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Honorable Joe Shepard
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HAND DELIVERED

Dear Joe:

I hereby irrevocably resign as Gibson County General Sessions Judge, effective July 1, 2008. In so doing, I will be retiring as General Sessions Judge.

I will be reentering the private practice of law and I will be pursuing other business endeavors.

Please express to the members of the Gibson County Commission my deep appreciation for the privilege of serving the people of Gibson County. It has been an awesome responsibility but also a wonderful experience.

Without a doubt the creation of the Gibson County Community Treatment Court (Drug Court) has been our greatest accomplishment during my eight (8) year tenure. Despite being denied a \$500,000.00 federal grant, we formed and operated a highly successful drug court program for the last five years utilizing existing programs and funding.

Of the 50 graduates who have successfully completed this intensive and rigorous program, I am aware of only 5 of those people who have been rearrested. This amounts to a recidivism rate of 10% when the general recidivism rate of criminal defendants is, as you well know, approximately 70%. I sincerely hope that the County Commission and the newly selected General Sessions Judge will continue this worthwhile effort.

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Finally, one of the greatest pleasures of my tenure as judge has been the great working relationship and the warm friendship that I have had with you, your Honor. I am very happy knowing that will continue.

Very Truly Yours,



James B. Webb

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