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Tazewell County Board

Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service

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***** Position Update *****

Letter of Support for Melvin Stanford for Tazewell County Board

I wanted to take this opportunity to ask that you support my good friend Melvin 'Dutch' Stanford in this upcoming General Election in his race for the Tazewell County Board for District Three. Mel has been very active as a Board Member in watching out for the Taxpayers of Tazewell County and has been a great representative for the citizens of District Three.

Mel's most recent action has the potential to save the Taxpayers of Tazewell County over \$57,000 in this year's budget, according to research by the County Administrator. Mel raised the question during a recent Budget Committee Meeting why we would be looking to replace the DARE Officer when funding is so tight. He stated that Public Relations programs like the DARE Officer are great when you have the time and the resources, but when we have major overtime issues and are looking to reduce cost from the budget, these programs need to stop.

Mel has also been a strong advocate for improving the Employee Manual and in some cases creating Policies that have been wrongly missing. These efforts will save the taxpayers by reducing the amount of risk County Employees take, thus reducing the amount of lawsuits we have to pay. While not always popular because he does not care about party affiliation, Mel's calls for improvements to the Employee Manual have yet to be proved wrong and his expertise in this field through his past employment with the State of Illinois has been an invaluable asset to the citizens of Tazewell County.

My good friend has been very busy this election season working for our mutual friend Senator Bill Brady in his bid for Governor of the State of Illinois as one of his campaign's Regional Coordinators and has missed some opportunities to campaign for himself. While I agree with Mel that Bill Brady's election as Governor is of the up-most importance this year, Melvin 'Dutch' Stanford's re-election to the Tazewell County Board should be of high importance to all taxpayers. Please join Maria and I in voting for Melvin Stanford for Tazewell County Board!

As always, I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you on the Tazewell County Board and if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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