

Johnson County Commission 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Jeff Meyers

2. District Number of Office Being Sought

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3. Address

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6. Campaign Website

2. Candidate Background

7. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Teacher/Coach - William Chrisman High School & James Bridger Middle School. Previously Olathe School District 32 years.
Teacher/Head football coach Olathe East 23 years.

8. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. Mayor City of Shawnee, City Board Member.
Former Bi-State Commissioner Union Station

9. Other recent political/community experience? (25 words or less)

Mayor City of Shawnee. Chairman Council of Mayors for Johnson & Wyandotte Counties. Shawnee City Councilman. Current Johnson County Parks & Recreation Board member.

3. Issues and Policy

10. As a candidate, what are your top three priorities for Johnson County? (30 words or less)

Safety and health of residents is a priority along with sustaining current infrastructure and providing leadership in community/business opportunities.

11. What is your philosophy and approach to managing the county budget? (75 words or less)

As a commissioner, I believe prudence and thought for the future, along with acting frugal but fair is the best approach to managing the county budget.

12. There has been much discussion about metro-area regionalism. Please explain your views on regional cooperation. (75

words or less)

My experience in partnership and leadership as Mayor and as a Bi-State Commissioner has given me the insight of the importance of working together as a region to enhance our public standing yet being cognizant of our county independence. Cooperating as a region can have great value but common sense is a great virtue in the decision making for our residents. Common Sense for the Common Good!

13. Describe your views on the balance between the distribution of costs and services between incorporated and unincorporated areas of Johnson County. (75 words or less)

The distribution of costs and services should not have a percentage of dollars but should be fair and reasonable as both incorporated and unincorporated areas fall to the responsibility of the Johnson County Commission as a whole.

14. What do you believe the role of the County should be in economic development? (75 words or less)

The County should work to be a partner in securing federal, state and local funding for community development activities. It should also promote and partner in helping economic development occur using planning and development tools that the County manages.

15. What do you believe the takeaways for the County Commission should be from the COVID-19 pandemic experience? (75 words or less)

Preparation for future challenges with reflection on what has or is working well and what could be done better in the event of other occurrences of a similar nature. Solving all problems includes preparation, planning, performance and reflection.

16. What would you describe as the top five functions of county government? Please list them in your order of priority. (75 words or less)

1) Safety of all residents. 2) Being a responsible steward of taxpayers' money. 3) Citizen representation. First and foremost District 2 citizen representation and then all county residents. 4) To provide the best possible services to the residents of Johnson County. 5) Adopt resolutions, policies, directives, rules and regulations deemed necessary and advisable to provide for the effective administration of government services.

17. What changes, if any, to the Johnson County Home Rule Charter do you believe should be considered? (75 words or less)

I agreed with the previous Charter Commission's majority votes. I am always open to listening to possible changes but I do not have any to be considered at this time. I strongly believe that County Commissioner elections should remain nonpartisan.

18. What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (50 words or less)

My proven years of experience in finding concrete solutions to complicated problems. As I have always done through my years of public service. I have the energy, enthusiasm and desire to work for the trust of the residents of Johnson County. This will be my full time job.