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EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Athens, GA Master of Public Administration, June 1994
Converse College, Spartanburg, SC Bachelor of Arts Political Science and French, May 1992

WORK EXPERIENCE

MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Positions Held:

- Director of Public Administration (May 2007-July 2011)
- Deputy Director (July 2011- June 2016)
- Executive Director (July 2016- Present)
 - Day to day oversight of operations.

Significant Contributions:

- Re-organization and staff transitions- retirements, under-performing staff, seasoned professionals in Public Administration, Workforce and Finance.
- Coordinated building renovation / expansion project.
- NADO Innovation Award Projects -2008 to present.
- Provided training for ACCG, GMA, Carl Vinson Institute of Government on variety of topics.
- On behalf of local governments, secured funding for a variety of projects resulting in enhanced local government services, job creation and private investment.
- Conducted executive recruitment for local governments.
- Negotiated agreement with Georgia Power on the Robins Solar Project.
- Managed the process of the regional transportation sales tax under the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 and Transportation Funding Act of 2015.
- Completed competitive assessment of RAFB region on 13 different criteria.
- Launched the Regional Leadership Champions program, in partnership with JW Fanning Institute at the University of Georgia.
- Appointed as a Civic Leader Program representative for Robins Air Force Base to Air Force Materiel Command.

WILKINSON COUNTY

Position Held:

- County Manager (December 1999- May 2007)
 - Served as chief administrative officer for Wilkinson County with 79 employees and an annual operating budget of \$6.5 million.

Significant Contributions:

- Developed and implemented sound financial management practices that successfully ended the short term borrowing of funds and established a fund balance.
- Served as project manager for the renovation and addition of the Wilkinson County Courthouse. (\$4.5 million project)
- Hired the first Economic Development Director and Recreation Director; developed Recreation Master Plan.
- Negotiated the sale of the Twiggs Wilkinson County Landfill to a private firm resulting in a revenue stream for both counties, no cost tipping fees and a reduction in liability.
- Facilitated the process to have a county-owned property listed on the hazardous site inventory removed from the list and returned to productive use.
- Assisted five county volunteer organization in obtaining 501c3 status, negotiating acquisition of property and transfer to the State of Georgia for the development of Balls Ferry State Park.
- Negotiated the location decision of Carbo Ceramics to establish a second manufacturing facility in Wilkinson County resulting in a private investment of nearly \$400 million.
- County received three ACCG / Georgia Trend County of Excellence Awards for the courthouse, Balls Ferry and Hargis Property projects.

MACON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Positions Held:

- Administrative Services Coordinator (June 1994-June 1997)
- Planning and Evaluation Manager (June 1997- December 1999)

Significant Contributions:

- Designed, implemented and monitored management information system and MBO program.
- Reviewed operations on collection of delinquent accounts and establishment of monitoring system.
- Designed criminal management information system to allow for coordinated case management and implementation of HUD One Strike Program.
- Managed activities of Board of Commissioners.
- Coordinated HUD management assessment programs for Public Housing and Section 8

programs, resulting in the first ever 100 score in public housing management.

- Managed employee recognition program; administered Risk Management program.
- Wrote and coordinated federal and foundation grant applications.
- Assisted in budget preparation and financial analysis.
- Represented MHA interest on several single-family mortgage revenue bond issues.

WORK EXPERIENCE DURING EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

- **Program Manager**, Crime Control Collaborative Savannah, GA (June-September 1993)
- **Graduate Assistant**, Center for East-West Trade Policy, Athens, GA (September 1992-June 1994)
- **Management Intern**, City of Woodruff, SC (January - February 1992)
- **Management Intern**, Chatham County, GA (May 1991-September 1991)
- **Department Assistant**, Department of History and Politics Converse College, (1988-1992)
- **Administrative Intern**, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce (1985-1988)
- **Supervisor**, Savannah Visitors Center (1985-1986)

CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Graduate, Leadership Macon 1999
- Graduate, Leadership Georgia 2002
- Secretary-Treasurer, Council of County Administrators of Georgia 2002
- President, Council of County Administrators of Georgia 2003
- Oconee Area Chair, United Way of Central Georgia Board of Trustees 2002, 2003
- Graduate, Georgia Academy for Economic Development 2005
- Member, Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC), 2007- present
- Vice-President, Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC), 2019-2022
- President, Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC), 2022-president
- Committee Chair for GARC Economic Development Committee, 2012-2014
- Graduate, National Security Forum, Air War College 2015
- Member, AFMC Civic Leader Program, 2014-present
- Guest instructor for GMA and ACCG training courses, 2014-present
- Board member, National Association of Development Organizations, 2019-present