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I have proudly served as Park County Assessor since 1980; first elected in 1982. I have over 40 years of experience along with significant leadership and communication skills. I strive to improve the various functions of my organization and myself every day. I empower my co-workers to strive for excellence in their lives and tasks. I have served in many leadership roles in various organizations both politically and professionally. I use the **Code of the West** as my personal and professional compass and foundation of my principles.

## Experience

### Park County Assessor

Park County Government, Fairplay, CO (October 1980 – Present)

- Provides executive leadership of and directs all duties related to the Park County Assessor's Office. Locates, identifies and appraises all taxable property, which includes over 42,000 property schedules and 50,000 parcels; prepares all budgets for Assessor's Office
- Manages staff and handles Human Resources for employees in the Assessor's Office; responsible for hiring and promoting employees; created the office Mission Statement "*Fair, Uniform & Equitable Appraisals*"
- Works closely with Deputy Assessor regarding staff management and budgeting
- Involved in upper level appeals, including expert witness testimony at the Board of Assessment Appeals, District Court and the State Supreme Court. One Court of Appeals case for Park County, protecting taxpayer rights, was published and helped establish the decision as law
- Implemented numerous advances in technology and software upgrades benefitting the Assessor's Office. Launched parkco.org in January 1998 – the third searchable tax roll database in Colorado; converted paper records to digital and working toward a paperless office environment
- Conducts Property Tax 201 Workshops every May and visit each area of the county to explain the appraisal process to taxpayers; began workshops in 1993
- Initiated multi-county mailing program in 1987 to save costs and combine under one contract with mailing services. We led the State in inserting the colored Notice of Value, (NOV) forms with tax bills in 1993 – with Summit County. Our mailing consortium grew to include 24 counties to save costs for their taxpayers too.
- Serves as part of the Park County leadership team with other elected officials to help direct services to Park County Citizens; served with 33 County Commissioners, 6 Sheriffs, 6 Coroners, 4 Treasurers and 4 Clerks as County leaders

### Deputy Park County Assessor

Park County Government (January 1980 – October 1980)

- All duties as assigned by the Assessor
- Acted in Assessor's absence related to all functions of the Assessor's Office

### Administrative Staff I

Park County Government (June 1979 – January 1980)

- Data entry; filing of property records; answering phone calls; other office duties as assigned

## License

Licensed Appraiser 1990

Certified General Appraiser #CG01315752 (1992)

## Professional Associations & Memberships

**Colorado Assessors' Association** (1981 - Present)

- Association President (1989 – 1990)
- Lobbied to create the Colorado's Appraiser Licensing Program, SB 90-34
- Distinguished Service Award (1993)
- Legislative Committee Chairman (1996 – 2014)
- Chairman, Wild Land Fire Study Committee (2002)
- Co-Founded "Excellence in Leadership" Scholarship Award in 2003
- Colorado Assessor of the Year Award (2009)

**Colorado Association of Tax Appraisers** (1981 - Present)

### **Colorado Board of Real Estate Appraisers (1990 - 1996)**

- Founding and Original Board Member, Assessor Representative (1990 – 1996)
- Vice Chairman (1991)
- Board Chairman (1992)
- Represented Colorado at the National Appraisal Regulatory Conference (1992)
- Involved in a State Supreme Court case regarding the requirement of appraisal licensing for Colorado assessors

### **Colorado Water Congress (1986 – Present)**

### **International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) (1981 – Present)**

- Colorado State Representative (1988 – 1996)

### **Park County Land & Water Trust Fund Advisory Board (2003 – Present)**

- Advisory Board Member (2003 – Present)
- Board President (2006 -2012)

### **Upper South Platte Water Conservancy District (1985 – Present)**

- The District covers the entire Upper South Platte River Basin, covering all or part of Park, Teller, Douglas, Jefferson and Clear Creek counties.
- Director (1985 – Present)
- Purchased surface water and storage rights; applied for a district wide plan of Augmentation
- Successfully defended basin water rights in several court actions, including two State Supreme Court decisions
- Facilitated grants to contribute to creating new community recreation areas: the “Fairplay Beach” Highway rest area, the Fishing is Fun reservoir, and the Alma to Fairplay bike path.
- Assisted the Hartsel, CO community in obtaining water treatment devices at no cost to individual property owners
- Combined water and financial resources with our sister water entities to utilize all assets to their best efficiency within our respective geographical areas
- Served as Founding Entity and Board Member, Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) (1999 –2009)
- Leading local agency in the Hayman Fire restoration project, and USP River Basin watershed protection activities. Assisting in other front range fire mitigation projects too

### **Headwater Authority of the South Platte (HASP) (2007 – Present)**

- Founding member; Currently Board President
- Provides the “business side” of our combined water portfolios in our two (2) water conservancy districts (CCWCD) to provide basin wide augmentation water. We have also gained approval for a blanket augmentation plan for that part of Park County in the Arkansas Basin. We have obtained the legal right to move South Platte Water into the Arkansas. There is no native water available to solve the augmentation demands.
- We have secured water rights within our service area for the next 50 to 100 years! We need to plan now for the next 100 years to provide for the opportunity of growth beyond our lifetimes.

## **Professional Papers & Presentations**

- Colorado Board of Real Estate Appraisers Representative at the 1992 National Appraiser Regulators Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Metropolitan Jurisdiction Panel Member at the 1993 IAAO Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Demonstrated the interactive and searchable tax roll web site of the Park County Assessor’s Office at 1999 IAAO Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- Presented “The Assessor’s Web Site: A Searchable Tool” at the 2001 IAAO Annual Conference, Miami, FL
- Presentation Moderator of “A Quarter Century of Mass Appraisal: 10 Years of MRA Models in *South Park, the Reality*” at the 2005 GIS/CAMA Conference, Savannah, GA
- Presentation Moderator at the 2006 GIS/CAMA Conference, Orlando, FL

## **Education**

University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, CO (1974 – 1975)

