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Burnet County Commissioners Court
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Dear Ms. Bullard,

Please accept my application and resume for the position of Burnet County Judge. The resume and attached materials demonstrate that I exceed the minimum requirements. My work in county and state government has focused on serving the communities and the people of Texas. My record demonstrates expertise in collecting hundreds of millions of dollars in state fees, controlling tens of millions of dollars in expenditures, and overseeing how cities and counties use and account for funds. This has resulted in successful programs on time and under budget while providing clear performance measures of these successes. My assistance was provided to counties and cities of every type and size. It was an honor to have been able to plan, implement, and report these program activities and successes to the Texas governors, state legislators, judges, county officials, and concerned stakeholders.

This position will need my extensive experience with the Texas Open Meetings Act since I have planned, set agendas, produced documents, and managed public meetings for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the judiciary, and the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. I assisted the judges and justices in creating processes to conduct these online and in-person open meetings that were more transparent and available to the public and stakeholders than the law required. Finally, my years of experience presenting financial, process, and program information before commissioners court meetings, county advisory board sessions, judicial administrative board meetings, and regional planning meetings will be useful.

Burnet County deserves the effective and open government that my past service and experience will provide. I look forward to meeting the public and commissioners to discuss my qualifications and demonstrate my passion for public service.

Sincerely,



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, October 2014 – August 2022

Additional Job Duties beyond the application

- Managed the board meeting packets for members and the public, video broadcasts of meetings, and open records.
- Supported more than 230 investigators in 129 police departments and sheriffs' offices.
- Created legislative funding requests, strategic plans, and prepared testimony on behalf of the board.
- Coordinated with other state agencies, grantees, Texas Sheriffs' and Police Chiefs' associations for legislative resource testimony.
- Managed all grant recommendations, grant budget changes, insurance refund requests, and insurance company audit findings for board action.
- Instituted comprehensive grant administration policies and a statewide Grant Management Tracking technology system to document internal controls and ensure accountability of the use of grant funds.

Grants Administrator, Task Force on Indigent Defense, May 2002 – June 2007 /

Indigent Defense Commission, December 2009 – October 2014

Additional Job Duties beyond the application

The job was the same in the two periods. The Texas Legislature changed the name and increased funding in 2009. Established Texas' first statewide indigent defense system. Assisted counties create approximately 100 state-funded cost-effective legal representation programs including programs for appeals, veterans, juveniles, and people with mental health issues.

- Set agendas and action items with the board's grants and budget committee chairman, including coordinating public open meeting notices, drafting proposed motions, and publishing board meeting materials.
- Managed grant program distributing up to \$45 million per year to all 254 counties.
- Established and approved program grant budgets and expense reports at the county level.
- Directed, evaluated, monitored, and reported on grant program activities to the public and elected officials.
- Collaborated with regional administrative judges, presiding judges, and local court officials to ensure compliance with legal requirements.
- Implemented Texas' first statewide web-based indigent defense financial reporting and grant application system and created processes for classifying, approving, and monitoring grants and expense reports.

Grant Manager, The Supreme Court of Texas – Permanent Judicial Commission on Children Youth and Families, July 2007 – November 2009

Additional Job Duties beyond the application

Planned and implemented with judges, attorneys, child advocates, and other stakeholders a new program to improve court processes and life outcomes for over 30,000 abused and neglected children in permanent state custodial care and the additional tens of thousands under court supervision.

- Provided analysis and recommendations to the Commission for grant awards.
- Led committee meetings, judicial roundtables, and assisted the court with Robert's Rules of Order in public meetings.
- Created and maintained financial systems, statewide contracts, award documents, and reports.

- Worked with the State Bar of Texas and national experts to establish child welfare law training and legal representation specialization.
- Prepared legislative budget requests, fiscal notes, testimony, and written responses to the Legislature.
- Represented Texas and the Court at national conferences, Indian tribal councils, and numerous judicial education programs including effective court case management, disproportionality in judicial decisions, and the Conference of Chief Justices for all states and territories.

Program Director V, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) – The Office of the General Counsel, December 1998 – May 2002

Managed the three law offices of the prison, parole, and probation system. Managed TDCJ's response to almost 5000 lawsuits by coordinating documents for discovery and interrogatories, and coordinated hundreds of active property loss claims including subrogation. Oversaw responses to thousands of writs of habeas corpus. Instituted processes to collect restitution, court costs, and sanctions from inmates for the federal and state courts. Monitored daily prison emergency activity reports for potential risks and directed legal responses.

- Managed connectivity and coordinated prison movement of hundreds of inmates for Texas' first state, federal, and appellate courts using video conferencing to connect to nine selected prisons for evidentiary hearings.

Program Administrator, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, September 1996 – December 1998

Ran a statewide criminal justice substance abuse treatment funding program.

- Managed board presentations and grant recommendations for the governor-appointed criminal justice advisory board.
- Provided testimony and written responses to the Texas Legislature.
- Managed unit budget and the annual grant distribution of over \$14 million to screen and assess over 30,000 people arrested for alcohol or drug-related crimes in local communities. Provided treatment to over 15,000 people annually.
- Negotiated county substance abuse contracts following the County Purchasing Act and grant rules to reduce millions of wasted funds.

Adult Probation Officer II and Schedule Manager

286th Judicial District Community and Supervision Department, July 1990 – September 1996

Supervised over 150 offenders which included all offenders classified as high-risk felons and all Spanish-speaking defendants.

- Collected court-ordered victim restitution, fines, court costs, and fees.
- Developed a new evidence-based treatment regime with a contract sex offender counselor which was selected for presentation to the National Institute of Corrections.
- Managed court schedules, sex offender treatment contract services, drug testing programs, and Pre-Trial Diversion programs.

Bilingual Adult Probation Officer and Community Service Restitution Coordinator

21st Judicial District Probation Department, May 1988 – June 1990

Managed over 150 offenders classified as high-risk felons in Bastrop County and supervised all Spanish-speaking defendants in the four-county 21st Judicial District.

- Collected court-ordered victim restitution, fines, court costs, and fees.
- Developed and coordinated the jurisdiction's first Community Service Restitution Program.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Rancher/Farmer – Lifelong (1972 – Present)

Owner and manager of a ranching and farming business in Burnet County (previously owned or managed businesses in Bastrop, Hockley, and Travis Counties).

Trainer – National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) Auto Theft Course 2015 – 2022

Regularly trained police investigators, patrol officers, and state troopers about detecting and preventing motor vehicle crime.

DWI Education Trainer (1991 – 1996)

Conducted state-mandated DWI education in English and Spanish.

Adjunct Professor – South Plains College Levelland, Texas 1993 – 1996

Taught “Introduction to Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice” course

Business Owner – Wilson’s Nursery and Landscape Bastrop, 1982 – 1989

Owned and managed a retail garden center, landscape, and lawn maintenance company.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Bold indicates current)

- **Board member for the Shady Grove Cemetery Association.**
- **Community Thanksgiving meal volunteer.**
- **Men’s bible study and summer camp teacher at Hill Country Fellowship.**
- Adult Sunday school teacher for Vanderveer Street Church of Christ
- Master children’s church teacher for Bastrop Christian Outreach Center.
- City of Bastrop Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Bastrop County Extension Service Chairman.
- Austin Out of Bastrop Co-founder.
- Assistant Election Judge Precinct 1 Bastrop County.
- President Reagan Campaign Poll Watcher, McDade, Texas.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Implemented numerous “firsts” in Texas in collaboration with state and local stakeholders:

- Led states to develop the first national standard performance measures for auto theft prevention authorities (IAATI).
- Developed the first rural legal defense and case management services for veterans with PTSD and people with mental illness (Limestone, Coryell).
- Designed the first law school clinic to serve as a public defender in rural counties (Texas Tech).
- Initiated the first offices for child representation and parent representation in Texas (Travis).
- Installed the nation’s first standalone public defender for people with mental illness (Travis).
- Created the first multi-county legal aid office in West Texas with video conferencing (Val Verde, Edwards, Pecos, Brewster).
- Developed the first statewide online process to report expenses, fund, and implement the Fair Defense Act in all Texas Counties.
- Implemented the first criminal justice residential substance abuse treatment for people with co-occurring diagnoses of developmental disability (Lubbock).
- Established the first criminal justice residential substance abuse treatment program for women and their children (Tarrant).