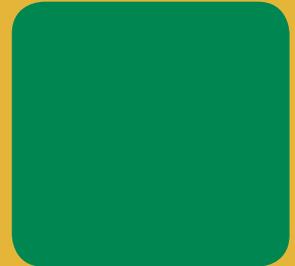
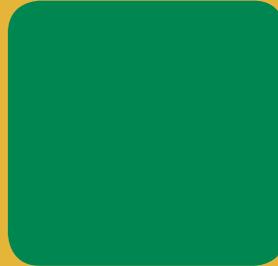
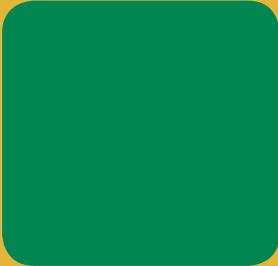




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OUR MISSION:

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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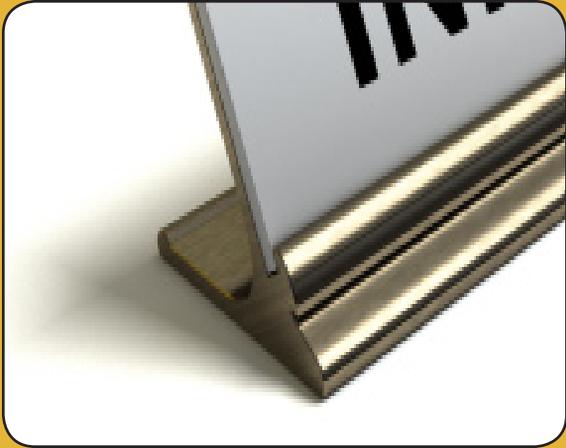




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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR...

Polk County continues to deal with many issues and concerns that affect our citizens. 2007 saw the construction of the

new Polk County jail nearing completion. This facility built to house 1,500 inmates will be fully operational in the Fall of 2008. The Polk County Jail Project was a \$68 million bond issue. The Board of Supervisors has been vigilant in ensuring that this project has not exceeded the \$68 million cost approved by the voters. In total, construction costs for the jail are expected to be \$69.3 million. The bonds will be repaid over a 20 year period, with annual payments of approximately \$5 million. Once open and fully operational, Polk County will no longer have the expense it previously incurred by housing inmates out of county.

Remodeling of Polk County River Place continued in 2007. 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 and will be complete and operational in 2008. Once this complex is occupied, it will house 350 employees and save Polk County \$1.5 million annually. With the relocation of the State of Iowa Department of Transportation from Park Fair Mall to Ankeny, the Board took measures to ensure that a satellite driver's license station would be housed at River Place to serve the area.

Polk County continues to support affordable housing throughout Polk County and in 2007 approved a continuation of an agreement and funding of \$1.5

million per year for three years with the Polk County Housing Trust Fund to provide affordable housing to the community. In addition, Polk County continues to work in partnership with the City of Des Moines in addressing lead based paint hazards within the homes of Polk County residents

The Iowa Events Center continues to prosper. A National Basketball Development League (NBDL), the Iowa Energy, joined the Iowa Stars in calling Wells Fargo Arena home. Wells Fargo Arena was also host to many concerts in 2007 including country music star Keith Urban as well as the Girls and Boys High School Basketball and Wrestling Tournaments. Veterans Memorial Auditorium provided AAU wrestling a number of dance competitions as well as rock star Ozzy Osbourne. HyVee Hall 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, dance competitions, and numerous activities surrounding the Iowa Caucus.

Global Spectrum put money into Polk County's reserves for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. In only the second full year of operation, the Iowa Events Center turned a profit therefore not requiring Polk County to pick up any of the \$114,000 subsidy originally budgeted. Global Spectrum continues to reaffirm the Board's decision to engage a professional management firm was the right one for our citizens and community.

The Board of Supervisors continued to review possible options to address the courts issues of overcrowding, safety, and security. In collaboration with the architectural firm of SVPA and the input received from the public, a total of eight options were reviewed for consideration. An option was then selected based upon a recommendation from the Courthouse Project Team

and a referendum was scheduled to appear before the voters in the Spring of 2008.

Polk County joined with the City of Des Moines and the Downtown Community Alliance in commissioning a comprehensive study of downtown Des Moines. This study completed by local Architect Erin Olson Douglas and the architectural design firm of Agrest and Gandelosolas encompasses all areas of downtown from the Iowa Events Center to the Court Avenue District and from the East Village to Gateway West. The study provides a vision and road map for future planning, preserving Polk County's investment in the Iowa Events Center, and serving as the template that ensures that a vital downtown continues into the future.

In September of 2007, the Polk County Board of Supervisors hired a new County Administrator. Ron Olson came to our community having previously held the position of Deputy City Manager in Arlington, Texas. He holds a B.S. with emphasis on Business Management and Political Science as well as an MPA from Brigham Young University and is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. Mr. Olson has previously held the positions of City Manager for Middletown, Ohio, Belding, Michigan, and West Jordan, Utah and also served as Director of Finance and Administrative Services for the City of West Jordan.

The Polk County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this Annual Report for 2007. We hope you find its contents of value. As a Board, we remain committed to providing quality services to our citizens and wish to thank you for your continued support of these initiatives that enable us to serve those citizens who are most in need.

Tom Hockensmith, Chair
Polk County Board of Supervisors



ROBERT BROWNELL

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. Mr. 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 is a Republican.

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**



E.J. GIOVANNETTI

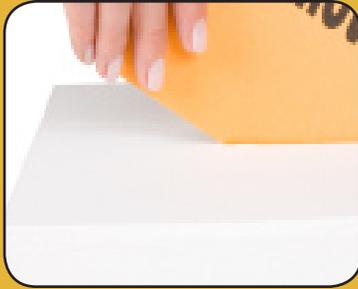
E.J. Giovannetti was elected in 2002 and is serving his second term. He represents Polk County's Second District which consists primarily of Ankeny, Grimes, Johnston, Sheldahl, and Urbandale.

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 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 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).

DISTRICT 2 **TERM EXPIRES: 2008**



ELECTED OFFICIALS





JULIE HAGGERTY

RECORDER

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.



DENNIS W. ANDERSON

SHERIFF

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 178th session of the FBI National Academy and certified as a peace officer by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.



MARY MALONEY

TREASURER

Mary Maloney has served as Polk County Treasurer since 1989, recently re-elected to her 5th 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.



2007 PROJECTS



JAIL

On March 29, 2005, Polk County voters approved a referendum for a 1,500 bed jail facility at a total construction cost not to exceed \$68 million dollars. Since 1988, the Polk County Sheriff's Office has been boarding prisoners in other counties and states because of overcrowded conditions.

Construction began in July 2006 by general contractor, Weitz Co. Now, in 2007 major portions of the site work/utilities are in place, all inmate concrete cells are poured, exterior walls and roof done at the center core areas (kitchen, laundry, administration, medical, intake) and the Sheriff's Office has a Transition Team in place to plan for the hiring of staff and preparation of the new procedures needed in the larger facility.



NORTH SIDE SENIOR CENTER

The North Side Senior Center, located at Park Fair Mall, Second and Euclid, was newly remodeled in 2007. The center was previously located in the basement of Park Fair Mall and relocated to the first floor. The center includes an additional 1,866 square feet and provides easier access for Polk County seniors.



RIVER PLACE



Polk County River Place, located at 2309 Euclid Avenue is the former retail property that Polk County purchased in January 2006. The reason Polk County purchased this building was with the intent to relocate various county functions from leased space and consolidates them into one county-owned facility to improve the delivery of services to the public. The former use of the facility was a Target retail store and warehouse. The Iowa Department of Transportation opened its driver's license satellite location at the complex in June of 2007. This will be Polk County's largest office building, over 144,000 square feet with 350 workers, averaging 40-50 clients per hour. There is still about 14,000 square feet to be designed on the west end of the property. Planning will start the summer of 2008.

SOUTH SIDE SENIOR CENTER



The South Side Senior Center, operated by Polk County expanded and renovated their building located at 100 Payton Avenue. The center has an average of 110 seniors a day who gather for a day of activities. The expansion created an additional 2,700 square feet of space. Bathroom facilities were updated and enlarged, a multipurpose room expanded seating for meals, a billiards room, and expanded kitchen space were the projects that took place in the center.



GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT AWARDS

Funding is available through monies Polk County receives from Prairie Meadows gaming revenues. The CBG Program is designed to provide financial support to non-profit organizations that provide cultural, recreational, educational, and human needs services to our citizens. Each year, community agencies and organizations throughout Polk County submit requests for Community Betterment funding. Applications are accepted from December 1 through the end of February each year. Grants are awarded in late April/early May.

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
Broadlawns Medical Center
Capitol East Neighborhood 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
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 V.F.W. Post 738
Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association
Downtown Urbandale Neighborhood Association
Drake University
Drake University Adult Literacy Center
East Des Moines Girls Softball Association

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 Sister Coalition
Greater Des Moines Music 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
 ISED – Earned Income Tax Credit
 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
 Mosaic
 NAMI
 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.

Broadlawns Medical Foundation
Central Campus Foundation
Civic Center of Greater Des Moines
Des Moines Art Center
Fathers and Families Coalition
Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. (Iowa Cubs)
Greater Des Moines Community Foundation
Greater Des Moines Partnership
HOLA Center
Hoover High School Athletic Complex
Iowa Asian Alliance
Iowa Genealogical Society

Iowa Legal Aid
ISED Ventures
Latino Resources
Lighting of the ball field at east High School
Lincoln High School Vision Campaign
Primary Health Care for dental clinic
Restoration Ingersoll
Roosevelt High School—Capital Improvement Projects
Southeast Polk Community School District
State Public Policy Group – Minority Enterprise
Construction Council
Urban Dreams for Links to Learning
VSA arts of Iowa

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT 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.

- Achieve 121 Fund
- Drake University
- Mitchellville Public Library
- Partners Unlimited
- South Des Moines Little League
- Zero interest loan to Kailea Networks Inc.





AWARDS





2007 Recycling Recognition from MidAmerica Recycling

124.59 tons
122.50 paper tons

Resources Conserved:
2,083 trees
857,500 gallons of water
7,350 lbs of air pollution
502,250 kw hours of electricity
404 cu. yards of landfill space



POLK COUNTY INITIATIVES





Lead Based Paint

Childhood lead poisoning is one of the most preventable environmental diseases of young children. Iowa ranks fourth among states with pre- 1940's housing stock. Over 170 children in Polk County are identified each year as having high blood levels. Health regulations have been established in Polk County that aims to eliminate the hazards of lead based paint in aging homes. The regulation provides for the inspection and correction of lead based paint hazards in locations where exposed children test positive for elevated blood lead levels. The Polk Health Department working with the city of Des Moines Community Development Department has developed two programs which provide free cleaning and painting supplies with directions on how to remedy the lead hazards and a pilot project targeting five homes that will receive money through the City of Des Moines for lead hazard repairs. Polk County has allocated \$1 million dollars to assist with the eradication of this problem within our community.

Courts Issues

The Polk County Courthouse built in 1906 was originally designed for four courtrooms. Currently, there are 28 courtrooms in the building with Polk County providing an additional 9,000 square feet in leased space at Riverpoint West as well as 14,705 square feet of additional leased space for Clerk of Court Records. Over the next 25 years, Polk County will spend approximately \$100 million dollars in lease and tenant improvements to accommodate current space needs and provide for future growth.



Downtown Study

Polk County continues to protect its investment in the Iowa Events Center and has partnered with the City of Des Moines and the Downtown Community Alliance in cosponsoring the Downtown Study Plan. These groups collectively recognized the accomplishments that have been made as well as the potential of our downtown. This project comes at a juncture where people from across the city, metropolitan, state, and region are beginning to look at this thriving urban area for much more than its traditional roles as an employment center. In addition to providing approximately 70,000 jobs, downtown Des Moines is home to several thousand residents and serves as a regional entertainment visitor destination.

Utilizing the foundations of Des Moines' earliest planning, this project builds on the unique and exemplary 20th Century urban structure with Locust street's view to the State Capitol, Court Avenue's focus on the Polk County Courthouse and our civic Des Moines Riverfront. This project supports our new downtown amenities, aiming to bolster their utilization. The ideas in the study enhance our downtown and prepare our city for economic, social, environmental, and cultural advances that will benefit future generations.



Healthy Polk is a movement of individuals and community organizations with a mission to improve health status, longevity and quality of life for all Polk County residents.

As follow-up to the November 2006 Town Hall meeting, "Childhood Overweight: A Community Problem," Healthy Polk supported the "BMI Project." Iowa State University Extension is working with four local school districts (Des Moines, West Des Moines, Saydel, and Southeast Polk) to collect height and weight information on first and fifth graders. School staff have received the same equipment and received training in how to use the equipment. This project will allow us, for the first time, to develop a baseline of community wide data on the prevalence of childhood overweight in our community.

In the spring of 2007, Healthy Polk convened a town

hall meeting, "Got a Tooth? Get a Doc." Forty-eight people attended the meeting where residents and professionals discussed the importance of children beginning their oral health care with the eruption of their first tooth. Healthy Polk supported an initiative to increase the number of dentists willing to see young children. As a result of the "Got a Tooth-Dental Access Program" campaign thirty-six additional dentists agreed to accept I-Smile referrals of children when they get their first tooth.

Throughout 2007 Healthy Polk completed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Performance Standards for Local Public Health Systems. This tool will help Healthy Polk assess our collective capacity to make Polk County a healthy community.

Healthy Polk 2010



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 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. The second Tuesday of each month the Board convenes at 5:00 p.m. instead of the a.m. meeting.

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

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.



General Information	515-286-3737	Major Offense	515-286-2125
Criminal Division	515-286-3737	Juvenile Buereau	515-286-3016
Intake and Screening	515-286-3880	Investigations	5.15-286-3128
Domestic Abuse	515-286-3880	Restorative Justice Center	515-286-3991
Drug and Gang	515-286-2121	Civil Division	515-286-3301

Polk County Attorney: John Sarcone
www.polkcountyiowa.gov/attorney

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

Polk County Auditor: Jamie Fitzgerald
www.auditor.co.polk.ia.us/auditor.htm

AUDITOR

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



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

Polk County Recorder: Julie Haggerty
www.polkcountyiowa.gov/recorder

RECORDER



The Polk County Sheriff is the Chief Executive Officer of the largest Sheriff's Office in Iowa with over than 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. In March, 2005 Polk County voters overwhelmingly approved the construction of a new jail facility. The completion of the new jail facility is anticipated in the fall of 2008.

Visit our Web site at www.polkcountyiowa.gov/sheriff for construction updates and more information about the Sheriff's Office.

Dennis W. Anderson	515-286-3800	Metro S.T.A.R.	515-248-6062
Chief Deputy	515-286-3245	Jail Division	515-286-3804
Administrative Services Division	515-286-3800	Central Booking	515-286-2199
Civil Division – Civil Manager	515-286-3944	Interim Jail Facility- General Information	515-286-3061
Field Operations Headquarters – Chief	515-286-3815	Training Coordinator – Information	515-323-8362
Community Relations Unit Information	515-286-2179		

Polk County Sheriff: Dennis W. Anderson
www.polkcountyiowa.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 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.



Administrative Division	515-286-3041	Tax & Vehicle Fax Number	515-323-5202
Tax Division	515-286-3060	Admin. Fax Number	515-286-2225
Vehicle Division	515-286-3030	Cash Management Fax Number	515-286-3375
Cash Management	515-286-3035	Online Payment	www.iowaTaxAndTags.com

Polk County Treasurer: Mary Maloney
www.polkcountyiowa.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 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. The services include education, support, advocacy, and connecting them to other community-based services that enhance their safety. The program started in November of 2007 and for the first seven months, Sherry Knox, the counselor, did a needs assessment. Knox gathered information for this assessment by hosting several events at the various senior centers. The needs assessment has helped to inform us about the kind of programming we need to offer beginning July 1, 2008. Knox will hold one to two safety discussion groups per month in both Brooks and the South Side Senior Center and several educational presentations in the other centers during the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

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

Director: Brian Boyer
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.



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

Director: Pat Boddy
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

CONSERVATION BOARD



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.

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

Director: Mike Grimaldi
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.

A priority of the department continues to be reducing the incidence number of lead poisoned children in the community. In 2007, our partnership with the City of Des Moines and Polk County Public Works Department to repair homes with lead hazards resulted in 22 of units receiving lead remediation. The department received funding from the Environmental Protection Agency to implement a new program "Three Strikes Against Lead" which targets education, home risk audit, and lead testing outreach to the Latino community working through existing community networks.

In 2007 the department launched three highly popular chronic disease programs: Diabetes Screening and Care, Chronic Disease Self Management, and Enhanced Fitness. For more information on these programs visit our Web site at www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health.



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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Polk County citizens with a mental illness, mental retardation, or a developmental disability received needed services through county funding. During FY 07, nearly 7,300 residents of Polk County received services funded in whole or in part by Polk County. Because of the high unemployment rate for persons with disabilities, Polk County Health Services initiated a multi-stakeholder group to develop strategies for helping consumers obtain employment and become more self-sufficient. That group was instrumental in the initiation of three additional skills training programs for persons with disabilities in the County. Information about this and other activities of PCHS is available at www.polk.ia.networkofcare.org.

General Information515-243-4545 Fax515-243-8447

Director: Lynn Ferrell
www.polkcountyiowa.gov/HealthServices

HEALTH SERVICES

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.

In an effort to reduce costs and streamline various processes and procedures, the Human Resources Department has developed partnerships with the City of Des Moines, the Des Moines School District, and the State of Iowa. Some of the shared services include, but are not limited to, the following areas: employee wellness and training. The Human Resources Department is implementing a new eRecruit System and on-line employment application, which will provide a variety of functions to the general public, County offices and departments. More information about the Polk County Human Resources Department can be accessed through the County's Web site at www.polkcountyia.gov, or by calling 286-3200.



General Info	515-286-3200	Employment	515-286-3204
Job Line	515-286-3831	Labor Relations	515-286-3033
Benefits	515-286-3203	TDD	515-286-2003

Director: Tony Bisignano
www.polkcountyia.gov/humanresources

HUMAN RESOURCES



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 cause, and deaths unattended by a physician in the past 30 days.

The office is also responsible for investigating all requests for cremation. When a death is reported to the office, a Medicolegal Death Investigator inquires into the circumstances of the death. In many cases the investigator responds to the scene of death, examines the decedent and obtains the needed information to determine whether a postmortem examination (autopsy) is required. In other cases, investigation may disclose a physician who is able to certify a natural cause of death without further involvement of the Medical Examiner. If an autopsy is required for determination of the cause and manner of death, this examination is performed by a Board Certified Forensic Pathologist, who may also perform additional testing such as toxicology or specialized tissue examinations. In all cases of death from a non-natural cause, the Medical Examiner is required by the statute to sign the death certificate. In cases of civil or criminal interest, the Investigator or Pathologist is often required to testify on their findings in court.

Main Office515-286-2102



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 in which approximately 245 homes were weatherized in 2007. The division continues to administer the Emergency Repair and Rehab Programs aimed at low-to-moderate income families. In cooperation with the Polk County Health Department, we 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 Subdivision Ordinance was also updated. Sewer installations were completed via Urban Service Agreements with the Cities of Bondurant, Pleasant Hill, and Mitchellville.

The Engineering Division was involved in engineering and administration of over \$20 million in road construction work. The work included completing the NW 54th Avenue reconstruction project and the widening and resurfacing of NW 6 Drive. Work will continue on the NE 56 Street Reconstruction project and the Norwoodville/Saylor Creek Sanitary Sewer projects. Design work will continue on the NW Madrid Drive Reconstruction project and Phase 1 of the Rock Creek Sanitary Sewer project. Future infrastructure needs are being studied with such projects as Phase Two of the NE Beltway Study and the proposed NW 26th Street Interchange.

The winter of 2007/2008 was one of the busiest snow removal seasons in over ten years. The Secondary Road Divisions were on the road for 41 full callouts this winter, double the average year. The 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	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

Director: Larry Land
www.polkcountyiowa.gov/publicworks

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 we provide flags and markers. We are also the approving authority for all veterans and spouses who wish to reside at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

General Info515-286-3670
Fax515-286-2106



Director: David DeBolt
www.polkcountyiowa.gov/veteranaffairs

VETERAN AFFAIRS



BUDGET & STRATEGIC PLANNING



REVENUES & OTHER FINANCES

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 achieve the undertake new projects and serve a key role in area development efforts while achieving the highest possible bond rating.

The Board of Supervisors continues to implement innovative approaches to responsible fiscal management, including strategic planning and partnerships with other local governments and service agencies. Needs addressed through the strategic planning process have included establishment of a lead abatement program and

nuisance abatement in the rural areas.

In March 2007, the Polk County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved certification of the 2007-2008 Polk County budget of \$225 million, a decrease of 3 percent compared to 2006-2007 expenditures. The majority of this decrease is attributable to prior-year construction of a new voter-approved 1,500-bed \$68 million jail facility.

It is estimated the County will maintain a healthy fund balance throughout the upcoming fiscal year. There is no expected increase in the net operational cost of the adult detention system, and General Fund reserves will approximate 27 percent of total annual expenditures. Polk County is fortunate to have and appreciates the

efforts of nearly 1,000 Polk County citizens who volunteer their time and talents to the many departments and services of the County every year. These volunteers save the County more than \$1.3 million in salaries each year. Most volunteers work with the Community, Family, and Youth Services Department, with nearly half of the volunteers assisting with the County's 12 meal sites and neighborhood senior centers. Other specialty skills are shared by citizens through the Polk County Attorney's and Sheriff's offices, along with the Health Department and the Polk County Jail.

GAMING REVENUE USE SUMMARY

Direct County Uses	FY 2006/07	FY 2007/08
Pay off Events Center Bonds	12,924,348	11,862,331
Prairie Meadows Property Tax	2,958,798	3,486,654
Pay off Miscellaneous Bonds	692,853	440,165
Revenue Sharing	1,666,666	2,329,406
Economic & Community Development		
Community Betterment Grants	590,903	643,050
Social Services Programs	422,800	422,800
Miscellaneous Grants & Operations	8,614,078	5,517,837
Total	27,870,446	24,702,243

Polk County 2007 Bond Ratings	
Moody's Investors Service	Aa1
Standard & Poor's	AA+
Fitch Ratings	AA+

UNAUDITED ACTUAL - cash basis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007

Taxes Levied on Property	98,107,703
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes	464,800
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	2,615,224
Net Current Property Taxes	95,027,679
Other Revenues	
Delinquent Property Tax Collections	27,062
Penalties, Interests, & Costs on Taxes	1,147,313
Other County Taxes	4,535,280
Intergovernmental	58,573,632
Licenses & Permits	481,516
Charges for Services	10,639,646
Use of Money & Property	10,565,607
Miscellaneous	1,678,408
Subtotal Other Revenues	182,676,143
Other Financing Sources	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	80,948,892
Operating Transfers In	99,924,311
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	199,858
Total Revenues and Other Financial Sources	363,749,204
Expenditures and Other Uses	
Public Safety & Legal Services	48,821,520
Physical Health & Social Services	26,545,000
Mental Health	45,795,507
County Environment & Education	15,385,167
Roads & Transportation	9,133,153
Governmental Services to Residents	5,330,543
Administration	28,100,164
Nonprogram Current	770,124
Debt Service	8,160,318
Capital Projects	43,638,001
Subtotal Expenditures	232,067,022
Other Financing Uses	
Operating Transfers Out	93,360,608
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	325,427,630
Excess Revenue & Other Sources	
Excess of Revenues & Transfers In	38,321,574
Beginning Fund Balance (July 1, 2006)	60,614,709
Ending Fund Balance (June 30, 2007)	98,936,283