



CITY OF RAEFORD

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Mr. Basinger,

I'm honored to be considered for a seat on the WPCSOCC. Below you'll find a brief overview of my work history and experience.

Education:

Graduate of Hoke County High School- 1987.
 Fayetteville Community College- 1989 (Electrical Technology).
 Multiple Professional Development courses at the School of Government Chapel Hill spanning the past 25 years.

License:

NC Licensed Electrical Contractor- #14674
 NC WPCSOCC- CS #996238
 NCDA & CS Pesticide Application- B,L 032-4171
 NC Refrigeration Examiners- EPA Technician Universal #NC 310-2880

Work History:

1988-89 Owner of Baxley Electric
 1989-93 Employed by the County of Hoke as Maintenance Mechanic/ Code Enforcement
 1994-2008 Public Buildings Director/ Construction Manager
 2008-2014 Public Works Director/Public Buildings Director/ Construction Manager
 2014- City Manager of Raeford NC

General Overview:

My venture as a contractor in 1988 was plagued by a weak building market and a bountiful supply of established contractors. This left few opportunities for work. I made a decision to leave the private sector when the Local Government position was presented.

The 25 years I spent with Hoke County gave great opportunities for growth within the system. My final 8 years are probably the most relevant for the reviewers. I was appointed as Public Works Director in 2008 by the Board of Commissioners. My task was to rebuild the Utilities Department while still managing my prior responsibilities.

We maintained a customer base of approximately 15,000 water and 2,800 sewer customers. Initially we had sewer O&M agreements with Fayetteville PWC and the City of Raeford to manage the collection systems that flowed to their respective plants. In 2010 we were mandated by NCDWQ to permit our collection system. Fortunately we had an active GIS program so maps, line sizes and quantities were easily established for the permit. Staff was already on board that held the necessary licenses to operate the collection system and the technical ability to maintain pump stations. In 2011 we terminated our agreement with Raeford. Belinda Henson and Trent Allen in the Fayetteville office were great resources through the permitting process.

Prior to my appointment, the County had started planning a WWTP with associated outfalls to serve the eastern part of the County. Up to my departure I served as project manager. The design, review and eventual permitting of this plant was a lengthy process. We saw the initial design of 2.5mgd rejected and dropped to 1.5mgd, project cost skyrocket and the Initial speculative limits reduced mid-project. Ultimately the obvious need for the project took precedence and all of this was overcome. I believe the plant is scheduled to open in August.

In May of 2014 I was offered the Raeford City Manager position, where I remain today. Currently we have a CDBG Infrastructure Project ongoing at our WWTP. The project scope is to provide for a new belt press facility to accommodate the new Butterball further processing facility and associated loads without requiring on-site pre-treatment.

Thanks again for the consideration. I've tried to be brief and hit the highlights, but I'll be glad to provide additional information if necessary.

Best regards,

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