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Woodbury County Auditor's Office

620 Douglas Street
Room 103
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to submit my name for consideration for the vacant District 3 seat on the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors. I am proud of my dedication as a public educator in the Sioux City Community School District, and hope to further help my community as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Diverse and exciting experiences in my education and life have equipped me with a rich background to utilize in connecting with people and working both independently and in team settings. Growing up with a Marine father, and spending my formative elementary years on base surrounded by men and women of honor, instilled a deep respect for our country. I have both lived overseas as an adult teaching English abroad and traveled extensively, which has only deepened my appreciation of my country. Working with youth of all ages is a very rewarding career path that I have chosen, and one that coupled with my life experiences has helped me to develop skills that I believe to be applicable to a seat in public service.

If you would like to contact me please feel free to email or call me at any time. The enclosed resume provides additional information about my experience and relevant skills. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chad Benson

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Effective leader with clear communication skills and a strong problem solving ability

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EXPERIENCE

Sioux City Community School District, Sioux City, Iowa— Classroom Teacher

January 2011 - PRESENT

- Prepare and implement educational experiences, implement a wide variety of instructional practices to ensure the success of all students
- Member of building emergency response team (2012-present)
- Member of building leadership team (2012-2015)
- Building state screening assessments liaison (2016-present)
- Reading Curriculum and Assessment Committee member (2012)

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, South Sioux City, Nebraska— Residential Teacher Counselor

December 2009 - January 2011

- Developed learning resources and activities for multi-grade residential students.
- Created a positive academic and social learning environment
- Provided guidance on developing technology purchase plans and budgets.

Dalian Maple Leaf Foreign Nationals School, Dalian, China— Classroom Teacher/Technology Director

August 2006 - August 2009

- Developed purchase proposals and implemented a technology development plan.
- Developed curriculum lessons and assessments for multiple grade levels.
- Taught and managed multiple grade levels.

EDUCATION

Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa— Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

August 2002 - May 2006

- Middle School Education Endorsement
- Soccer Team (2002)
- Iowa Teaching of English Conference Presenter (2005)
- Service Project in Kapkatet and Litein, Kenya (2005)

SKILLS

Common Sense
Time Management
Communication
Teaching
Collaboration
Critical Thinking
Patience
Computer/Technology Use

LANGUAGES

English

HOBBIES

Reading
Writing
Woodworking
Gardening
Spending Time With My Family

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLIC

Information for appointment interview to Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Employer Sioux City Community School District

Phone Business 712-274-4047

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Street City/State Zip

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Are you a resident of District 3, Woodbury County? Yes No

How many years have you been a resident? 7

Are you a registered voter? Yes No

Have you reviewed Iowa Code §331 to have a general understanding of the office, its powers, and its duties as a member of the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors? Yes No

SERVING ON A BOARD – Are you currently serving on any other appointed Board, Commission, or Committee?

Yes No

If yes, list here:

n/a

Have you previously served on any other appointed Board, Commission or Committee? Yes No

If yes, list here:

n/a

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – Please describe your past and present community involvement including voluntary, social, city, church, school, business, and/or professional associations you have been involved in and are applicable to this application. (Include dates of involvement and any offices or leadership positions held.)

- public educator (2011-present)
- Arena Sports (2021-2022)
- Parent-Teacher Association (2013-present)

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT – The position of Woodbury County Board of Supervisors is elected every 4 years, except of cases of vacancy. There are slightly less than two years remaining on the vacant position for which you are applying. At this time, are you interested in running for the position after you fulfill the balance of the term?

Yes No

If yes, please list any campaign experience or involvement that you have had, including dates.

Canvassing for Bob Henderson (2018)

REPRESENTATION – The position of Woodbury County Board of Supervisors is elected to serve all of Woodbury County, not just those in the district in which you live. Are you able to serve all of the constituents of Woodbury County – those who live the rural areas, the small communities, in addition to those living in Sioux City? Explain how any applicable experience and qualifications would facilitate your ability to represent and serve all of Woodbury County?

I graduated from West High in Sioux City, lived in Sioux City, and currently live in rural Lawton. I have an understanding of the struggles and needs of both constituent types. As an educator I am often in situations where I have to meet diverse needs and due to this feel I can represent all of Woodbury County.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS – Please list any special qualifications for serving as a Woodbury County Board of Supervisor including skills, training, licenses, and certificates that you feel are applicable:

Common sense, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.

INTEREST – State why you would like to serve as a Woodbury County Board of Supervisor and what contributions you believe you can make:

I have taught my students for years that it is a civic duty to be involved in government. I am at a stage in my life where it's time for me to do so in a meaningful way. I can contribute a viewpoint that is rooted in common sense and upholds the constitution, both state and federal.

WORKING RELATIONSHIP – Please state your basic understanding of the working relationship between the Board of Supervisors and other elected officials in Woodbury County, i.e., Attorney, Auditor, Sheriff and Treasurer.

The Board of Supervisors oversees departments and creates policies for Woodbury County. They are advised in legal matters by the county attorney. The county auditor ensures departments do not exceed budget approved by the board. The board supervises the conduct of the Sheriff and sets his budget. The county treasurer receives and disperses money for the county pursuant to budget set by the board.

NEPOTISM DISCLOSURE – Please list any County employees and their department that you are related to.
(Nepotism will not disqualify an applicant)

n/a

PERSONAL REFERENCES – Please list 2 references. The Committee may contact your references:

Name: Brent Hoffman
Address: 2608 N. Career Ave. Unit 213
Phone: 605-215-7014
Email: Brent.Hoffman@sdlegislature.gov

Name: Steren Cloud
Address: 1306 S. Alice St. Sioux City, IA 51106
Phone: 712-490-3196
Email: scloud1954@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES – Please list 2 references. The Committee may contact your references:

Name: Megan Ganz
Address: 548 S Chestnut Hills Dr. Republic, MO 65738
Phone: 417-839-0650
Email: Koaganz@gmail.com

Name: Yvonne Fitch
Address: 2640 S. Lyons St. Sioux City, IA 51106
Phone: 712-490-2037
Email: fitchy@live.siouxcityschools.com

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REFERENCE – Have you met or communicated with any of the current or past members of the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors to understand the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors? Yes No

CRIMINAL HISTORY – Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a simple traffic misdemeanor in the last 10 years? (A conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from appointment.) Yes No

If yes, please explain and include the type of offense, jurisdiction in which it occurred, and date of conviction.

Is there any other relevant information that you believe is important for this committee to know about you in considering your application for the vacant seat on the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors?

I am a strong supporter of upholding the constitution and rule of law. I believe that the judicious use of common sense and constitutional metrics is the best way to limit government which protects citizens and will ensure that our local government is still providing essential services

Yes No

Signature Chad Benson

Date 1/18/2023