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**Work Experience:**

* City Administrator at City of Goddard, KS November 2023-Present
* City Manager at City of Sterling, KS July 2019-November 2023
  + Awarded and administrated over $3 million in competitive grant funding for capital projects including 2023 MIH/KHITC Housing Award $1,000,000, 2020 KDOT Cost Share $507,000, 2021 KDOT Cost Share $550,000, 2024 KDOT Economic Development $453,000, 2022 KDOT Transportation Alt. $305,000, USDA Community Facilities $76,000, KDOC HEAL Grant $75,000, Sunflower Foundation $55,000, and several smaller grants.
  + Managed several capital projects including the Electric Utility Substation Expansion, Electric Utility Circuit Feeder Addition, Capital Roadway Projects, EMS Facility Construction, Sterling Medical Center Renovation, Water Main/Valves Replacement Project, Warrior Way Trail, and several smaller projects.
  + Created many new places for families with active development capacity of over five hundred (500) units, fostering a community development environment that made our rural community attractive to home builders and developers. Residential development resulted in an assessed valuation increase over 33% during my tenure serving the community.
  + Managed the day-to-day operations of full-service City organization comprising of several departments and thirty-five (35) full-time/part-time team members.
  + Prepared the City’s budget from scratch annually. The City maintained an excellent financial position with an average of 190 days of cash-on-hand across the major cost centers.
* Assistant City Administrator at City of Goddard, KS June 2018-July 2019
  + Managed the Public Works and Community Development departments on an interim basis, maintaining the City's high-class parks system, water/wastewater facilities, City buildings, municipal pool, and other public spaces.
  + Assisted in the development for several residential subdivision projects including Elk Ridge, Clover Leaf, and Goddard Medicalodges.
  + Assisted in the development of the Goddard Sports Complex STAR Bond project which at full build includes a water park, Genesis Health Club, preschool, competition swimming pool, 10 all-turf baseball/softball fields, sports bar, sand sports courts, and a hotel.
  + Directed capital improvement projects (CIP) including municipal pool renovation, park acquisition and upgrades, water well system overhaul, and major road projects.
  + Created the City's Community Development Guide to attract, instruct, and guide potential business owners and land developers through the City's development processes.
* Project Coordinator at the Wichita State University Public Policy and Management Center June 2016-June 2018
  + Managed multiple projects aimed at advancing public welfare in Kansas communities.
  + Assisted in the management of a work force strategic plan for the Kansas Department of Commerce.
  + Engaged with community leaders and residents during a variety of outreach projects funded by grant dollars.
  + Facilitated focus groups with local government committees.
  + Assisted in the management of local government strategic plans for various municipalities in Kansas.
  + Lead focus groups for Project Wichita, a community visioning process utilized to identify goals and plans for the metro area region.
  + Managed facilitation of an economic development incentives team (comprised of city managers) on behalf of the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP).
  + Lead research group and presented findings for a strategic plan addressing rural healthcare challenges in a 28-county area concentrated in southwest Kansas.
* Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Fort Hays State University Jan 2018-Present
  + Instruct online courses in state and local government.
  + Instruct online courses in public policy.
  + Instruct online courses in government technology.
* Management Intern at City of Goddard, KS Summer 2017
  + Managed the City's interior and exterior rehabilitation of its water tower and other water related infrastructure.
  + Assisted in the writing and application of a grant received from the Wichita Area Metro Plan Organization (WAMPO) which will be utilized to finance the development stage of a walkable pathways project.
  + Lead efforts with contractors to perform services related to enhancing the community and its infrastructure.
  + Completed agenda reports and presented to City Council.

**Education:**

* Kansas University Certified Public Managers Credential (CPM) Winter 2023
* Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs Wichita State University Spring 2018
  + Master's Degree in Public Administration
  + Graduate Certificate in City/County Management
  + Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management
  + Thelian Memorial Scholarship Recipient, Fairmount Church
  + Hugo Wall Fellowship Scholarship Recipient
  + Graduate Assistant Scholarship Recipient
  + Graduate Cumulative GPA 3.7
* Fort Hays State University Spring 2016
  + Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Political Science
  + Certificate in Public Administration
  + Certificate in Legal Studies
  + Undergraduate cumulative GPA 3.04
  + Dean's Honor Roll

**Service Activities:**

* Member, Rotary Club of Sterling, KS (2019-2023)
* Member, USD 376 Site Council (2020-2023)
* Member, Sterling Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (2019-2023)
* Member, Rice County Tourism (2019-2023)
* Board Director, Economic Community Sterling (2019-2023)
* Board Director, Housing Opportunities Inc. (HOI) (2019-2023)
* Board Director, Alden State Bank (2020-2023)
* Board Director, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) (2019-2023)
* Membership Committee Kansas Association of City Managers (KACM) (2021-Present)
* Award Committee Kansas Association of City Managers (KACM) (2021-Present)
* Member, International City/County Manager’s Association (ICMA) (2016-Present)
* Member Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) (2017-Present)
* Member, Kansas Association of City/County Management (KACM) (2017-Present)
* Chairman, Great Bend Prairie Aquifer Regional Advisory Committee (2019-2023)
* Board Director, Rice County Airport Advisory Board (2019-2022)
* President, American Society for Public Administration Kansas Chapter (ASPA-KS) (2017-2020)

**References:**

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