

4507 Dane Rd SW  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
October 16, 2009

Tom Slockett, Johnson County Auditor  
Kim Painter, Johnson County Recorder  
Tom Kriz, Johnson County Treasurer  
913 S. Dubuque St.  
Iowa City, IA 52240

Dear Selection Committee,

I strongly endorse Mike Lehman for the position of Johnson County Supervisor to fill the seat held by the late Larry Meyers.

Mike comes with vast experience and knowledge. As a two-term former Supervisor, Mike is very familiar with the duties and responsibilities of serving the County as Supervisor. He has demonstrated the ability to work with divergent groups so that all sides are heard and their viewpoints considered before a decision is made. He understands the collaborative spirit that is necessary for Supervisors to work together as a Board and for agencies and bodies of government to mesh to accomplish their work and move forward.

He has championed innovative ideas, such as developing the unique "farmstead split," which addressed the need for farm families to make room for future farm generations on their homestead yet stemming the tide of urban sprawl into precious productive agricultural resources. The results of this policy have proven the value of his foresight in shaping a land use policy which has worked to reduce the number of conflicts between urban and rural interests over the past decade.

Of all of the applicants for the position of Supervisor, Mike is the only one experienced on the Board and can say that he has won the endorsement of the public twice for the position. All others should prove that they can earn the position once.

I believe that for an opening that will span a few months, it is important to select the applicant who has already been elected to the position before, who is up to speed on the issues, who has the skills and foresight required of a good Supervisor, and who has proven to be an excellent servant to the people of Johnson County.

Sincerely,



Jim Dane  
(319) 354-3963  
jim@dane.org

**RECEIVED**  
**JOHNSON CO. IOWA**  
OCT 16 2009



COUNTY AUDITOR