

3086 Sycamore Trail NE
Iowa City, IA 52240
October 9, 2009

Selection Committee:

I wish to apply for the position on the Board of Supervisors, vacant because of the death of Supervisor Larry Meyers. In the next year the Board will face serious challenges. The Board will continue to address the funding and location of the Justice Center. The economy and the flood of 2008 will impact the budget. Balancing the needs for human services and infrastructure will be a challenge under these conditions. I'm confident I can work with the existing Board, contribute to the discussion and analysis, and ultimately make decisions above reproach.

For over 17 years I've been involved with several groups and committees working to make Johnson County a good place to live. I began my service to our community with advocacy for multi-purpose recreational trails and I continue that advocacy to this day. Trails are often considered an amenity that can be added later. I've persevered, and with support of others, the trail network continues to expand. I've been able to leverage this single issue into active participation on several commissions and committees, with broader perspective and influence.

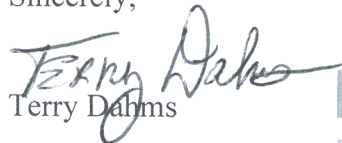
I'm currently vice-chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission and chair of the Trails Advisory Committee, which has 12 members. Prior to being appointed to Planning and Zoning, I was on the committee to update the Land Use Plan. All of these activities strive to improve Johnson County. I believe I have relevant experience that would be helpful for serving on the Board. More important perhaps is the assessment that I can work with a variety of people and contribute to the mission of that group or committee.

I retired in January 2008 from the University of Iowa, after 28 years in what became Information Technology Services (ITS). When I retired I was a database administrator. Clearly during this period there were rapid advancements in computing technology. This was an exciting period, and required that I evolve and adapt, not only to new technology but also to several reorganizations.

In my spare time, I've been a beekeeper for over 25 years and was President of the local beekeepers association for 15 years. I have a keen interest in environmental issues. Recently I've become very interested in woodland and prairie restoration. This interest began during two 3 year terms on the board of the Johnson County Heritage Trust. I'm currently property manager for Shimek Ravine, 13 acres adjacent to Shimek Elementary.

I'd like to thank you for considering me for the remainder of Supervisor Meyers term.

Sincerely,


Terry Dahms

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Education

Bachelor of Science, Accounting, 1969, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville
Master of Arts, Management, 1971, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville

Work Experience

The University of Iowa, Information Technology Services (ITS), 1980–2008

- Data Services Manager, Weeg Computing Center
- Oracle Database Administrator, ITS 1995
- Retired January 2008

County Related Experience

- Planning and Zoning Commission (2008-present), Vice-Chair (2009)
- Land Use Review Committee (2006-2007)
- Trails Advisory Committee (2007-present), Chair (2009)
- Johnson County Council of Governments (JCCOG)
 - Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee (18 years)
 - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (3 years)
- Johnson County REAP Committee (1987-present), Vice-Chair
- Candidate for Board of Supervisors (2008)

Community Related Experience

- Friends of the Iowa River Scenic Trail (FIRST), 1990, Co-Founder
- Johnson County Heritage Trust, Board of Directors (2002-2008) and Property Manager-Shimek Ravine (2003-present)

Other Organizations

- East Central Iowa Beekeepers Association, President (1992-2007)
- Timber Trails Homeowners Association, Board of Directors and Treasurer (2005-present)

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