: None