



Office of the
Johnson County
SHERIFF
Brad Kunkel

September 17, 2025

Dear Johnson County Board of Supervisors-

When we started down the exploration path of a joint facility, we did so for three overarching reasons: location, voter approval threshold, and meeting critical infrastructure needs of both entities. The position of the County has always been based on good faith and due diligence in a process of significant consequence affecting the entirety of the citizens we serve. I appreciate that Board of Supervisors voted to formally ask the City of Iowa City to deliberate this possibility and hosted a public meeting of the plenary bodies to discuss the matter further.

Now that the joint meeting has passed, and the Iowa City Council has had the opportunity to discuss the matter in a subsequent open meeting, I do not see a viable path forward for a joint facility and any support I had has ended. I believe it is in the best interest of Johnson County and the public to pursue a standalone Sheriff's Office and Jail facility.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Kunkel".

Sheriff Brad Kunkel