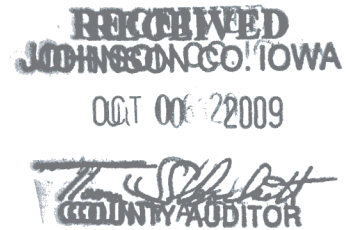


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October 5, 2009



Tom Kriz, Johnson County Treasurer
Kim Painter, Johnson County Recorder
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913 S. Dubuque Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Dear Selection Committee:

I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Michael Lehman for the interim Board of Supervisor appointment necessitated by the untimely and tragic death of Supervisor Larry Meyers. During his eight years as a Johnson County Supervisor I observed Michael to be a hard working, honest, and sincere Board member. Over this period of time I believe he has evidenced a clear record of commitment, consistency, and strong service to Johnson County residents.

Similar to Supervisor Stutsman, Michael has been and would continue in the future to be a strong advocate for rural as well as urban policies and issues. Further, he has a rich background of experience in fiscal matters as well as human services. He has a proven track record in working collaboratively with fellow supervisors, elected officials, department heads, and other county personnel.

During his tenure on the Board, Michael never appeared to be a one issue supervisor, and if he is appointed, I would expect this trait to continue. Over the years the Board of Supervisors has dealt with any number of issues that have been highly controversial, and they have been resolved by working together through the democratic process.

Michael has the requisite background and experience to immediately make a strong contribution on the Board of Supervisors as he is well experienced in budget, personnel issues, and space needs for the county. I believe the Board would greatly benefit from Michael's tremendous knowledge base and skills in problem solving and the decision making process. We desperately need such expertise to carefully, thoughtfully, and wisely guide Johnson County through these perilous and uncertain financial times.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean A. Lakin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jean A. Lakin