

October 15, 2009

Tom Kriz, Johnson County Treasurer
Kim Painter, Johnson County Recorder
Tom Slockett, Johnson County Auditor
Johnson County Administration Building
913 S Dubuque Street
Iowa City IA 52240

Dear Vacancy Committee:

I had the opportunity to work closely with the Board of Supervisors on many occasions, most intensely when I served as the Human Services Coordinator for the Johnson County Council of Governments. That exposure has given me a real understanding and appreciation of the role of a County Supervisor. That experience convinces me that Janelle Rettig would be an outstanding Supervisor and prompts me to write to encourage you to appoint her to fill the current opening on the Board.

To be really successful, a Johnson County Supervisor must be a very hard worker, must be comfortable with a wide variety of people who have very different viewpoints, must be intelligent and committed enough to understand the county's large and complicated budget, and must be able to work toward achieving consensus on contentious issues. I believe that Janelle is the rare person who embodies all those skills and talents. In addition, my conversations with Janelle have convinced me that she has a real understanding that, for our county to be at its very best, the Supervisors must work in partnership with all county departments to achieve our county's goals.

As a person who has, at various times during the last forty years, lived in Iowa City, rural Johnson County, and now in Coralville, I am confident that Janelle will work to meet the needs of our rural, suburban and urban residents. I encourage you to seriously consider her for this important position. Please contact me if you have questions, and thank you for all the work you are doing to make the best possible appointment.

Sincerely, Marge Penney

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