

# **Additional Information for Agenda Item #24**

## **Additional Application for Item #24 Regarding the Full Board Appointment to the Big Bend Health Council**

- **Application - Ronald Burger**

**Meeting of Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 2, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**FROM:** Vincent S. Long, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Additional Information to Agenda Item #24 Regarding Full Board Appointment to the Big Bend Health Council

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This Memorandum provides the application of Mr. Ronald Burger for consideration to the Big Bend Health Council (BBHC) that will be before the Board at its September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (application attached).

The BBHC provides for local representation in planning and evaluating health needs of a regional 14-county service district. There is one vacancy on the Council – a non-governmental health care consumer who would represent the elderly.

Mr. Burger's initial application indicated that he worked for a governmental agency, which made him ineligible to serve on the BBHC. Subsequent to the posting of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda, Mr. Burger submitted a revised application, clarifying that he no longer works for a governmental agency.

Mr. Burger currently serves on the DSEM Citizens User Group, which is a standing committee. The BBHC is also a standing committee. According to Policy No. 03-15, Board-appointed Citizens Committees, citizens may not serve on more than one standing committee. As a result, Mr. Burger would be ineligible to serve on the BBHC. However, Mr. Burger has stated that if appointed to the BBHC, he would resign from the DSEM Citizens User Group.

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>It is the applicant's responsibility to keep this information current. To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.</b></p>	
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Occupation: SENIOR ASSOCIATE	Employer: HASSETT WILLIS AND COMPANY	
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Home Address 6692 CROOKED CREEK ROAD		
City/State/Zip: TALLAHASSEE FL 32311		
Do you live in Leon County? Yes      If yes, do you live within the City limits? No		
Do you own property in Leon County? Yes      If yes, is it located within the City limits? No		
For how many years have you lived in and/or owned property in Leon County? 8.00 years		
Are you currently serving on a County Advisory Committee? Yes		
If yes, on what Committee(s) are you a member? DSEM Citizens User Group		
Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? N/A		
If yes, on what Committee(s) are you a member?		
Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference		
1st Choice: Big Bend Health Council, Inc.      2nd Choice: Community Health Coordinating Committee		
What cultural arts organization do you represent, if any?		
GULF MARINE LAB MEMBER; JUNIOR MUSEUM MEMBER AND FORMER MEMBER OF MARY BROGAN		
If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please note those areas in which you are interested:		
<b><u>If you are appointed to a Committee, you are expected to attend regular meetings.</u></b>		
How many days permonth would you be willing to commit for Committee work? 2 to 3		
And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? 3 to 5		
What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? Day, Night		
<b>(OPTIONAL)</b> Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.		
Race: Caucasian      Sex: Male      Age: 66		
Disabled? No      District:		

**In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application.**

SEE RESUME BUT FORMER MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH AND THE GEORGIA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (PRESIDENT ELECT); CHAIRMAN OF THE ROCKDALE COUNTY GEORGIA BOARD OF HEALTH; BOARDMEMBER AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR OF THE METRO ATLANTA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS; MEMBER OF HEALING HANDS ORGANIZATION (FREE STANDING HEALTH CLINIC FOR FOLKS WITH NON INSURANCE); HOMEOWNERS ASSOC FORMER PRESIDENT; BOARDMEMBER OF THE METRO ATLANTA CHAPTER OF THE AM LUND ASSOC; WORKED IN PUBLIC HEALTH FOR OVER 35 YEARS

References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):

Name: DAVID MORGAN Telephone: 850-322-2010  
Address: 6672 CROOKED CREEK RAOD TALLY

Name: NED BAKER Telephone: 419-315-6444  
Address: BOWLING GREEN OHIO

**IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION PUBLICATION [www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp) BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.**

Have you completed the Orientation? No

Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form and/or a background check, if applicable? Yes

Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? No

If yes, from whom?

Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? No

Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? No

If yes, please explain.

Do you or your employer, or your spouse or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? No

If yes, please explain.

Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? No

If yes, please explain.

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ronald C. Burger

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### Professional Profile

Public Health Advisor/Senior Emergency Coordinator with the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and contractor for the United States Department of Homeland Security for 44 continuous years of service. Wish to seek professional and leadership position in community service, public health advocacy and governance, emergency preparedness and response and community outreach coordination and education.

- President and Board member National Association of Local Boards of Health
- Chairman, Rockdale County Board of Health
- Experienced public speaker in national conferences as well as numerous local conferences and training events
- Working knowledge of the National Response Framework and National Incident Management System and responded to the first disaster under the Federal Response Plan in 1992
- Years of response experience to numerous intentional and unintentional emergencies, disasters, and special events
- Held US Government Top Secret and Q Clearances
- International Emergency Response experience
- Volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician
- Member, Leon County, FL Development Support and Environmental Management Citizens Users Group
- American Red Cross Advisory Committee and volunteer disaster team and youth education programs
- Emergency Coordinator for US Government facility: CDC Chamblee Complex
- Formal training in education field
- Working knowledge of voluntary agencies
- Working knowledge of all forms of governmental public health and emergency management and first responders
- Participant on numerous national, regional and local advisory groups
- BS degree secondary education
- Taught high school biology
- Taught college classes as volunteer in US Peace Corps
- Certified substitute teacher: all grades
- Board member, North Florida Selective Service System

### Work History

<b>Senior Associate</b>	Hassett Willis and Company	2013-Present
	Public Health Foundation Enterprises	2006-2013
	Contractor to the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Health Affairs BioWatch Coordinator for Florida and Georgia	
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<b>Intermittent Emergency Coordinator/Volunteer</b>	National Disaster Medical System	2006-Present

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**Work History Continues**

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<b>Public Health Advisor/Senior Emergency Coordinator</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta GA	1972-2006
<b>Senior Emergency Coordinator</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta GA	1989-Present
<b>Chief, Tuberculosis Control Program</b>	Michigan Department of Public Health, Lansing MI CDC Assignee	1986-1989
<b>Assistant Director Bureau of Tuberculosis Control</b>	New York City Health Department New York NY CDC Assignee	1977-1983
<b>Regional TB Coordinator</b>	Pennsylvania Department of Health Pittsburgh PA CDC Assignee	1974-1977
<b>Disease Epidemiologist</b>	Baltimore City Health Department Baltimore MD CDC Assignee	1972-1974
<b>Teacher</b>	Downingtown Senior High School Downingtown PA	1971-1972
<b>Peace Corps Volunteer</b>	Ghana West Africa	1970-1971
<b>Volunteer Firefighter and EMT</b>	Rockdale County GA Fire Dept North Canton CT Fire Dept Montclair NJ Ambulance Unit	1978-1991
<b>Certified Substitute Teacher: all grades</b>	Rockdale County Public School System Georgia	1999-2006

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## Professional Accomplishments

- Presently coordinate the bioterrorism environmental surveillance program on behalf of the US Department of Homeland Security within the framework of the Florida Department of Health and the Georgia Division of Public Health
- Member of a local volunteer fire/rescue department in the Tallahassee area
- Led the initial public health and medical team to assist Florida Department of Health's response to Hurricane Andrew and assisted in the inauguration of the tool used to perform a rapid community needs assessment of essential community services 1992
- Led the initial CDC team to assist the New York City Health Department's response to the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001 and to assist the Oklahoma City and State Health response to the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995
- Assisted with leading the Federal public health and medical response team to assist local and state health officials as they responded to hurricanes and floods across the country 1989-2005
- Participated as a Senior Consultant to the World Health Organization in the Smallpox Eradication Program in Bangladesh in 1975
- Inaugural member of the State-Federal Regional Interagency Steering Committees within all Federal Regional Offices of FEMA and did the initial planning for a catastrophic earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone
- Taught college in Ghana as Peace Corps Volunteer and led Ministry of Health team in response to a severe outbreak of cholera
- Project Officer for the National Mass Fatality Training Institute, Cedar Rapids IA
- Assisted in the development of the Directly Observed Therapy protocols for the treatment of tuberculosis in New York City which is now part of standard treatment regimens in the country in 1981
- Member of the Metro Atlanta American Red Cross Advisory Committee 1996-2006 and Red Cross Volunteer of the Year 2001; Clara Barton Award 1998; Chairman, Hero's Fund Raising Campaign, 2005; CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor; numerous public speaking on preparedness to community groups
- Board Member and Vice President Georgia Public Health Association
- Numerous awards bestowed by the Georgia Public Health Association, NALBOH, DHHS, CDC, and Rockdale County GA
- Worked at all levels of governmental public health within both disease control programs as well as emergency preparedness and response
- Responded to the public health impact of the eruption of Mount St. Helens and established some of the initial injury and illness surveillance in 1980
- Assisted in the investigation of the initial outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease in Philadelphia in 1976
- Responded to the wide-spread outbreak of Rift Valley Fever in Kenya and Uganda in 1998
- Assisted with the establishment of an Occupational Health Program in Connecticut 1984
- Investigated the first documented community outbreak of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis 1975

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### **Professional Accomplishments Continues**

- Served on the initial National Influenza Pandemic Workgroup hosted by CSTE and CDC in 2004
- Member of Kirkwood Community College's (Cedar Rapids IA) Agriterrorism Training Advisory Board 2004-2008
- Adjunct faculty Eastern Kentucky University
- Chairman of the Rockdale County Georgia Board of Health which governs the Rockdale County Health Department (appointed by County Commissioners)
- President of the National Association of Local Boards of Health 2005 (elected) and Board Member 2000-2006
- Led the public health response to a major hazardous materials incident in Conyers GA 2004
- Member of the University of North Carolina's Public Health Grand Rounds Advisory Board
- Coordinator of the Public Health Education Track of the National Disaster Medical System's Annual Conferences 1999-2006
- Board member Atlanta Area Selective Service System, 2005
- Board member North Florida District Selective Service System, 2007-Present
- Volunteer service for 11 years as a firefighter/EMT
- Managed the Federal on-site clinic in Venice LA during the Deepwater Gulf oil spill event
- Operations Chief for the Federal Fatality Assistance Center Team in Miami FL on behalf of the 2010 Haitian earthquake
- College Award: Roddy Science Award for most promising science field teacher

### **Education**

<b>BS in Education</b>	Millersville University, Millersville PA	1970
<b>Post Graduate Education/Public Health and Education Credits Taken</b>	Pennsylvania State University University of Connecticut Western Michigan University	1971-1987

### **References – Available upon request**