

NEUZIL FILES NOMINATION PAPERS TO RUN FOR REELECTION

IOWA CITY IA -- Terrence Neuzil, Vice Chair of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, has filed his nomination papers with the Johnson County Auditor's Office to run for reelection to the Board of Supervisors in the June 3rd Democrat Primary.

The 38-year-old two-term incumbent has been a strong advocate for a more professional approach to county government and creating a comprehensive strategic plan to handle the County's increased population growth. A recent report showed Johnson County to be one of the fastest growing counties in the state with over 125,000 residents. Earlier this month, Neuzil voted in favor of funding five major Johnson County infrastructure projects. Those projects include the Joint Emergency Communications and Dispatch Center, the three-story Health and Human Services building, the SEATS-Secondary Roads Office and Garage Facility, the Conservation Office and Garage Facility and renovations to the existing Administration Building. The last major infrastructure project to be completed for Johnson County government was the current Administration Building on South Dubuque Street built in 1985.

"Those of us who voted for this year's budget did so because we support these projects and felt it was fiscally responsible," said Neuzil. "The cost of construction is going up 10 to 15 percent per year and the longer we wait, the more expensive it gets. In addition, these investments will increase efficiencies in county services and employee productivity and will reduce over 300-thousand dollars in rent that we are currently paying."

Neuzil also sees the overcrowded Jail and Court House as the most pressing need in his next term. "Having these county projects completed and the funding mechanisms in place will allow us to be more financially prepared to tackle our next major project, a Justice Center, to handle space and safety needs in both our Jail and Court House," said Neuzil.

Other goals Neuzil has outlined in his reelection plans include implementation of a series of green environmental initiatives including increased efforts to clean area creeks and the Iowa River. Neuzil also supports efforts to develop a Metro Transportation Plan, upgrade more gravel and dirt roads and build a separated pedestrian and bicycle trail from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids. He also supports protections to agricultural land and farmers and the expansion of programs on diversity, human rights, Spanish in the workplace, the arts, rural economic development, employee wellness and new technology. In his next term, Neuzil plans to hold 200 more "Government and You" Listening Posts to promote citizen participation and open government. Neuzil has held over 350 of the listening posts since taking office in 2001.

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Neuzil is a fifth generation citizen of Johnson County. He resides in Iowa City with his wife Jill Cryer Neuzil, a first and second grade teacher at Hills Elementary School. More information about the campaign can be found at www.terrenceneuzil.com .

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