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Council Bluffs, Iowa (May 4, 2026) – Availa Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Mitch Kay as the new Market President in Council Bluffs. In this role, Kay will lead the Council Bluffs market in business development, lending oversight, and overall financial performance. He is focused on strengthening Availa Bank’s presence in the community while supporting long-term, relationship-driven growth.

Kay brings nearly twenty years of experience in banking and finance to this role. He previously served as Chief Financial Officer for Pottawattamie County, overseeing financial operations, capital planning, and long-term financial strategy. Kay has also worked at several banks in commercial and agricultural lending roles, gaining extensive experience in credit analysis and portfolio management. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Buena Vista University and a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Northwest Missouri State.

“I am very pleased to have Mitch Kay join the Availa Bank team as our Council Bluffs Market President. He is a strong community leader” said Dan Kitzinger, EVP, Chief Banking Officer. “Mitch has been a highly visible and involved member of the Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, and southwest Iowa business community over the past 15+ years, and we are thrilled to have him now representing Availa Bank. Mitch’s involvement with his local community, school district, and community organizations demonstrates his commitment to continued growth and leadership in this region.”

Kay has lived in Pottawattamie County for the past 40 years. He currently serves as the Mayor of McClelland, is an Underwood Community School board member, Noon Rotary Club of Council Bluffs member, and a sitting member of the Emergency Management Commission. He has previously served on nonprofit boards that foster community development and strengthen support services. He is a Leadership CB, class 29 graduate.

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About Availa Bank: Availa Bank’s roots date back to 1870 when it was originally chartered. Availa is the first three syllables of the word available, a word that defines the bank’s mission – to empower our team to inspire and enable our clients and the communities we serve to achieve financial success. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Pocahontas, Sioux City, and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC