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Johnson County Board of Supervisors announces 2018 legislative priorities

Johnson County, Iowa — The Johnson County Board of Supervisors has released its 2018 Local Legislative Priorities, giving residents of Johnson County an overview of the initiatives that the Board will pursue with state and federal lawmakers in the coming year. The Board recently met with local legislators, including Senators Joe Bolkcom, Robert Dvorsky and Kevin Kinney, and Representatives Dave Jacoby and Mary Mascher, to discuss their priorities.

The Board's top 2018 legislative priorities and issues include 1) securing funding for local crisis intervention training and facilities; 2) fully funding the backfill of commercial and residential cuts; 3) increasing the minimum wage; and 4) funding Johnson County courthouse security, maintenance and improvements.

"As with last year, we have a number of big priorities for 2018," Janelle Rettig, chairperson of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, said. "These are issues that we have been working on and will continue to pursue. They all have a significant impact on the quality of life of Johnson County residents, as well as the services we can provide to them."

Additional priorities and issues affecting Johnson County include Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs); county home rule, spending, and local governance; election modernization; decategorization programs; disclosure of sales prices of real estate included in the sale of LLCs; Early Childhood Iowa; retroactive Medicaid; emergency medical services (EMS) as an essential service; independent boards operating under county authority; Local Public Health Services Grant (LPHSG); marijuana reform; medical examiner; mental health funding; recreation and conservation; renewable energy; veterans; state funding for criminologists in the Division of Criminal Investigation and crime lab; and collective bargaining rights.

A complete overview of the Board's 2018 legislative priorities and issues is available on the Johnson County website at http://www.johnson-county.com/dept_supervisors.aspx?id=10736.

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