

COUNTY JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE APPOINTING COMMISSION

- Origin: *Iowa Code* Chapter 602 “Judicial Branch;” Article 6 “District Court;” Part 5 “Magistrate Appointing Commissions”
- Number of Members: Six (6) members, one being the District Court Judge; a member of a county magistrate appointing commission shall not be appointed to the office of magistrate, and shall not be nominated for or appointed to the office of district associate judge, office of associate juvenile judge, or office of associate probate judge
- Appointed by: Other than the District Court Judge, who serves as a function of the position and until a successor is chosen, three (3) are appointed by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and two (2) are attorneys elected by the attorneys of Johnson County
- Term: Six (6) years
- Duties: The powers and duties of the County Magistrate Appointing Commission are outlined in *Iowa Code* Chapter 602 as follows:
- 602.6403 Appointment, qualification, and resignation of magistrates.
1. By June 1 of each year in which magistrates’ terms expire, the county magistrate appointing commission shall appoint the number of magistrates apportioned to the county by the state court administrator, the number of magistrates required pursuant to substitution orders in effect, and may appoint an additional magistrate when allowed.
 2. The magistrate appointing commission for each county shall prescribe the contents of an application, in addition to any application form provided by the supreme court, for an appointment pursuant to this section.
 3. Within thirty days following receipt of notification of a vacancy in the office of magistrate, the commission shall appoint a person to the office to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
 5. The commission shall promptly certify the names and addresses of appointees to the clerk of the district court and to the chief judge of the judicial district.
- Meetings: When: Upon expiration of magistrates’ terms, or in the event of a vacancy
- For more information on the Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission, contact the County Attorney’s Office at 319-339-6100