

October 15, 2009

Tom Slockett
Kim Painter
Tom Kriz

Dear Elected Officials:

You are faced with a difficult and important decision concerning the appointment to fill the unexpired term of Larry Meyers.

I am writing in support of Mike Lehman.

Mike knows the players and the territory. Mike did an excellent job as a member of the Board of Supervisors. His one blemish was that he supported the position held by two of the other supervisors on Newport Road and it cost him his re-election. Mike has indicated to me that that issue is behind him and he accepts the decision that has been made.

Mike would not need any period of adjustment. He would be able to be at full speed in a matter of days, not weeks or months. As the Board moves into one of its most important tasks in the next few months, the preparation of the budget, Mike's previous experience would help assure a smooth process. Mike is a team player.

I am sure you will have many qualified applicants for your consideration. I cannot imagine that you will have any that have the experience and knowledge that Mike would bring to the job.

I believe Johnson County would be well served by your appointment of Mike Lehman.

Sincerely,


Bob Welsh, citizen

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