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## **Sylvia Wohlfahrt Appointed Director Of Information Services**

Sylvia Wohlfahrt, who has been Acting Director of Ulster County's Information Services Department for the past seven months, was promoted to Director of the Department by a unanimous vote of the Ulster County Legislature. Wohlfahrt took over as Acting Director following the retirement of former Director Lee Taylor last August.

Wohlfahrt has worked her way up through the IS Department ranks, starting as User Services Coordinator in 1993. She also worked in the Department as a Customer Service Representative, a Computer Programmer/Analyst and a Systems Analyst before being promoted to Assistant Director for application development in June 2004.

Wohlfahrt's duties as Director include supervising the 40-person Department responsible for installing, operating and maintaining Ulster County's computer systems, networks, telephones and radios.

Before joining the County in 1993, Wohlfahrt worked at the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank as a Senior Systems Programmer from 1987 through 1992 and worked at Vassar College as a Systems Programmer and Computer Operator from 1981 through 1987.

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Legislator Brian Cahill, D-Town of Ulster, Chairman of the County's Administrative Services Committee which oversees the Information Services Department, said he was happy that the County was able to promote from within the IS ranks.

"Sylvia has worked her way up to the director from an entry-level position," Cahill said. "She is very qualified and has proven her ability over the course of her career at Information Services."

Wohlfahrt, a Red Hook resident, has a Master's Degree in Information Systems from Marist College and a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics and computer science from Vassar.

Wohlfahrt's contract will extend through the end of 2009 and she'll earn an annual salary of \$89,271.

Sylvia Wohlfahrt stated the following regarding her appointment, "I appreciate the Legislature's vote of confidence in appointing me Director of Information Services. I'm eager to begin leading the Department with a more long term perspective than I could as Acting Director and to start putting some ideas into action. I'd like to increase the County's web services to make it easier for the public to interact with the County and for County Departments to interact with each other. I appreciate the support I've received so far from my staff and from other County Departments.