

BRINSON KINZER

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**Q1 BIOGRAPHY:** Please provide a brief bio that describes your background and the particular skills you would bring to the County Board of Supervisors.

My Name is Brinson Kinzer. My past political experience was a conduit to where I am now. I was honored and blessed to serve the City of Blue Grass three consecutive (4) year terms on the City Council, immediately followed by five consecutive years as Mayor, and once again being honored and blessed by winning my first term, as a Democrat, on the Scott County Board of Supervisors which I am seeking re-election. As a career I am a journeyman electrician. I served an apprenticeship with IBEW L.U.145 JATC from 1985-1989, graduating in 1989. I hold a Journeyman A license with the State of Iowa. I have been employed with Davenport Electric Contract Company (DECCO) for 32 years. I have held many positions, with DECCO, over the years from journeyman wireman, to field foreman, to Service Coordinator, to my current position as Safety Director. I hold many safety certifications, which I obtained from Kirkwood Community College. A couple certifications I am very proud of are my OSHA Authorized Construction Trainer and my Certified Occupational Safety Specialist training. I state all of those to show I have leadership skills, listening skills, problem solving, bringing a job in on time and budget. I have been through many budgets, I can work for and with people, I have worked on a bi-partisan way to better Scott County and will continue to do so.

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**Q2** Are there areas of the County budget today – or on the horizon - that cause you particular concern? Yes/No. Please elaborate.

Yes. Mental Health funding and our current radio system. (I give my answer to Mental Health funding in question 7) Outgoing Republican Supervisor Diane Holst has been attending the SECC Board meetings for a very long time. She has vast knowledge of the critical nature of the upgrades and improvements needed to ensure our first responders can communicate with each other as well as other critical agencies. I will continue to reach out to Supervisor Holst for her knowledge and input. These are two areas that are very important to me.

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**Q3** Are there policies or practices you'd like to see the Board adopt, expand or eliminate to promote a stronger business climate in Scott County and the Quad Cities region?

I will continue our support and collaboration with the QC Chamber, GDRC, Tri City Building and Construction Trades, ILLOWA Labor Management Council, and our farmers/land owners. We also need to do a better job of reaching out to our rural communities to incorporate their wants, needs, and concerns. With support and collaboration, all of these partner's will only enhance and better Scott County.

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**Q4** In what circumstances do you support the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and other economic development incentives?

TIF is a wonderful economic tool when used as intended. However, I feel TIF or any economic incentive should be utilized for blighted or depressed areas, and creation of jobs with a living wage and benefits. The question should be will this benefit all of Scott County.

**Q5** Do you support Scott County’s investment in regional marketing, business attraction and economic development services through the Quad Cities Chamber / Quad Cities First? Yes/No. Please elaborate.

Yes. I will continue to support the efforts of these fine men and women who search for prospective clients and arrange meetings. Working countless hours, away from their families, to show the attractions, schools, our workforce, our emergency services, infrastructure, utilities, etc., all to enhance and better all of Scott County.

**Q6** Should Scott County play a greater role in regional economic development and, if so, in what ways?

Continue with Economic Summits, inviting all the communities to share ideas, goals, and visions and then collaborate with the Q.C. Chamber for next step to success. I believe Scott County’s role and expertise is to provide services to the taxpayers they expect. Funding for public safety, roads, bridges, internal agencies, construction and maintenance projects, supporting identified external agencies, all why paying as we go and maintaining a balanced budget. Working and supporting organizations that will promote Scott County is our best economic developer.

**Q7** What more could Scott County do to support mental health services for needy residents?

Educate those not affected by Mental Health as to why funding and services are so important. We need to support our Mental Health region and the region's director Lori Elam. Work with our legislators, on both sides, to continue to maintain and add services. If the tax levy needs increased, then I will support it. I should add that outgoing Republican Supervisor Carol Earnhardt sat on the Mental Health Board for a long time. Supervisor Earnhardt didn't see this issue as a Republican, Democrat, or Independent issue but a compassion issue and never backed down from anyone. Supervisor Earnhardt was a champion for Mental Health. I will continue to reach out to Carol for her knowledge and input.

**Q8** Name two areas of governmental consolidation you would support and why these would be beneficial.

I would first need to see a deficiency, lack of services, redundancy, or concerns from the taxpayers that would constitute a conversation or consolidation of said services.

**Q9** If the taxing authority for the Quad Cities International Airport were to expand to include other local governing jurisdictions, would you be in favor of Scott County’s inclusion to strengthen air service in our community? Why or why not?

No. Even though many of us utilize the airport, I don't see the need for Scott County to do this. The airport has made many improvements and expansions over the years to create the "Gateway to the Quad Cities." They have been successful for all these years without that concept.

**Q10** Where would you like the County Board to concentrate its regional efforts? Check all that apply.

- Rock Island Arsenal/Strategic Defense Alliance**
- Implementation of Q2030 Regional Action Plan**
- Regional Economic Development**