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DEPARTMENT: 1320  
REPORTS TO: Board of Commissioners  
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## **SUMMARY OF JOB PURPOSE**

Under the administrative direction of the Board of County Commissioners, exercises administrative direction over County staff, represents the County on a variety of matters at the Federal, State and County level, and performs related work as required.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

- Directs, supervises, and evaluates the work of county departments under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners; Evaluates program activity reports and the status of program workloads, assessing program accomplishments and needs; identifies County needs to the Board of County Commissioners, prepares alternative courses of action for Board review, and makes recommendations.
- Represents the County in meetings with representatives from other jurisdictions, private industry, and members of the general public to resolve problems, negotiate agreements, and study potential changes which impact the County; responds to citizen complaints directly, by gathering pertinent information and input for possible solutions, or referring to appropriate staff for corrective action.
- Assist the Board of County Commissioners in determining County strategic plans and annual goals and objectives; ensure execution and enforcement of all policies, ordinances, rules and regulations by the Board of County Commissioners in administering County business and developing policies and programs; explains policies, procedures, ordinances, and regulations to County employees and the general public.
- Oversees preparation of annual budget, submits it to the Board of County Commissioners, and oversees the administration after approval; prepares budget recommendations and monitors expenditure control during the fiscal year, justifying and approving expenditures for purchasing and staff travel, including approval of purchase orders and requisitions.
- Prepares necessary financial reports, policy reviews, and studies as required and makes presentations regarding the County's financial status, goals, objectives, operation, and successes.
- Conducts research on a wide variety of issues such as facility planning, long-range financial planning, and risk management; plans for future development of urban and non-urban areas to provide for population growth and expansion of public services; recommends zoning regulation controlling location and development of residential and commercial areas.
- Effectively manages department personnel by evaluating and analyzing department issues, recommends and implements solutions, prioritizes and assigns tasks and projects, reviews and assures quality of work by assigned staff; participates in the interview process and training of new employees; develops staff skills; listens and responds to employee problems, concerns, and complaints and suggests solutions that may rectify the situation; prepares performance evaluations, discusses performance with assigned staff, and counsel's employees

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concerning performance improvements. Appoints department heads/personnel as required upon resignation, retirement, or termination of an employee.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily.

## **EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE**

Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration preferred, or the equivalent in a combination of education, training, and experience that provides the required knowledge and skills to perform the essential duties of the position.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Ability to read, analyze, and interpret common scientific and technical journals, financial reports, and legal documents; respond to common inquiries or complaints from the public, regulatory agencies, or members of the business community; write speeches and articles for publication that conform to prescribed style and format; effectively present information to management, public groups, and/or County Commissioners.

## **MATHEMATICAL SKILLS**

Ability to work with mathematical concepts such as probability and statistical inference; apply concepts such as fractions, percentages, ratios, and proportions to practical situations.

## **REASONING ABILITY**

Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions; interpret an extensive variety of technical instructions in mathematical or diagram form and deal with several abstract and concrete variables.

## **OTHER KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES**

Knowledge of operations, services, and activities of municipality; principals and practices of public administration; concepts of administrative relationships within the County; principals and practices of local budget preparation; principals of supervision, training, and performance evaluation; rules and regulations governing public meetings; principals of business letter writing and report preparation; pertinent Federal, State, and local codes, laws, and regulations. Intermediate to advanced proficiency level utilizing Microsoft Office applications including Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Word, and Outlook, and the ability to operate other standard office equipment, including telephones, calculators, copiers, FAX machines, etc. is required.

## **CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS**

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Valid Driver's License with an acceptable driving record.

### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

\*The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand, walk, sit, and drive; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; talk and hear. The employee occasionally is required to climb, balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl and may occasionally lift and/or carry up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

### **WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

This position primarily resides in a standard office environment where the noise level is usually quiet; will be required to attend meetings outside of normal working hours; may be exposed to outside weather conditions while performing the duties of this job.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The county manager shall devote all of his or her working time and attention to the affairs of the county and shall be responsible to the board of commissioners for the efficient administration of all of the affairs of the county over which the county manager has jurisdiction. The powers and duties of the county manager shall be:

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- (1) To see that all laws, county codes, and ordinances are enforced;
- (2) To appoint all department heads with the approval of the board of commissioners;
- (3) To appoint and remove all subordinate officers and employees in all departments;
- (4) To exercise control over all departments and divisions created therein or which may hereafter be created by the board of commissioners;
- (5) To attend all meetings of the board of commissioners with the right to take part in all discussions but having no vote;
- (6) To recommend to the board of commissioners such measures for adoption which he or she may deem necessary and expedient;
- (7) To prepare and submit to the board of commissioners an annual budget;

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- (8) To keep the board of commissioners fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of the county;
- (9) To supervise and direct the official conduct of all county officers and employees except as otherwise provided in this Act;
- (10) To supervise the performance of all contracts made by any person for work done for the county, to make all purchases of materials and supplies for the county, and to see that the same are received as contracted for; and
- (11) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed in this Act or required of the county manager by ordinance or resolution of the board of commissioners.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Other job duties as assigned by the Board of Commissioners.