

October 8, 2009

Statutory Committee
C/o Tom Slockett, Johnson County Auditor
913 S. Dubuque St., Suite 101
Iowa City, IA 52240


Dear Mr. Slockett, Mr. Kriz, and Ms. Painter:

I've known Mike Lehman for fifteen years or so, as a friend and also as a commercial banker working with him on farming-related business. Mike is a person of outstanding character. I have always found him to be honest, friendly, organized and considerate. He's very intelligent, and is able to deal with disparate, complicated issues with equanimity and perception.

When he was a Johnson County Supervisor, I believe that Mike treated all the people he dealt with openness and respect. He did not shy away from difficult issues, commanded the respect of his peers, and exhibited leadership and understanding in dealing with the management of Johnson County. He had an excellent grasp of the fiscal, human services, and operational issues facing the county. He always took very seriously his responsibilities to represent the best interests of Johnson County citizens. Even those who disagreed with him respected his calm and fair-mindedness.

The experience that Mike gained while supervisor is invaluable now as Johnson County seeks to fill the gap left by Larry Meyers' death. Mike will contribute to the sound governance of this county from day one, and will be a loyal servant of the public each day he is in office. I recommend him without reserve.

Sincerely yours,


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