

Johnson County Commission 2020

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

Mike Brown

2. District Number of Office Being Sought

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3. Address

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6. Campaign Website

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2. Candidate Background

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

I'm a general contractor and have served as a County Commissioner for 3 1/2 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.

I've been a member of the Lenexa, Gardner and Olathe Chambers over the years.

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

I've served as a County Commissioner for 3 1/2 years and serve as the Vice Chairman of the Board.

3. Issues and Policy

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

1. Public Safety
2. Parks and Libraries
3. Human Services

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

Always looking for a more cost effective way to get a better result is my daily goal.
Like the old NASA model;
Faster, Cheaper, Better!

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

I am all in favor of sharing information & ideas and helping anywhere we can with our regional partners however I am in no way interested in following the lead of any other government in our region. Johnson County, KS is the gold-standard and we are the regional leader/standard-bearer of how to do things right.

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)

I believe the costs of county government should be divided by the number of folks in incorporated vs unincorporated areas and the dollars should then be spent generally along those lines. Folks should get from their government what they put in. City folks expect a certain standard and folks in the country expect the same with the understanding they live in a rural setting and there are some trade-offs in both scenarios.

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

I believe the tools in the toolbox for economic development do a good job of addressing many varied needs to get projects rolling and I am in favor of keeping all the tools available as the Kansas Legislature sees applicable. I will continue to push for a progress report score card and a summary report as each projects wraps up.

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

We must be more prepared for the unexpected. We need a large reserve of PPE, water, triage tents, flashlights and batteries, masks, gowns, shields, etc professionally maintained in a controlled environment using inventory management principals. We simply cannot get caught flat-footed again when the next big thing comes our way... and of course there is always the next one. We must be ready to meet the needs of our community.

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. Public Safety
2. Parks
3. Libraries
4. Developmental Supports
5. Mental Health

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

County Commissioner races should be on a partisan basis. The Treasurer and Recorder of Deeds should be elected on a partisan basis. This would allow voters to understand the political ideology of a candidate which is far better than simply knowing what city a candidate is from... which tells the electorate nothing but does give the advantage to whoever hails from the largest city - which is a terrible way to assemble a County Commission.

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

I've have experience as a Commissioner plus 20 years experience around County Government. I served on the Parks Board and currently serve as the liaison to the Airport Commission. My years as a developer/builder are a knowledge base I draw upon daily. I simply love being your Commissioner!