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### For Immediate Release

#### **JOHNSON COUNTY AMBULANCE DIRECTOR RETIRING, JCAS SUPERVISOR TO FILL POSITION**

**Johnson County, Iowa** – The Board of Supervisors announced the appointment of a new director of the Johnson County Ambulance Service (JCAS). Fiona Johnson, currently a paramedic supervisor with JCAS, has accepted the position. Johnson will begin her duties October 2. The current Director, Steve Spenler, is retiring October 23.

Fiona came to Johnson County in November 1999 after working as a paramedic for Mast Ambulance in Kansas City, Missouri. She began with Johnson County as a paramedic, then took on a paramedic supervisor position in 2008. Johnson has coordinated staff education and also serves as a community instructor for Crisis Intervention Team training.

“The Board is excited about Fiona’s vision for the Ambulance Service as well as her commitment to collaboration both within the County and throughout the community,” said Board Chairperson Janelle Rettig.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan noted that Johnson’s breadth of knowledge made her a good fit for the job. “As a paramedic supervisor, Fiona has had experience in all the areas necessary to succeed as a director—training, quality assurance, staff oversight and more.”

In July, Johnson County opened its new Ambulance and Medical Examiner facility. The 36,000-square-foot facility was designed to not only keep pace with Johnson County’s current need for services, but also to address future needs. Johnson County is the second-fastest growing county in the state, which puts continued pressure on services. For example, in Fiscal Year 2016, the number of calls for service to Johnson County Ambulance surpassed 10,000 for the first time with 10,348 calls. Ambulance calls have increased 40% over the last five years.

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