

# Annual Report 2008

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RESPONSIBILITY  
SERVE  
EFFECTIVE  
PRODUCTIVE

QUALITY

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## **Our Mission:**

Polk County exists to **serve** the public. We are **committed** to service excellence, fiscal **responsibility** and **enhancing** the **quality** of life. We will be the most **effective**, **productive**, and **responsive** local government in Iowa.

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**A MESSAGE  
TO THE COMMUNITY...**



**...FROM THE CHAIR**

FY 2007/08 was an eventful year in Polk County. The Board of Supervisors faced many issues that were concerning to our citizens. Plans for the transition into the new Polk County jail were made by the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors. This transition is expected to be complete by November of 2008. The Polk County Jail will have the capacity to house 1,500 inmates. The Board of Supervisors has worked cooperatively with the Sheriff and been vigilant in ensuring that this project has not exceeded the \$68 million construction cost approved by the voters. Once open and fully operational, Polk County will no longer have the expense it previously incurred by housing inmates out of county.

Prison Health Services was awarded the jail medical contract in April of 2008. This is a change in provider that both the Board and the Sheriff

This accomplishment was achieved through growing our convention business to over \$8.3 million in gross revenues. Global Spectrum is an important partner in the operation of the Iowa Events Center and continues to reaffirm the Board's decision that engaging a professional management firm was the right choice for our citizens and community.

IPF, LLC, the Iowa Barnstormers AF2 (arena football development league), joined the AHL Iowa Stars (now the Iowa Chops) and NBDL Iowa Energy in calling Wells Fargo Arena home. Wells Fargo Arena was also host to many concerts in 2007/08 including Billy Joel, Michael Buble, Bonjovi, Van-Halen, John Mellancamp, Rascal Flatts as well as Sesame Street Live, and the Girls and Boys High School Basketball and Wrestling Tournaments. Veterans Memorial Auditorium provided Rib America Fest, professional bull riding,

continue to be marketable and profitable in the convention business.

The Board of Supervisors continued to review possible options to address the issues of the courts. A referendum asking the voters to consider a \$130 million new court annex failed in April of 2008. The Board of Supervisors has engaged architects SVPA to assist them in reviewing other possible options for the courts which includes the possible use of existing downtown buildings including the Polk County Convention Complex.

The Board of Supervisors also engaged a consultant to perform a study of our information technology needs. The results of that study calls for the replacement of our mainframe technology and staff realignment. These recommendations are in the process of being implemented.

## John F. Mauro, Polk County Board of Supervisors

feel will provide cost savings in the way medical services are delivered at the new jail.

The renovation of Polk County River Place into Polk County's largest office complex continued into 2008. The purchase of the Target Complex located at 2309 Euclid Avenue by the Polk County Board of Supervisors was done in an effort to move staff out of leased space. This complex which will house 350 employees is expected to be complete and operational in September 2008 and will save Polk County \$1.5 million annually in lease costs. The Board of Supervisors took measures to ensure that a satellite driver's license station was established with the closing of the Park Fair DOT Office and would be housed at River Place to serve the area.

Global Spectrum, professional management firm for the Iowa Events Center, provided taxpayers with another profitable year generating \$355,000 in combined profit for Polk County.

USA Taekwondo, WWE Smackdown and a number of dance competitions. Iowa was the focus of the national media as the Iowa Events Center was in the center of the excitement when we hosted the Iowa Caucuses at our facilities in January.

HyVee Hall has provided Pheasant Fest, Power Farming, Pork Producers, Deer Classic and the Home and Garden Show. The Convention Complex was host to the Festival of Trees, state-wide and national conferences and dance competitions.

In January, the Board engaged Economics Research Associates (ERA) to perform a feasibility study of the space needs at the Iowa Events Center. The Polk County Convention Complex is over 20 years old and in need of major repairs/updates to make it competitive in the convention marketplace. The results of the study proved that the meeting room and ballroom space at the Plex must be moved to HyVee Hall in order for the IEC to con-

We would be remiss if we did not mention the floods of June 2008, and the 10 days that tested our community. The Polk County Emergency Management Team in the operation of the Incident Command Center provided an atmosphere of regional cooperation. Without the efforts of these individuals from all of the communities within Polk County, neighboring counties, the private sector, Polk County staff, State Homeland Security and the Iowa National Guard, the devastation experienced by our citizens could have been catastrophic.

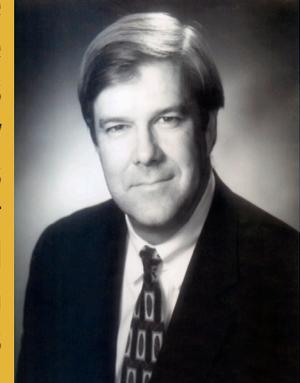
The Polk County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this Annual Report for FY 2007/08. We hope you find the information of interest. As a Board, we remain committed to providing quality services to our citizens and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

# Polk County Board of Supervisors

Robert Brownell was elected in 2000 and is serving his second term. He represents the First District which is made up of Clive, West Des Moines, and southwestern Des Moines. Brownell's experience in government began as a city councilmember in Clive, elected in 1985. He was elected as Mayor in 1993 where he served until his election to the Polk County Board of Supervisors in 2000.

Brownell was raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He attended Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri, and graduated from Kennedy

High School in Cedar Rapids. He obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa cum laude in English and Education. He has attended Drake University for post graduate work. Brownell served as Branch Manager for Yellow Transportation in Des Moines for 15 years. Prior to Yellow he held several management positions with Roadway Express across the Midwest.

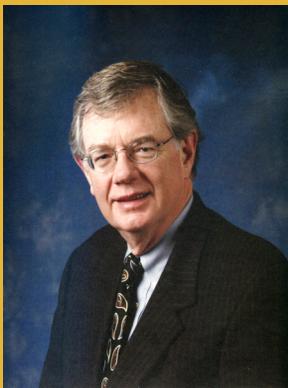


District 1  
Term Expires: 2008

## Robert Brownell

E.J. Giovannetti was elected in 2002 and is serving his second term. He represents Polk County's Second District which consists primarily of Ankeny, Grimes, Johnston, Sheldahl, and Urbandale.

Giovannetti's experience in government began on the Planning and Zoning Commission in Urbandale in 1973. He was appointed mayor in 1977 and served in that position through 1997. Giovannetti has been in the private practice of law with Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. since 1970. Prior to that time, he served as



District 2  
Term Expires: 2008

Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for Legislative Research Bureau, and Deputy Industrial Commissioner, all with the State of Iowa.

He has served as a chairman and member of the Greater Des Moines Civic Center, chairman of the Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association,

president of the Urbandale Economic Development Association, a member of Affordable Housing Task Force, past member of the National League of Cities Committee on Finance, Administration, and InterGovernmental Relationships, member of Board of Directors of Bishop Drum Care Center, Mercy Clinics Board of Directors, and chairman and member of Greater Des Moines Convention, and Visitors Bureau.

Giovannetti currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Choose Des Moines Communities, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Des Moines Arts Festival, Downtown Events Group, Mid-Iowa Development Fund, Central Iowa Drinking Water Commission, Endow Urbandale, and Team Ankeny. Giovannetti is also a liaison to the Polk County Board of Health and an alternate to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Most recently Giovannetti was elected as vice-chair to the Mid-Iowa Association of Local Governments (MIALG).

## E.J. Giovannetti

Tom Hockensmith began serving his first term as Polk County Supervisor in January 2003. He represents Polk County's Third District, which includes the cities of Alleman, Altoona, Bondurant, Elkhart, Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Runnells, and the northeast section of Des Moines.

Hockensmith's previous professional experience includes positions as a policy advisor for Iowa

Governor Thomas J. Vilsack, a union representative for American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and as an electrician for the Iowa Department of Transportation. He served as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 2007.



District 3  
Term Expires: 2010

## Tom Hockensmith



District 4  
Term Expires: 2010

John F. Mauro began serving his fourth term as a member of the Board of Supervisors in January 2003, for Polk County's Fourth District. John previously served the citizens of Polk County for two consecutive terms after being elected in 1990. John served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 1993, 1996,

and 2004.

John is a native of Des Moines and was born and raised on Des Moines' South side. He has been a self-employed businessman and has owned his own insurance agency for many years. John and his wife Grace have been married 45 years. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

## John F. Mauro

Angela Connolly was first elected to represent Polk County's Fifth District in 1998. She served as Chairperson of the Board in 2000, 2003, and 2006 and is serving as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2008.

Before joining the Board of Supervisors, Connolly spent 19 years working at the Polk County Planning & Zoning department. She has been active in many civic and community activities including the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Metropolitan Advisory Council, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Polk County Health Services, Polk County Housing Trust Fund, and served

as past President of the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC).

In 2003, Connolly was named the County Leader of the Year by the American City & County magazine.



District 5  
Term Expires: 2010

## Angela Connolly

# Elected Officials

John Sarcone graduated cum laude from Rockhurst College in 1972 with an A.B. degree in History and was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society.

In 1975, he graduated from Drake University Law School and was admitted to the Iowa Bar in June 1975.

Sarcone assumed the responsibilities of County Attorney in January 1991 and was re-elected in 1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006. He was President of the Iowa County Attorneys Association in 1998, and is currently a member of the Board of the Iowa County Attorneys Association. Sarcone was the

Iowa State Director of the National District Attorneys Association from 1998 to 2000, and is currently a Vice President of the NDAA Board of Directors, serves on the Executive Committee of NDAA, and is the co-chair of the NDAA Legislative Committee.



Attorney

## John Sarcone

Jamie Fitzgerald was unanimously appointed Polk County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections by the Board of Supervisors on January 2, 2007, to fill the unexpired term of the office.

Prior to his appointment, Jamie was First Deputy Auditor for 4½ years under Auditor Michael Mauro. During this time, Jamie directed many technological upgrades in the office, including recording Board of Supervisors' meetings for the website, overseeing the creation of a biweekly newsletter, and automating the transfer index.



Auditor

As Auditor, Jamie has implemented efficiency and conservation measures which have cut printing in the administrative department more than 25 percent. This was accomplished by putting all Board agendas, minutes and

summaries online and by scanning tens of thousands of historical documents, saving addition storage and staff resources. He has also championed a transparent open government office by inviting candidates, the media and public to his office for election demonstrations, tours and explanations of the voting process.

Prior to his Auditor office service, worked for the Iowa Senate Democratic Research Staff in various capacities, including as a research analyst. His duties included staffing a variety of standing and budget committees, responding to constituent requests, and analyzing and advising Senators on amendments and bills.

Jamie received his Bachelor of Arts from Iowa State University in 1994 and an Associate of Arts degree from Iowa Central Community College in 1992.

Jamie resides in Des Moines with his two daughters, Elizabeth and Ashley, and is involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations.

## Jamie Fitzgerald

Julie Haggerty was sworn into office in January 2007. She is a life-long resident of Polk County, a graduate of Dowling Catholic High School, attended Arizona State University, and is a recent graduate of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

Haggerty began her career in the Polk County Recorder's Office in 1974, where she worked for twelve years, and the last three as First Deputy Recorder. For the next twenty years, Julie was the business manager for her family's business, a local printing company that operated on the city's southside over 45 years.

Since taking office, Haggerty has extended her office hours and established a same-day recording policy. She has also brought services to the citizens of Polk County by launching Passport Saturdays in libraries

and senior centers. As an elected official she has been given the opportunity to serve the residents of Polk County in many ways. She has been able to share her knowledge of county government with students in schools and meet with members of the Citizen's Academy and other civic groups. She is presently serving on the Miracle League steering committee, helping build a baseball field near Principal Park for kids with disabilities.

Haggerty and her husband, Michael have been married for 27 years and have three children.



Recorder

## Julie Haggerty

Dennis W. Anderson was elected by the citizens of Polk County in 2000 and re-elected for a second term in 2004. His career in law enforcement began with the Polk County Sheriff's Office in 1973. He has held positions in the Patrol, Jail, Criminal Investigation, and Narcotics Divisions and has held the civil service ranks of Deputy, Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He was promoted to Assistant Chief Deputy in 1989 and to Chief Deputy in 1991.

Sheriff Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in both Criminal Justice and Sociology from Truman State University. He is a graduate of the 178<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy and certified as a peace officer by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.



Sheriff

## Dennis W. Anderson



Treasurer

Mary Maloney has served as Polk County Treasurer since 1989, recently re-elected to her fifth term.

Maloney is a 1977 graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in Economics. She brought a financial and computer background in

business to Polk County.

Significant technological changes have been made to the office in the last eighteen years; the Treasurer received an "Innovations in Government Award" in 1997 for many of these improvements. Maloney kicked-off an eGovernment initiative in 2002, during her presidency of ISCTA, which received two national awards.

## Mary Maloney

# Community Betterment Grant Awards

Accent Neighborhood Association  
Aging Resources of Central Iowa  
AIDS Project of Central Iowa  
American Legion Post 663  
American Legion Post 731  
American Lung Association of Iowa  
Ankeny After Prom  
Ankeny Area Historical Society  
Ankeny Economic Development Corporation  
Ankeny High School Drama Club  
Ankeny School District Foundation  
Ankeny Substance Abuse Project  
Ankeny Tennis Boosters  
Beaverdale Little League  
Beaverdale Neighborhood Association  
Beaverdale VFW Post # 9127  
Bellizzi MacRae American Legion Post 659  
Bernie Lorenz Recovery  
Best Buddies Iowa  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa  
Big Creek Historical Society  
Blank Children's Hospital Regional Child Protection Center  
Bondurant Farrar After Prom 2007  
Capitol East Neighborhood Association  
Clive Parks and Recreation Department  
Clothes Hanger  
Community Development & Re-Investment Corporation  
Cross Ministries  
Dallas Center Grimes High School After Prom  
Dallas Center Grimes Soccer Club  
Des Moines Area Community College Foundation  
Des Moines Area Interfaith Hospitality Network  
Des Moines Area Youth Track Club & Youth Development, Inc.  
Des Moines Arts Festival  
Des Moines Dream Center  
Des Moines Golden K Kiwanis and Kiwanis Foundation  
Des Moines Neighbors  
Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center  
Des Moines Public Schools Library Support Group  
Des Moines Public Schools - Scavo Post Prom  
Des Moines Rowing Club  
Des Moines VFW Post 738  
Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association  
Downtown Urbandale Neighborhood Association  
Drake University  
Drake University Adult  
Literacy Center  
East Des Moines Girls Softball Association



Capitol Park Neighborhood Association  
Central Iowa Shelter & Services  
Central Iowa Youth Basketball  
Child Serve  
Chrysalis Foundation After School Program  
Civic Center of Greater Des Moines  
Clive Historical Society  
East Des Moines Swim Club  
East High Post Prom  
Easter Seals Iowa  
Eastern Polk Regional Development, Inc.  
Eastside Softball Club  
Elkhart Memorial Park  
Endow Urbandale Community Fund

Everybody Wins! Iowa  
 Family Directions of Iowa  
 Fort Des Moines Little League  
 Freedom for Youth Ministries  
 Girl Scouts of Moingona Council  
 Goodrell School Foundation  
 Grandview Little League  
 Greater Des Moines Music Coalition  
 Greater Des Moines Sister City Communities  
 Greater Des Moines Soap Box Derby Association  
 Greater East Side Development  
 Grimes Chamber & Economic Development  
 Grimes Little League  
 Grimes Softball Association  
 Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs  
 Hispanic Educational Resources, Inc.  
 Historic East Village, Inc.  
 The Homestead  
 Hoover High School Cheerleading  
 Hoover High School Library  
 Hoover High School Math Department  
 Hoover High School Post Prom Committee  
 Hospice of Central Iowa  
 House of Mercy  
 Hoyt Sherman Place  
 Indianola Hills Neighbors  
 Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association  
 Iowa Homeless Youth Centers  
 Iowa Senior Olympics  
 Iowa Senior Olympics - Iowa Tigers Softball Team  
 Iowa Sister States  
 Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa  
 Jester Park Preservation Advocates  
 Johnston Band Parents Association  
 Johnston Bluegrass Festival  
 Johnston Booster Club  
 Johnston Dollars for Scholars  
 Johnston Economic Development Corporation  
 Johnston Girls Softball Association  
 Johnston High School Post Prom  
 Johnston High School Vocal Music Parents Association  
 Johnston Station Historical Society  
 King Irving Neighborhood Association  
 Lincoln High School Senior Celebration  
 Little All-American Football, Inc.  
 Living History Farms  
 Lupus Foundation of America, Iowa Chapter  
 Luther Care Services  
 Mentor Iowa  
 Metro Basketball/Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)  
 Midwest Educational Resources Development Fund  
 Minority Communications (KJMC Radio)  
 Mitchellville Chamber of Commerce  
 Mitchellville Community Center  
 Mitchellville Little League Association  
 Mossaic  
 National Black Child Development Institute  
 New Horizons Adult Day Center  
 North Des Moines Girls Softball  
 North High School Boys Cross Country  
 North High School Library  
 North High School Post Prom Committee  
 North Polk Community Schools Foundation  
 North Polk High School Post Prom Committee  
 North/Hoover Wrestling  
 Northwest Soccer  
 Oakridge Neighborhood Services  
 Optimist Club of Urbandale  
 Orchard Place  
 Park Avenue Elementary  
 Pleasant Hill Little League  
 Pleasant Hill Police Department  
 Pleasant Hill PTO  
 Polk City Development Corp  
 Pride of Iowa Chorus - Des Moines Chapter  
 Primary Health Care, Inc.  
 Railsplitter Softball Club, Inc.  
 Roosevelt Instrumental Band Boosters  
 Runnells Little League  
 Runnells Razzle Dazzle Days  
 Salisbury House Foundation  
 Saydel High School (Wrestling Program)  
 Saydel School District After Prom  
 Scarlet Pride, Inc.  
 South Central Iowa Federation of Labor Park  
 South Des Moines Girls Amateur Softball Association  
 South Side Rails  
 Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars Foundation  
 Southeast Polk High School Post Prom  
 Special Olympics Iowa  
 Urbandale 4th of July Committee  
 Urbandale Caring Corps  
 Urbandale Community Action Council  
 Urbandale Development Association  
 Urbandale Historical Society  
 Urbandale Little League  
 Urbandale Parks and Recreation  
 Urbandale Post Prom Committee  
 Urbandale Soccer Club, Inc.  
 Valley High School After Prom  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9662  
 Waterbury Neighborhood Foundation  
 West Des Moines Community Dollars for Scholars  
 West Des Moines Community Schools Foundation  
 West Des Moines Girls Softball  
 West Des Moines Historical Society  
 West Des Moines Human Services  
 West Des Moines Parks and Recreation  
 West Des Moines Soccer Club  
 Young Women's Resource Center  
 Youth Homes of Mid-America

# Community Development Grant Awards

On June 27, 2006 the Board approved a Community Development Grant policy and procedures. These guidelines will be used for Polk County Community Development Grants which are non-economic development grants funded from profits received by Polk County from the operation of Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino. Community Development Grants are for funding requests in amounts that exceed \$5,000 for non-economic development projects or programs. Community Development Grants include a formal application process completed by local service organizations seeking grant funding.

These procedures were established to minimize the risk of improper use of local funds.

**Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Iowa, Inc.**  
**Blank Park Zoo**  
**Broadlawns Medical Foundations**  
**Civic Center of Greater Des Moines**  
**Des Moines Art Center**  
**Easter Seals**  
**Grandview Child Care Center**  
**Greater Des Moines Community Foundation**  
**HOLA Center**  
**Iowa Asian Alliance**  
**Iowa Legal Aid**  
**ISED Ventures**  
**Latino Resources**  
**Pappajohn Sculpture Garden**  
**Principal Charity Classic**



## Economic Development Awards

Polk County's goal for economic development is to increase the tax base. Job creation, job retention, and the enhancement of the economic well being of our county and our citizens are also desired outcomes. This year, Polk County was proud to assist the following businesses with economic development zero interest loans.

**Greater Des Moines Partnership**  
**Wellmark/ City of Des Moines**  
**City of Alleman 0 % Interest Loan**



## Courthouse Space



Review of possible options to address the space issues of the courts continues. A referendum asking the voters to consider a \$130 million new court annex failed in April of 2008. The Board of Supervisors has engaged architects SVPA to assist them in reviewing other possible options for the courts which includes the possible use of existing downtown buildings including the Polk County Convention Complex.

The newly constructed Polk County Jail located at 1985 NE 51st Place in Des Moines, will have the capacity to house 1,500 inmates. The Board has worked cooperatively with the Sheriff and have been vigilant in ensuring that this project has not exceeded the \$68 million construction cost approved by the voters. Plans for the transition into the new Polk County jail were made by the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors. This transition is expected to be complete by November of 2008. Once open and fully operational, Polk County will no longer have the expense it previously incurred by housing inmates out of county.

## Jail Overcrowding



## Leased Space



The renovation of Polk County River Place into Polk County's largest of office complex continued into 2008. The purchase of the Target Complex located at 2309 Euclid Avenue by the Polk County Board of Supervisors was done in an effort to move staff out of leased space. This complex which will house 350 employees is expected to be complete and operational in September 2008 and will save Polk County \$1.5 million annually in lease costs.

# Elected Offices & Departments

Elected to represent one of five districts in Polk County, members of the Board of Supervisors establish local laws and policies, manage the County's budget, allocate funding, and prioritize County initiatives. Their mission is to effectively represent the interests of Polk County citizens and provide leadership in the greater community of Polk County. The Board of Supervisors convenes each Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in room 120.



Robert Brownell - Supervisor, 1st District	515-286-3115
E.J. Giovannetti - Supervisor, 2nd District	515-286-3119
Tom Hockensmith - Supervisor, 3rd District	515-286-3116
John Mauro - Supervisor, 4th District	515-286-3118
Angela Connolly - Supervisor, 5th District	515-286-3117
County Administrator - Ron Olson	515-286-2125
Budget Officer - Deb Anderson	515-286-3016
Project Manager - Sue Elliott	515-286-3128
Strategic Planning Specialist - Shelly Poole	515-286-3991
Admin. Secretary - Paulette Stodgel	515-286-3121
Admin. Secretary - Ami Anderson	515-286-3301
Fax Number	515-323-5225

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/supervisors](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/supervisors)

## Board of Supervisors

The County Attorney is responsible for the prosecution of criminal offenses occurring in Polk County. The County Attorney also provides legal counsel to the Board of Supervisors and any of its departments or boards in civil matters.

The County Attorney handles all juvenile matters including delinquencies, child in need of assistance, and termination of parental rights. Child welfare mediations are also handled in this office. The Restorative Justice Center (RJC) provides Polk County citizens and businesses the opportunity to receive justice in non-traditional law enforcement situations.

The County Attorney's Office has a Collections Unit, responsible for collecting outstanding court costs and fines, once they become delinquent. As of July 1, 2008, the County will receive 40 percent of monies collected. Once a threshold of \$500,000 is reached, the County Attorney's Office will receive an additional 20 percent. Parallel with the collection of delinquent court debt, the Unit also works closely with the Polk County Sheriff's Office in the collection of jail room and board fees.

Polk County Attorney: John Sarcone  
[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/attorney](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/attorney)

General Information	515-286-3737
Criminal Division	515-286-3737
Intake and Screening	515-286-3880
Domestic Abuse	515-286-3880
Drug and Gang	515-286-2121
Major Offense	515-286-2125
Juvenile Bureau	515-286-3016
Investigations	515-286-3128
Restorative Justice Center	515-286-3991
Civil Division	515-286-3301



## Attorney

The Polk County Auditor performs a wide variety of functions and duties which include: preparing and certifying tax levies, keeping real estate transfer records, maintaining financial records (including budgeting), clerking the Board of Supervisors meetings, maintaining the Geographic Information System, and is the Commissioner of Elections.



General Information	515-286-3079
Accounts Payable	515-286-3414
Accounts Receivable	515-286-3419
Beer/Cigarette Licenses	515-286-3079
Central Accounting	515-286-3075
Dog License	515-286-3076
Election Office	515-286-3247
Mapping	515-286-3091
Payroll	515-286-3067
Property Descriptions	515-286-3097
Tax Department	515-286-3097
Fax Number	515-286-3608

Polk County Auditor: Jamie Fitzgerald  
[www.auditor.co.polk.ia.us/auditor.htm](http://www.auditor.co.polk.ia.us/auditor.htm)

# Auditor

General Information	515-286-3160
Passports	515-286-3160
Real Estate	515-286-3160
Trade Names	515-286-3160
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV Registration	515-286-3162
Imaging	515-286-3175
Military Records	515-286-3175
Uniform Commercial Code	515-286-3182
Vital Records	515-286-3781
Fax Number	515-323-5593



The Polk County Recorder's Office core mission is to serve the citizen's of Polk County by: preserving a true and reliable account of all real estate transactions and vital human events, along with collection of revenue taxes on required real estate transfers, providing public access to entitled records, both historic and current, issuing user permits and registrations for recreational vehicles and boats, along with collection of related taxes on behalf of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, maintaining title and lien records for recreational vehicles and boats, recording documents on the day received, and reviewing and accepting passport applications.

Polk County Recorder: Julie Haggerty  
[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/recorder](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/recorder)

# Recorder

The Polk County Sheriff is the Chief Executive Officer of the largest Sheriff's Office in Iowa with over 360 employees and an annual budget of more than \$40 million. The Sheriff's Office is a full service law enforcement agency with Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Civil, and Jail Divisions. The Polk County Sheriff's Office manages the largest jail in the state with an average daily jail population of 999 inmates in 2007.



Dennis W. Anderson	515-286-3800
Chief Deputy	515-286-3245
Administrative Services Division	515-286-3800
Civil Division - Civil Manager	515-286-3944
Field Operations Headquarters - Chief	515-286-3815
Community Relations Unit Information	515-286-2179
Metro S.T.A.R.	515-248-6062
Jail Division	515-286-3804
Central Booking	515-286-3061
Interim Jail Facility - General Information	515-286-3061
Training Coordinator - Information	515-323-8362

Polk County Sheriff: Dennis W. Anderson  
[www.polkcountyiaowa.gov/sheriff](http://www.polkcountyiaowa.gov/sheriff)

# Sheriff

The Treasurer's Office receives, disburses, reports, and invests all funds payable to Polk County. The Treasurer's Office also issues vehicle titles and registrations, collects property taxes, and manages the annual tax sale. The Treasurer implemented online payment services through the Iowa Tax and Tags Web site, [www.iowaTaxandTags.com](http://www.iowaTaxandTags.com) at no out-of-pocket expense with no additional staffing for online payment of property taxes and vehicle registration renewals. These online applications offer enhanced customer service to citizens and businesses and greater investment opportunity for the County.

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Criminal Division	515-286-3737
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Civil Division	515-286-3301

Polk County Treasurer: Mary Maloney  
[www.polkcountyiaowa.gov/treasurer](http://www.polkcountyiaowa.gov/treasurer)

# Treasurer



This department offers congregate meals, preventive health services, advocacy and counseling, activity centers for Polk County's elderly, transportation and home delivered meals for both the elderly and disabled, counseling for crime victims, family support services for families in transition from public assistance to self



sufficiency, child care resources, emergency financial assistance for individuals/families who are disabled or in crisis, 24-hour juvenile intake, youth detention, and a youth shelter center. This department also provides a Prevention Specialists/ Outreach Counselor who provides sexual violence prevention services to seniors 65 years and older living in their homes in Polk County.

Community & Family Division	515-286-3434
Adult Services	515-286-3484
Child & Adult Care Food Program	515-286-2136
Commodity Supplemental Foods	515-286-3655
Crisis and Advocacy Services	515-286-3600
Family Enrichment Center	515-286-3406
General Assistance	515-286-2088
P.E.E.R.	515-286-2112
Senior Services	515-286-3679
Youth Services Division	515-286-3344

Director: Brian Boyer

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/CFYS](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/CFYS)

## Community, Family & Youth Services

From parks and preserves to forests and fairways, the Polk County Conservation Board maintains more than 12,000 acres of land and more than 40 miles of trails. Polk County Conservation also provides educational programs on conservation practices and environmental issues, as well as numerous outdoor recreation opportunities. Nearly 1.4 million visitors annually camp, fish, boat, hunt, hike or ride on PCC lands.

Director: Pat Boddy  
[www.leadingyououtdoors.org](http://www.leadingyououtdoors.org)

## Conservation Board

Administration	515-323-5300
Community Outreach	515-323-5363
Environmental Education	515-323-5359
Parks Advocacy Unity	515-323-5366
Jester Park	515-323-5366
Easter Lake Park	515-285-7612
Yellow Banks Park	515-266-1563
Thomas Mitchell Park	515-967-4889
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt	515-967-2596
Fax Number	515-323-5354



Administrative Division	515-286-3215
Buildings & Grounds	515-286-3228
County Information Desk	515-286-3000
Purchasing Division	515-286-3215



The General Services Department provides building maintenance, construction oversight, purchasing, printing, mail processing, and other related services for County Government. The 104 employees in the department support the activities of other County offices and departments in delivering services to the public. Building and operations support services are provided to 28 County owned buildings and numerous leased locations.

Director: Mike Grimaldi  
[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/generalservices](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/generalservices)

## General Services

The Health Department is responsible for preventing or controlling epidemics and the spread of disease in our community; responding to and recovering from disasters, promoting healthy behaviors, educating and empowering individuals about personal health issues, monitoring the community's health status, mobilizing partnerships to identify and solve health problems, developing health policies and plans, enforcing health laws and regulations, linking people to needed health services and assuring the provision of health care, providing a broad spectrum of clinical and preventive health services to the general population, and encouraging independent living through home health care.



Administration	515-286-3798
Chronic Disease Self Management & Fall Prevention	515-286-3767
Diabetes Prevention and Care	515-286-3798
Disease Prevention	515-286-3890
Employee Health Service	515-286-3798
Health Education	515-286-3895
Immunizations - Childhood	515-286-3798
Immunizations International Travel	515-286-3798
Mammography Info	515-286-3642
Public Health Laboratory	515-286-3774
Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic	515-286-3798
Visiting Nurse Services	515-288-1516
Women's Reproductive Services	515-286-3697

Director: Terri Henkels

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health)

# Health Department

General Information

515-243-4545

Fax

515-243-8447



Director: Lynn Ferrell

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/HealthServices](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/HealthServices)

# Health Services

General Info

515-286-3200

Job Line

515-286-3831

Benefits

515-286-3203

Employment

515-286-3204

Labor Relations

515-286-3033

TDD

515-286-2003



The Human Resources Department strategically partners with all County offices and departments to provide comprehensive human resource services so that County operations, projects, and programs can be safely, effectively, and efficiently administered to nearly 1,200 employees and the general public. The major functional areas of Human Resources are employment, labor relations, classification/compensation, benefits, employee development, and administrative support.

Director: Tony Bisignano

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/humanresources](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/humanresources)

# Human Resources

Main Office

515-286-2102



The Polk County Medical Examiner is charged by Iowa Code 331 to investigate any deaths which occur in the public interest. This includes deaths due to violence, deaths due to diseases potentially causing a public health hazard, child deaths, deaths occurring unexpectedly or from an unknown case, and deaths unattended by a physician in the past 30 days. The office is also responsible for investigating all requests for cremation.

Medical Examiner: Dr. Greg Schmunk

# Medical Examiner

The Development Services Division is responsible for Building Inspection, Environmental Health Inspections (septic, pools, spas, tanning) and correcting Health Nuisance violations. The division also administers the Weatherization program and also continues to administer the Emergency Repair and Rehab Programs aimed at low-to-moderate income families. In cooperation with the Polk County Health Department, they began the Lead Remediation and Lead Inspections on houses constructed prior to 1978. The Air Quality Division continues to monitor Central Iowa air quality and work with area industries to maintain national air quality standards. The Planning Division adopted a new Zoning ordinance and Zoning Map implementing the recommendations of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for Polk County which was adopted in May 2006. The Engineering Division was involved in several road construction projects. Future infrastructure needs are being studied with such projects as Phase Two of the NE Beltway Study and the proposed 26th Street Interchange. The Secondary Road Division continues to maintain over 750 miles of roadways in Polk County and continues to maintain over 28 cooperative maintenance agreements with area cities and governmental agencies.

Director: Larry Land

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/publicworks](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/publicworks)

Director	515-286-5511
General Info	515-286-3705
Air Quality	515-286-3351
Building	515-286-3352
Central Maintenance Facility	515-286-3705
Code Enforcement	515-286-5518
Environmental Health	515-286-3376
Housing Services	515-286-3726
Planning/Zoning	515-286-3358
Secondary Roads	515-286-3705
Tax Deed Property Management	515-286-2287
Weed Commissioner	515-286-3005
Weatherization	515-286-2258

# Public Works



Honorably discharged wartime Polk County Veterans and their families may receive assistance with shelter, utilities, food, transportation, and prescriptions. Burial assistance may also be available. In cooperation with the Des Moines Park Department, Veteran Affairs maintains the graves of more than 31,700 Polk County Veterans. For veterans' graves Polk County Veteran Affairs provide flags and markers. They are also the approving authority for all veterans and spouses who wish to reside at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Director: David DeBolt

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/veteranaffairs](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/veteranaffairs)

Director  
General Info

515-286-5511  
515-286-3705

# Veteran Affairs

# Budget & Strategic Planning

The financial condition of Polk County government remains strong. Growth in the tax base and continued revenue from Prairie Meadows has allowed the County to continue to reinforce its fiscal condition. This situation has enabled the County to undertake new projects and serve a key role in area development efforts while achieving the highest possible bond rating.

In November 2007, Polk County improved its bond rating when Standard & Poor's Ratings Service revised Polk County's financial outlook from AA+ to AAA. The rating service cited the County's trend of steady economic growth, implementation of long-term planning tools, low debt burden, and stable financial position as the rationale for the enhanced rating. The AAA bond rating is the highest rating available, and distinguishes Polk County as having an extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments.

Despite uncertain economic times, it is estimated the County will maintain a healthy fund balance throughout the upcoming fiscal year. Estimated General Fund ending balances are projected at 24 percent of expenditures, a percentage that falls within the County's adopted financial policies. Nonetheless, the County is closely monitoring the financial situation and reviewing the effect of the economy on budget projections. We are committed to responsible fiscal management and will adapt as needed to continue serving the community in a cost-effective manner.

<b>Polk County 2007/08 Bond Ratings</b>	
Moody's Investors Service .....	Aa1
Standard & Poor's .....	AAA
Fitch Ratings .....	AA+

## Gaming Revenue Use Summary

<b>Direct County Uses</b>	<b>FY 2007/08</b>
Pay off Events Center Bonds	11,862,331
Prairie Meadows Property Tax	3,468,654
Pay off Miscellaneous Bonds	440,165
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<b>Revenue Sharing</b>	<b>2,329,406</b>
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<b>Economic &amp; Community Development</b>	
Community Betterment Grants	626,150
Social Services Programs	422,800
Miscellaneous Grants & Operations	5,433,227
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<b>Total</b>	<b>24,600,733</b>

## ACTUAL - cash basis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008

Beginning Balance 98,936,283

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Taxes Levied on Property 109,731,765  
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes 390,399  
Less: Credits to Taxpayers 2,728,385  
Net Current Property Taxes 106,612,981

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Other Revenues  
Delinquent Property Tax Collections 43,323  
Penalties, Interests, & Costs on Taxes 1,388,689  
Other County Taxes 5,301,031  
Intergovernmental 67,142,624  
Licenses & Permits 516,088  
Charges for Services 10,303,961  
Use of Money & Property 9,989,679  
Miscellaneous 1,805,552  
Subtotal Other Revenues 203,103,928

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Other Financing Sources  
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds 2,697,656  
Operating Transfers In 26,876,454  
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales 108,235  
Transfers In 33,742,234  
Total Revenues and Other Financial Sources 266,528,507

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Expenditures and Other Uses  
Public Safety & Legal Services 51,219,197  
Physical Health & Social Services 28,594,679  
Mental Health 50,091,205  
County Environment & Education 15,896,209  
Roads & Transportation 9,835,912  
Governmental Services to Residents 5,988,447  
Administration 30,964,225  
Nonprogram Current 46,304  
Debt Service 10,513,954  
Capital Projects 44,942,536  
Subtotal Expenditures 248,092,668

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Other Financing Uses  
Operating Transfers Out 18,435,839  
Total Expenditures and Other Uses 266,528,507

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Ending Balance 65,194,049