





<p>Race Name: Johnson County Council At Large. Republican Candidates. Choose three (3) candidates.</p> <p>The Johnson County Council consists of seven members, four elected from districts and three elected at-large. The Council is responsible for setting salaries, the annual budget, and special spending. It also has limited authority to impose local taxes, usually in the form of an income tax subject to state level approval, excise taxes, or service taxes, such as those on dining or lodging. Each member serves a four-year term. Adapted from https://co.johnson.in.us/council/.</p>					
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<p>What are the most important challenges facing Johnson County in the next four years?</p>					
<p>Growth, Crime, Mental Health</p>		<p>The first challenge is to continue to fund road repairs. The second is to properly fund mental health services. The third challenge is to maintain our public safety services.</p>			
<p>How do you propose to address those issues?</p>					
<p>Roundtable for balance between residential and apartment housing. Fully support fire and police in any way possible. Advocate for mental health facilities including modest tax increase as necessary.</p>		<p>I have supported necessary funding for all of the above services and I will continue to do so. In addition I will continue to encourage staff to seek alternative funding sources.</p>			
<p>Are county taxes at the right level?</p>					
<p>Agree</p>		<p>Agree</p>	<p>Agree</p>		
<p>What one area of county services do you feel most needs additional resources?</p>					
<p>Mental health</p>		<p>Public Safety</p>			



What role should the county government have in support the development of quality, affordable housing?					
Working with reputable developers for the right fix for housing needs.		The Johnson County Council has no statutory responsibility as it relates to housing. That responsibility is a function of the Planning Commision.			
What three personal/professional skills or strengths make you the best candidate to serve on the County Council?					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accountability 2. Severability - several terms on the Greenwood Common Council 3. Conservative - "If it isn't broken, don't fix it!". 4. Finally, I believe the quality of life for our residents should be our primary focus. When one speaks of investing in our county we must alway ask this question first: Is this investment good for our residents? Is this a good investment in human capital? 		I listen to all issues and make the best choice based on the information I receive in addition to my own research. This is my fourth year on the council and I served 24 years on The Greenwood City Council. I use that experience to look for best practices on how we serve our citizens. I also have 36 years working for municipal corporations.			