

Brian C. Dissette

Experience:

Berrien County – St. Joseph, MI

July 2020 – Current

County Administrator

- Operated \$219 million annual budget
- Managed personnel for Berrien County's departments, including Financial Services, Human Resources, Community Development, Veterans Services, Parks, 911 Dispatch, GIS, Equalization, Public Defender, Road Department, Printing, Records, Motor Pool, Animal Services, and Public Health
- Collaborated with various elected officials on daily operations and budget management
- Worked to complete final approval of a variety of new housing projects that incorporate brownfield authority plans, resulting in 319 new housing units created
- Acted as primary staff member to the Berrien County Broadband and Internet Committee on mission to connect over 35,000 homes to broadband
- Worked with the Road Department, local units of government, and non-profit organizations to capture grant funding for non-motorized trail developments across the county, such as the M-63 Lakeview Trail, Marquette Greenway, and a variety of new trail sections along Red Arrow Highway

City of South Haven – South Haven, MI

November 2008 – June 2020

City Manager

- Operated \$41 million annual budget
- Managed personnel for South Haven's various departments, including Public Works, Finance, Clerk, Marinas, Economic Development, and Personnel
- Oversaw the applications and administration of approximately \$10 million in State of Michigan and Federal grant funds tied to a variety of South Haven area projects
- Worked to attract new workforce housing projects in downtown South Haven
- Provided management services to create and operate the South Haven Area Recreation Authority
- Served as administrator for South Haven Area Emergency Services to ensure high quality fire and ambulance services to the South Haven area
- Distributed weekly communications to elected officials and community leaders using a variety of platforms that include memos, blog posts, radio updates, and other techniques

City of South Haven – South Haven, MI

July 2006 – November 2008

Assistant City Manager, Public Works

- Operated \$16 million Department of Public Works (DPW) annual budget
- Managed personnel and reorganized the Street and Water/Sewer Departments
- Served as project manager for the construction of the \$20 million water filtration plant project
- Developed and oversaw adoption of a new utility policy

City of Watervliet - Watervliet, MI

October 2002 – June 2006

City Manager

- Operated and balanced city budget of \$1.845 million
- Successfully sought and managed grant projects which totaled roughly \$372,000
- Administered infrastructure, recreation, and housing improvement projects in partnership with agencies such as MDNR, MDEQ, MDOT, MSHDA, MEDC
- Finalized financing, design, and construction of a USDA-funded drinking water improvement project
- Managed personnel, including collective bargaining agreements and staff evaluations
- Responsible for property acquisitions and purchasing of heavy equipment, vehicles, and technology
- Prepared communications, including weekly website updates, newsletters, press releases, and media relations

Berrien County Economic Development Department - St. Joseph, MI

May 2002 - October 2002

Intern

- Wrote and prepared grant applications
- Sought possible funding sources to finance county projects
- Consulted with MDNR on the effects of dam removal to the Paw Paw River Watershed
- Maintained and updated database containing county manufacturers
- Represented the department and county at educational seminars

W.M.U. School of Public Affairs and Administration - Kalamazoo, MI

July 2001 - December 2002

Graduate and Research Assistant

- Maintained and updated the student and alumni database
- Prepared student course packets and admissions records for all student applications
- Geo-Coded data using ARC View 3.2 for academic publication
- Conducted research for academic publication
- Edited papers for academic publication

Education: Western Michigan University - Kalamazoo, MI
School of Public Affairs and Administration, *Masters of Public Administration*, December 2002
Emphasis: Local Government Administration
College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, April 2000 Major: *Public Relations*, Minor: *Marketing*

Skills: Managing public meetings
Leadership team building
Crisis communications and media communications
Project development and management
Extensive computing experience with Microsoft Office software

Memberships: Lake Michigan College Trustee, November 2022-Present
South Haven Area Recreation Authority Board Member, December 2021-Present
International City/County Management Association