

The Honorable Thomas Slockett, Johnson County Auditor
The Honorable Kim Painter, Johnson County Recorder
The Honorable Thomas Kriz, Johnson County Treasurer

I am writing to place my name into consideration for the vacancy on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, finishing out the term of the late Larry Meyers.

I assume the appointment process in lieu of a special election has several goals. Someone with government experience and familiarity with the issues facing the County at this critical time; someone who will approximate the "balance" currently on the supervisors; and, finally, someone who can hit the ground running and participate in the budgeting, prioritizing and decision making from day one.

I believe I can satisfy all of these qualifications. Finishing my third term on the Iowa City City Council and being a lifelong resident has given me an understanding and appreciation of the unique challenges facing the county. My background in public safety and experience in the private sector have given me the credibility to communicate to constituents and officials in an effective manner.

Finally, I come to the table without representing any special interest group. My only interest is contributing to the decision-making process that must solve many of the serious problems all government entities face in the current economy. Hard decisions will need to be made to allocate scarce capital resources and I know I can bring positive energy to this challenge. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Michael R. O'Donnell



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