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To: Tom Slockett; Tom Kriz; Kim Painter
Subject: Letter of recommendation Janelle Rettig
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Dear Vacancy Committee,

Attached is my letter of recommendation for Janelle Rettig for your consideration as you make the appointment to fill the unexpired term of the late Larry Meyers.

Many thanks for your consideration.

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Tom Kris, Johnson County Treasurer
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Dear Vacancy Committee,

I am writing in support of your appointment of Janelle Rettig to the unexpected vacancy on the Board of Supervisors for the unexpired term of the late Larry Meyers.

Janelle is perhaps the perfect person to serve on the Board. She represents only the public interest and has demonstrated this over and over again during her long years of civic involvement in Johnson County.

I first met Janelle many years ago when she was the Treasurer of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County. I was impressed then with her astute ability to understand budgets and ask clarifying questions about them. She is also experienced in financial and administrative matters from her current service as chair of the Iowa City Airport Commission. She has a certain hard-headed approach to matters of public finance that will stand her in good stead as a member of the Board of Supervisors. She is also a fast learner, another quality that will stand her in good stead!

I was delighted to find that Janelle and I live in the same precinct and were supporting the same Democratic Presidential candidate in the 2008 Iowa caucuses. I chaired that candidate's supporters at the caucus, and enlisted Janelle to handle the logistics. Although our candidate did not come in first that night, Janelle demonstrated that she has an excellent instinct for handling political strategy and relates well instantly with people she may not have met before.

Janelle is straight forward and above-board in her relations with others, whether they agree with her or not. She reaches out to varied segments of the community and actively participates in bicycling sports as well as cards at the American Legion! She follows current events with a keen intelligence and exhibits an ability to quickly cut through the verbiage to analyze the truth of the situation. She will not hesitate to advocate for issues she believes in and will be articulate in explaining issues to the public.

Her passion is conservation of our natural heritage. She puts her time and energy in to forward these interests. She currently serves on the Iowa Natural Resources Commission and the Johnson County Trails Committee. In 2008 she chaired the successful "Land, Water, Future" campaign which resulted in our County's first bond issue for acquisition and preservation of natural areas. This was quite an achievement in

a year of economic recession. It was a truly citizen-based campaign and Janelle coordinated the work of many volunteers with intelligence, efficiency, good humor, and hours of hard work.

You can do no better for the interests of Johnson County's citizens than appoint Janelle Rettig to the current vacancy on the Board of Supervisors. I encourage you to do so.

Many thanks for your consideration,

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