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Ralph Johanson
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Bill Cusack
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Carol Earnhardt
Republican



Diane Holst
Republican

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tion Board.

Earnhardt, of Davenport, said she wants to continue to support economic development in Scott County if elected for a second term.

"For the past three years while serving on the county board, I have voted to lower our property tax rate while continuing to provide Scott County residents with excellent services," she said. "Through our sound fiscal management of Scott County, we have built and maintained our roads and bridges without incurring any debt to the residents of Scott County."

Keeping debt low and managing the county's tax dollars will continue to be some of Earnhardt's top priorities. She also hopes to see improvements to the courthouse, constructing a new patrol headquarters and building an addition to county maintenance funded through the board's cash reserves.

"Our success is a source of great pride for me, and our hard work will pay important dividends as we tackle the issues facing Scott County in the coming years," she said. "If elected to another term, I will hit the ground running. I will continue to be a strong advocate for mental health services and promote our regional economy. The work we've done with the Scott County First Economic Development Summit was just a

beginning. Scott County has so many things to offer, and I plan to be one of its biggest champions."

R-Diane Holst

New to local government but not new to Scott County is Pleasant Valley native and rural Eldridge resident Diane Holst.

Holst has never sought public office before, but after the county entered an inter-governmental agreement to join the Scott Emergency Communication Center to the tune of two \$10 million bonds (\$28 million after maturity), she felt compelled to get involved.

"The county didn't do anything outside of their authority," Holst said. "But all of that was done without a public referendum. I vowed at that time that I was going to get involved. A political office is not what I am after. I am more interested in ensuring we have a representative government, and I want to fill that role."

Economic development is important to Holst, who supports an equal playing field for both businesses and taxpayers. She is also a big supporter of claw backs.

"I don't agree with any agreement that doesn't contain some sort of claw back," she said. "Claw backs are available to protect taxpayers when they provide incentives to a business in exchange for jobs, revenue or whatever. When those things don't come

to fruition, there are laws that we can set in place to recoup those."

Mental health and property tax reform are two other very important issues to Holst.

It is important to her that taxes collected in Scott County stay in Scott County.

"The current board praises their staff, and I don't question that at all. There is nothing set up to specifically guarantee that money collected in the county will stay here though, and it is very important to me that it does," Holst said. "And I know we don't have control over property tax, but we do have a voice. We have to start to push harder on property tax reform before a large burden falls to the homeowners."

Holst is currently a renewal sales support specialist for America's Technology Service at Hewlett Packard. She has been married for 29 years to husband Dave. They have two children and one grandchild.

"What I will bring to the board is a guarantee that I will read and research any policy, resolution, agreement and purchase that warrants an extra look," concluded Holst. "I want transparency and to build trust that I am the taxpayers' advocate."

R-Jay Sommers

A Bettendorf resident, but born and raised in DeWitt, Jay Sommers has been exposed to both the rural and urban amenities Scott County has to offer.

Brinson
Kinzer
Democrat



"I always wanted to run for a political office, and I was always attracted to the county board of supervisors because I am a small-town guy who now lives in a fairly large city," he said. "Scott County obviously consists of more than just Davenport and Bettendorf, and it is important to address all the surrounding communities and have an open-door policy so you can visit with everyone and view their concerns."

Sommers said his decision was not necessarily derived from the desire to make changes, but to instead continue the good work that is being done

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