

To whom it may concern,

As a lifetime resident of Curry County, former Mayor of Brookings and health care professional with decades of experience in community-based care, frontline nursing, and hospital administration, I strongly support Commissioner Lynn Coker as he seeks election to the Curry County Board of Commissioners.

Rural communities like ours face increasingly complex challenges that require strong and effective leaders. Addressing the current difficulties of our county such as sustaining a qualified workforce, decreased reimbursement rates, increasing behavioral health needs, and expanding regulations are challenging tasks. In addition, there is mounting pressure on community partners like emergency services, law enforcement, courts, corrections, and rehabilitation systems, all of which need an effective voice. Quite simply, there is a lot of work ahead that requires strong, talented and experienced local leadership. These challenges are not solved through complacency, doing things as they have always been done; nor are they solved with ideology or short-term fixes. They require steady guidance, systems thinking, new ideas, fiscal discipline, and the ability to coordinate institutions that too often operate in silos.

Commissioner Coker understands this reality. He approaches health and public-safety issues not as isolated problems, but as interconnected systems requiring coordinated, data-informed solutions. His leadership reflects a clear understanding of how unmanaged crisis response accelerates costs, strains frontline workers, and erodes public trust—and how early stabilization, accountability, and the responsible use of state and federal resources can improve outcomes while protecting taxpayers.

Equally important, Commissioner Coker brings credibility, calm, and respect to difficult conversations. He listens, asks the right questions, and focuses on measurable results rather than rhetoric. Commissioner Coker believes open and honest communication is essential to the success of Curry County.

Curry County needs leadership that protects our essential institutions, supports the local workforce, and delivers practical solutions for community wellbeing. Lynn Coker has demonstrated that leadership, and his continued service as Curry County Commissioner can strengthen Curry's health systems, public safety, and quality of life.

Isaac Hodges

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