

# Betsy Suerth

Experienced Operations, Technical and Administrative Manager

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## Summary

As a result-oriented, energetic and inspiring manager with over 25 years of experience, my strengths revolve around a strong technical background with highly developed leadership, analytical and communication skills.

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## Experience

### **Director, Public Works & Facilities at Garfield County Govt., CO**

February 2011 - October 2015 (4 years 9 months)

Duties have varied to accommodate two County reorganizations. Responsibilities have included budgets of \$10M to \$30M, directly reporting departments of road and bridge, fleet, solid waste, vegetation management, engineering, facilities including county fairgrounds and remote communication sites, disaster response planning and implementation, risk management, safety and the CSU Extension office. Currently manage thirteen directly reporting staff and total staff has ranged from 20 to 60 employees. # Reorganized departments to emphasize and support a focus on efficient, effective customer service delivery. # Recently completed a Strategic Solid Waste Management Plan for the County Solid Waste Division. Leading PW team in pursuit of new solid waste business strategies and opportunities as drafted in Plan. # Restructured Landfill tipping fees for sustainability of enterprise fund. # Currently leading Facilities Master Plan Project for all County Building Assets. # Implemented new facilities maintenance, web-based, user-friendly software to produce work orders, track maintenance activities and reduce costs. # Supported Public Works staff to implement energy improvements in several facilities including solar array installation at the county fairgrounds. # Facilitated the participation of sheriff's office, several municipalities and fire districts across the county to draft a multi-jurisdictional disaster mitigation plan. # Adjusted regular summer maintenance schedule to prioritize the emergency repair of flood damaged roads in 2011. # Attend weekly safety meetings to reinforce relationships with production staff.

### **Project Engineer at Garfield County Govt., CO**

June 2010 - January 2011 (8 months)

Promoted to Public Works Director after 8 months. Lead on projects of various disciplines including transportation, pre-construction and federal grant management for clean energy efforts.

### **Town Administrator at Town of Silt, Colorado**

September 2007 - April 2010 (2 years 8 months)

Serve at the pleasure of mayor and six member Board of Trustees representing population of 2600.

Home Rule Municipality with \$2M General Fund budget and \$3.1M Enterprise Fund budgets including Ambulance, Senior Housing, Water and Wastewater Treatment. 28 full time employees; six direct reports

including and Police Chief. Successes include many capital improvements; water supply enhancement through purchase of major water rights, change of use case and substantial Ruedi Reservoir Water contract; introduction of a Revolving Loan Fund Program; numerous grant awards totaling over \$1.4M and the negotiation of impact mitigations with energy companies. Special challenges include transition of 911 medical services, administering a mayoral recall election and election recount, implementing employee layoffs and furloughs as result of revenue shortfalls, the settlement of four lawsuits involving the Town and the deannexation of a large failed planned development.

**Business Development Manager at Aspen Earthmoving LLC**

2005 - 2007 (2 years)

Follow construction industry closely to determine optimal project opportunities for company pursuit. Negotiate pricing and contract terms with clients. Maintain client satisfaction.

**Deputy Town Manager and Project Manager at Town of Basalt, CO**

2000 - 2005 (5 years)

Responsible for operations of the town including capital projects, streets, bridges, facilities, motor pool, parks, water rights administration, treatment and distribution; the building department and the recreation department. Facilitated development and building permit reviews for town operations departments. Led 18-month citizens and multi-agency based process to develop River Master Plan. Managed construction of bridges and major riverfront park with regional stormwater detention system. Certified Floodplain Manager responsible for floodplain administration.

**Engineering Consultant/Trainer at NIST/Mid-America Manufacturing Tech Cntr/Independent Consultant**

1993 - 1998 (5 years)

Conducted manufacturing and operations assessments and made recommendations for improvements.

**Technical Sales Estimator at U. S. Construction**

1990 - 1993 (3 years)

**Industrial and Process Engineer at Owens Corning Fiberglas**

September 1985 - September 1990 (5 years 1 month)

Responsible for process of making fiberglass building insulation on two lines including various computerized control systems using Statistical Process Control (SPC) applying analytical skills. Responsible for capital equipment purchases and training senior machine operators. Assisted in the design and packaging layout for equipment, materials, traffic patterns, and the establishment of all labor crews plant-wide.

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Courses

**Director, Public Works & Facilities**

## Certifications

### **MSHA New Miner Training**

Mine Safety and Health Administration     January 2013

### **Visible Emissions Reader**

Environmental Protection Agency   License GRA130814-8426     March 2013

### **Certified Floodplain Manager**

Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. (ASFPM)     2003

### **Manager of Landfill Operations**

Solid Waste Association of North America     September 2014 to September 2017

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## Skills & Expertise

**Engineering**

**Transportation**

**Water**

**Road**

**Government**

**Customer Service**

**Project Planning**

**Budgets**

**Municipalities**

**Microsoft Excel**

**Land Development**

**Microsoft Office**

**Research**

**Management**

**Zoning**

**Negotiation**

**Strategic Planning**

**Construction**

**Local Government**

**Public Speaking**

**Sustainability**

**Water Supply**

**Proposal Writing**

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## Education

### **University of Missouri-Columbia**

MS, Management Engineering, 1990 - 1993

### **Iowa State University**



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