

Terrence's Plans for his Fourth Term of Office

Johnson County Board of Supervisor Terrence Neuzil has officially announced his candidacy for re-election. In seeking his fourth term, the top issues include:

- Preparing Johnson County for a projected population increase of nearly 30,000 more residents by 2020 while maintaining a balanced budget.
- Easing county ordinance restrictions to diversify rural economic development and local foods initiatives and allow for new environmental and sustainable technologies.
- Prioritizing human service funding to address increased emergency crisis needs and prevention programs.
- Completing county infrastructure projects including the Justice Center, new Ambulance and Medical Examiner Facility, Mehaffey Bridge and Mehaffey Bridge Road.

"Improving regional collaboration to address infrastructure, roads, emergency response, and environmental impacts on future growth is essential in handling the challenges over the next several years," said Terrence who will join the Johnson County Metropolitan Planning Organization / Council of Governments in 2012. "But we must also address how growth will impact income, health and education of our residents as identified in the recent Johnson County United Way 2020 Community Needs Assessment." Terrence was instrumental in the development of the assessment as chair of the Education Subcommittee. Terrence was also recognized for his volunteer efforts, receiving the 2010-2011 Community Volunteer of the Year Award from the Johnson County United Way.

Since his first term in office in 2001, Terrence is credited in developing Johnson County's first Strategic Plan that created the County Campus that now houses the new Health and Human Services Building. The Plan also invested millions of dollars in upgrading internal and external county technology, led to the creation of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and the Jail's award winning Mental Health Diversion Program and passed the policy that calls for wide paved shoulders on all rural county road upgrades. Terrence also helped build relationships with Linn County that laid out the vision for a separated bicycle and pedestrian trail from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids. In the aftermath of the flood of 2008, Terrence served as a member of the Rebuild Iowa Coordinating Council and he currently serves as the Public Information Officer for Johnson County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Terrence is also known for his weekly community listening posts hosting over 500 meetings throughout the county since being elected.