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INFORMATION RELEASE

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To: Johnson County Media
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Subject: Supervisor Candidacy Unlikely To Withstand Challenge

At approximately 4:45 P.M. today, just before the 5 P.M. filing deadline, Mr. Mike Dooley filed nomination petitions with the Auditor's Office to run for Johnson County Supervisor in the November 2 general election as a candidate representing "Citizens for Johnson County."

An election clerk accepted the petition, making a determination that it contained 258 valid signatures, just over the legally required 250 signatures. The total of 258 does not include one page with 20 signatures, which was rejected because it did not list Dooley's name, the office he was seeking, or other pertinent information as required by law. One additional signature was rejected because no street address was listed.

In reviewing the petition after it was accepted, I have determined that several signatures were accepted which should have been rejected, including the following:

- Seven individuals listed only a post office box as an address, which is considered invalid under the Secretary of State's guidelines.
- In addition to the one previously excluded, three additional individuals were discovered who had listed no street address.
- Two individuals listed addresses outside Johnson County.

This reduces the number of valid signatures to 246.

Since the Auditor's Office has already accepted Dooley's petition, we can take no further immediate action. However, any Johnson County citizen who has a right to vote in the November 2 general election may challenge specific signatures on the petition. A committee of the county attorney, treasurer and auditor would then review the petition and determine its validity. It is unlikely that Dooley's petition would be considered valid if challenged.

The deadline to challenge a nomination petition for county office is Monday, August 30 at 5 P.M.