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JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011***



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Message from the Chair,
John F. Mauro

On behalf of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, it is my pleasure to present our FY 2010/11 Annual Report. Polk County had another eventful year and I am pleased to provide a few of those highlights.



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County Administrator

Ron Olson, who was the County Administrator, took a position in Corpus Christi, Texas as City Manager in April. During the interim, Project Manager for the Polk County Board of Supervisors, Sue Elliott, has been serving as the Interim County Administrator. In July, we will narrow the search to four or five candidates and have several events where the public will have the chance to meet the candidates.

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Again, the Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this FY 2010/2011 Annual Report. We continue in our due diligence to effectively represent the interests of Polk County citizens and provide leadership in the greater community of Polk County. We appreciate you taking the time to review this report.

John F. Mauro, Chair
Polk County Board of Supervisors

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

First District Supervisor

Robert Brownell was elected in 2000 and is serving his third term. Polk County's 1st District 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.



Bob Brownell

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. Brownell has been married for 40 years and has a son and daughter-in-law.

Brownell will be up for re-election in 2012.

Second District Supervisor



E.J. Giovannetti

E.J. Giovannetti was elected in 2002 and is serving his third term. He represents Polk County's 2nd 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.

Organizations in which Giovannetti is involved include the Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Regional Economic Development, Des Moines Arts Festival, Mid-Iowa Development Fund, Central Iowa Drinking Water Commission, Endow Urbandale, Mid-Iowa Association of Local Governments (MIALG), Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA), Metropolitan Advisory Council (MAC), Polk County Risk Management Committee, Civic Center Executive Committee, and Capital Crossroads Governance Committee.

Giovannetti has two adult children and a granddaughter.

Third District Supervisor



Tom Hockensmith

Tom Hockensmith began serving his second term as Polk County Supervisor in January 2003. He represents Polk County's 3rd District, which includes the cities of Alleman, Altoona, Bondurant, Elkhart, Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Runnells, and the northeast section of Des Moines. He served as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 2005, 2007 and 2010.

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.

Fourth District Supervisor

John F. Mauro began serving his fourth term as a member of the Board of Supervisors for Polk County's 4th District. John previously served the citizens of Polk County for two consecutive terms after being elected in 1990. John has served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 1993, 1996, 2004, 2008 and 2011.

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 Mauro

John and his wife, Grace, have been married 48 years. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

Fifth District Supervisor

Angela Connolly was first elected to represent Polk County's 5th District in 1998. She served as Chair of the Board in 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2009. Before joining the Board of Supervisors, Connolly spent 19 years working at the Polk County Planning & Zoning department.



Angela Connolly

Connolly has been active in many civic and community activities which have included the Metropolitan Advisory Council. She currently serves as the Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Transportation Roundtable, Des Moines Neighborhood Resource Office, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority. In addition, she serves on the boards of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Polk County Health Services, Greater Des Moines Partnership, NAMI Walks Advisory Council, Iowa Accountability and Transparency Board, Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Transit 2030, Homeless Coalition, Jail Diversion Committee and has served as past President of the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC).

Angela and her husband, Tom have been married 37 years. They have two sons, one daughter and two granddaughters.

POLK COUNTY, IOWA ELECTED OFFICIALS

Attorney



John Sarcone

John Sarcone graduated cum laude from Rockhurst College in 1972 with an A.B. degree in History and Political Science 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.

He served as an assistant public defender in the Polk County Offender Advocate's Office from 1975 to 1979. In 1979, he was hired as a staff attorney in the Environmental Law Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office and in 1982 he was appointed as the director of the Environmental Law Division.

Sarcone was elected Polk County Attorney in 1990 and was re-elected in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. In 1998, he was President of the Iowa County Attorneys Association and is currently a member of the board of this association and serves on its Legislative Committee. Sarcone was also the Iowa State Director of the National District Attorneys Association from 1998 to 2000 and was a Vice-President of the NDAA Board of Directors. He was a co-chair of the NDAA Legislative Committee and is currently a member of the NDAA Board of Directors.

Auditor

Jamie Fitzgerald has been Polk County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections since 2007. He is currently serving his first full term.

He has consistently invited candidates, the media and public to his office for election night results, election equipment demonstrations, tours and explanations of the voting process. His office is regularly the first office in Iowa to report election night results.

Fitzgerald has also changed how board agendas, minutes and audio are distributed by making the entire board packet available on his website and by email for the public to view. His office produces a bi-weekly newsletter for citizens, staff and the media that includes what is occurring in the office.



Jamie Fitzgerald

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.

Recorder



Julie Haggerty

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 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 south side over 45 years.

Since taking office in 2006, 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 served on the Miracle League Steering Committee that helped build a baseball field near Principal Park for kids with disabilities.

This year her office was awarded an Historical Resource Development grant from the State of Iowa. The funds from this grant helped to digitize, maintain and preserve land records dating back to the early 1900s. The digitization of these records will give the general public easier access for the retrieval and reproduction of these archived documents.

Sheriff



Bill McCarthy

Bill McCarthy was elected Sheriff in November 2008. Prior to becoming Sheriff, McCarthy served for 2 years as Chief Deputy. Sheriff McCarthy's law enforcement career began 41 years ago as a Police Officer with the Des Moines Police Department. He held positions as an Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and served as the Des Moines Police Chief until his retirement in February 2006.

He has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration Degree from Drake University. He is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's and Harvard's Senior Management Institutes for Police and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program and is a certified Polygraph Examiner.

Sheriff McCarthy served 5 years as President of South Des Moines Little League. He has also administered the Police Athletic League, providing over a number of years a variety of youth sporting activities for hundreds of low-income children in the Des Moines inner city and was instrumental in reopening the Westside Boxing Club and establishing the Eastside Boxing Club.

He is a member of the Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse and has served on many community, school, state and federal task forces dealing with adolescent shelters, school dropouts, youth groups and drug violence. He has served on the Attorney General's Task Force on Juvenile Justice and was appointed by the governor to serve on various committees and councils, including the highly quoted Task Force on Disproportionate Representation. He participated in the President's White House Policy Council meetings on youth gangs and violence, helping to shape the President's initiative on federal juvenile legislation.

Sheriff McCarthy continues to be active in many civic and community organizations.

Treasurer

Mary Maloney has served as Polk County Treasurer since 1989; currently serving in her sixth 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 twenty-two years; the Treasurer received an "Innovations in Government Award" for many of these improvements. Maloney kicked-off an eGovernment initiative during her presidency of Iowa State County Treasurer's Association, which received two national awards.



Mary Maloney

Maloney demonstrates her commitment to public service through her high standards, professional ethics and by maintaining familiarity with policies and procedures to make decisions accordingly.



Deb Anderson
Polk County Budget Analyst



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 decrease the tax levy rate while still undertaking new projects and serving a key role in area development efforts.

Polk County maintains a AAA bond rating from three major rating agencies including Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, and Fitch Ratings. The ratings are the highest ratings available, and distinguish Polk County as having an extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. Reports from these investor services cite the County's strong fund balances, conservative budgeting practices, low debt burden, and steady economic growth as the basis for the ratings.

Despite uncertain economic times, it is estimated the County will continue to maintain healthy fund balances throughout the upcoming fiscal year. Estimated General Fund ending balances are projected at 25% 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 and state tax regulations 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.

Gaming Revenue Use Summary Polk County, Iowa

Polk County, Iowa Gaming Revenue Use Summary

Direct County Uses	FY 2010/2011
Pay off Events Center Bonds	12,800,000
Pay off Sewer Bonds	1,000,000
Prairie Meadows Property Tax	4,500,000
Capital Improvements	900,000
Revenue Sharing with City & Schools	2,400,000
Community Grants, Economic Development & Operations	3,800,000
Total	25,400,000

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ACCENT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
AIB COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
AIDS PROJECT OF CENTRAL IOWA
ALTOONA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ALTOONA CAMPUS
ALTOONA PALOOZA, INC.
AMANDA CARES INC
AMERICAN LEGION POST #731
ANKENY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANKENY ART CENTER
ANKENY CITY BAND
ANKENY COMMUNITY CHORUS
ANKENY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM
ANKENY LITTLE LEAGUE
ANKENY SERVICE CENTER AT NEVEL
ANKENY SPORTS COMPLEX
ANKENY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROJECT
BEACON OF LIFE
BEAVERDALE BETTERMENT COALITION
BEAVERDALE FALL FESTIVAL
BELLIZZI MACRAE AMERICAN LEGION
BEST BUDDIES IOWA
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL IOWA
BONDURANT FARRAR AFTER PROM
BONDURANT SOCCER CLUB
BONDURANT-FARRAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BROOK RUN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
CAMP FIRE USA
CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICE
CENTRAL PLACE FAMILY RESOURCE
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S CANCER CONNECTION
CITY OF ANKENY
CITY OF MITCHELLVILLE
CIVIC CENTER OF GREATER DES MO
CLIVE FESTIVAL INC
CLIVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CLOWNS AT THE CAROUSEL
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DES
MOINES
CROSS MINISTRIES
DALLAS CENTER GRIMES HS AFTER PROM
DALLAS CENTER GRIMES LITTLE LEAGUE
DES MOINES "I HAVE A DREAM" FOUNDATION
DES MOINES ARTS FESTIVAL
DES MOINES BICYCLE COLLECTIVE
DES MOINES CHAPTER INC
DES MOINES COMMUNITY RADIO FOUNDATION
DES MOINES GOLDEN K KIWANIS & KIWANIS FOUN
DATION
DES MOINES NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL
DES MOINES PASTORAL COUNSELING
DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIBRARY
DES MOINES SOCIAL CLUB
DES MOINES SYMPHONY
DOUGLAS ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN

DOWNTOWN URBANDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSO-
CIATION EAST DES MOINES GIRLS SOFTBALL
EAST DES MOINES SWIM CLUB
EAST HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM
EASTER SEALS IOWA
EASTERN POLK REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ENDOW URBANDALE
EVERYBODY WINS! - IOWA
FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORS
FAMILY DIRECTIONS OF IOWA
FORT DES MOINES MUSEUM
FRIENDS OF DES MOINES PARKS
GOLDEN EAGLE WRESTLING DBA EXCEL WRESTLING
GOVERNORS DISTRICT ALLIANCE
GRANDVIEW LITTLE LEAGUE
GREATER ALTOONA GIRLS SOFTBALL
GREATER DES MOINES VOLKSSPORT
GREATER DM SOAPBOX DERBY ASSOC
GREATER EAST SIDE DEVELOPMENT
GRIMES HERITAGE SOCIETY
GRIMES SOFTBALL ASSOC
GRIMES VOLUNTEER SUPPORT SERVICES,INC.
HANSEN HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY
HEARTLAND YOUTH CHOIR
HERBERT HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL
HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY ACTION
HILLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HOMESTEAD LIVING & LEARNING CENTER
HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING
HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM
HOSPICE OF CENTRAL IOWA
HOYT SHERMAN PLACE FOUNDATION
IOWA FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS
IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER
IOWA IRISH INC
IOWA RADIO READING INFO SERVICE
IOWA SENIOR OLYMPICS
IOWA SISTER STATES
ITALIAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
JOHNSTON STATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JOHNSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-JOHNSTON
GREEN DAYS
JOHNSTON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM
JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHY COM-
MUNITY INC.
KEEP ANKENY BEAUTIFUL
KING IRVING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC
KIWANIS RIVERVIEW NATURE ISLAND
LAWSON ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANI-
ZATION (PTO)
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM
LITTLE ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
LIVING HISTORY FARMS
LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA
MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION
MENTOR IOWA
MERLE HAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC
METRO ARTS ALLIANCE OF GREATER

MID-EASTERN COUNCIL ON CHEMICAL ABUSE DBA
BERNIE LORENZ RECOVERY
MIDWEST EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
MINORITY COMMUNICATIONS INC
MITCHELLVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
MITCHELLVILLE ELEMENTARY
MITCHELLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MOAIC
NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CARE
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM
NORTH OF GRAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN
NORTH POLK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
NORTH POLK HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM
NORTH SIDE OTTERS SWIM TEAM
NORTHWEST SOCCER
OAK PARK NEIGHBORS
ORCHARD PLACE
PLEASANT HILL LITTLE LEAGUE
POLK CITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.
POLK COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE INC
RAMS BASEBALL CLUB
RIVER BEND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC
ROCK IN PREVENTION INC
RUNNELLS LITTLE LEAGUE
SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIST.
SAYDEL SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER PROM
SE POLK HIGH SCHOOL IN COOPERATION WITH THE
SAGE ROSENFELS AND KYLE ORTON PASSING
CAMP
SHERIDAN GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD
SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA FEDERATION
SOUTH DES MOINES GIRLS SOFTBALL
SOUTHEAST POLK DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
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UPTOWN ANKENY ASSOCIATION
URBANDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST
URBANDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
URBANDALE COMM.SCHOOL DISTRICT
URBANDALE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK,
(UCAN)
URBANDALE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
URBANDALE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE
URBANDALE HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM
URBANDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
URBANDALE LITTLE LEAGUE
URBANDALE OPTIMIST CLUB
URBANDALE PARKS AND RECREATION
VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM
WEST DES MOINES SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
WEST DES MOINES COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
FOUNDATION
WEST DES MOINES DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
WEST DES MOINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WEST DES MOINES HUMAN SERVICES
WINDSOR HEIGHTS FOUNDATION
WONDER YEARS
YMCA
YOUNG WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
YOUTH HOMES OF MID-AMERICA
YOUTH SPORTS FOUNDATION

Community Development Grant Awards

It is the desire of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to provide the opportunity for community service organizations to apply for grant funds. Polk County Community Development Grants are non-economic development grants funded from profits received by Polk County from the operation of Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino. The Polk County Board of Supervisors wants to establish procedures to minimize the risk of improper use of local funds.

BLANK PARK ZOO FOUNDATION
CENTRAL IOWA HONOR FLIGHT COMM
CITY OF URBANDALE
DES MOINES BICYCLE COLLECTIVE
DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
DRAKE UNIVERSITY ADULT LITERACY
FOUR MILE LITTLE LEAGUE PROJECT
HANSEN HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY
HIGHLAND PARK LITTLE LEAGUE
HOMES OF OAKRIDGE
IOWA ASIAN ALLIANCE

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
LATINO RESOURCES INC
LUTHER CARE SERVICES
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILL
PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC
REBUILDING TOGETHER GREATER DES MOINES
SIXTH AVENUE CORRIDOR INC.
SOUTH SUBURBAN YMCA
SUBJECTIVE THEATRE COMPANY OF DES MOINES, INC.
UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
WEST DES MOINES COMMUNITY CENTER

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:

CHOOSE DES MOINES COMMUNITIES PROJECT
FOUR MILE CREEK WATERSHED STUDY



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN

Board of Supervisors

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 - 1st District	515-286-3115
E.J. Giovannetti - 2nd District	515-286-3119
Tom Hockensmith - 3rd District	515-286-3116
John F. Mauro - 4th District	515-286-3118
Angela Connolly - 5th District	515-286-3117
Ron Olson - County Administrator*	
Sue Elliott, Project Manager	515-286-3128
Deb Anderson, Budget Officer	515-286-3016
Shelly Poole, Strategic Planning Specialist	515-286-3991
Kristi Carman, Administrative Secretary	515-286-3301
Heather Ksiazek, Administrative Secretary	515-296-3121
Lisa Moody-Tunks, Grant Administrator	515-286-2272
FAX	515-323-5225

*Resigned 4/11



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Chair: John Mauro

Attorney

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 Sueprvisors 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. 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
Criminal Division	515-286-3737
Domestic Abuse	515-286-3737
Drug and Gang	515-286-2121
Major Offense	515-286-3680
Juvenile Bureau	515-286-2035
Restorative Justice Center	515-286-3057
Civil Division	515-286-3341
FAX	515-286-3428

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



Auditor

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
Central Accounting	515-286-3575
Dog License	515-286-3076
Beer/Cigarette Licenses	515-286-3079
Election Office	515-286-3247
Mapping	515-286-3091
Payroll	515-286-3067
Property Descriptions	515-286-3097
Tax Department	515-286-3097
FAX	515-286-3608



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Polk County Auditor: Jamie Fitzgerald

Recorder

The Polk County Recorder's office core mission is to serve the citizens 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
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	515-286-3183
FAX	515-323-5393

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



Sheriff

The Polk County Sheriff is the Chief Executive Officer of the largest Sheriff's office in Iowa with over 460 employees and an annual budget of more than \$47 million. The Sheriff's office is a full service law enforcement agency with Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Civil and Jail Divisions.

Sheriff Bill McCarthy	515-323-5446
Chief Deputy Victor Munoz	515-323-5346
Administrative Services	515-286-3814
Civil Division – Civil Manager	515-286-2211
Field Operations	515-286-3306
Community Relations	515-286-3306
Jail Division	515-323-5400
Office of Planning & Development	515-286-3943
Office of Professional Standards	515-323-5456
FAX	515-323-5473



www.polkcountyiowa.gov/sheriff
Polk County Sheriff: Bill McCarthy

Treasurer

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 website, www.IowaTaxandTags.gov at no out-of-pocket expense and 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.

General Information	515-286-3041
Tax Division	515-286-3060
Vehicle Division	515-286-3030
Cash Management	515-286-3035
FAX	515-286-2225

www.polkcountyiowa.gov/treasurer
Polk County Treasurer: Mary Maloney



Community, Family & Youth Services

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 centralized juvenile intake, juvenile detention, and a youth shelter are all services provided by this department.

Adult Services	515.286.3484
General Assistance	515.286.2088
Child & Adult Care Food Program	515.286.2136
Senior Services	515.286.3679
Commodity Supplemental Foods	515.286.3655
Juvenile Detention	515.286.3344
Crisis and Advocacy Services	515.286.3600
Family Enrichment Center	515.286.3406
Centralized Intake	515.286.3350
Youth Shelter	Closed 7-1-2011



www.polkcountyiowa.gov/CFYS
Director: Brian Boyer

Conservation Board

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 provides more than 100 education and recreation programs. Nearly 1.4 million visitors camp, fish, boat, hunt, hike or ride on PCC lands each year.

Administration	515.323.5300
Yellow Banks Park	515.266.1563
Thomas Mitchell Park	515.967.4889
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt	515.967.2596
Jester Park	515.323.5366
Equestrian Center	515.999.2818
Golf Course	515.999.2903
Easter Lake Park	515.285.7612
Fax Number	515.323.5354

www.leadingyououtdoors.org
Director: Dennis Parker



General Services

The General Services department provides building maintenance, construction oversight, purchasing, printing, mail processing and other related services for the County.

The employees in the department support the activities of other County offices and departments in delivering services to the public.

Administrative Division	515.286.3215
County Information Desk	515.286.3000
Buildings & Grounds	515.286.3228
Purchasing Division	515.286.3191



www.polkcountyiowa.gov/general_services
Director: Mike Grimaldi

Health Department

The Health department is responsible for preventing or controlling epidemics and the spread of disease in our community.

The Department is also responsible for responding to and recovering from disasters and 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 are all top priorities of the Department.

Administration/ Employee Health Service	515-286-3798
Diabetes Prevention and Care	515-286-3798
Disease Prevention	515-286-3890
Health Education	515-286-3895
Immunizations - Childhood	515-286-3798
Immunications - International Travel	515-286-3748
Lead Poisoning	515-323-5232
Mammography Information	515-286-3642
Public Health Laboratory	515-286-3774
Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic	515-286-3798
Women's Reproductive Services	515-286-3798

www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health
Director: Terri Henkels



Health Services

Polk County citizens with a mental illness, mental retardation, or a developmental disability receive needed services through county funding.

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 Information	515.243.4545
Fax Number	515.243.8447



[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/Health Services](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/Health%20Services)
Director: Lynn Ferrell

Human Resources

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.

General Information	515-286-3200
Job Line	515-286-3831
Benefits	515-286-3203
Employment	515-286-3204
Labor Relations	515-323-3033
TDD	515-286-2003

[www.polkcountyiowa.gov/Human Resources](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/Human%20Resources)
Director: Tony Bisignano



Medical Examiner

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.

Main Office	515.286.2102
Dispatch	515.286.3333



www.polkcountyiowa.gov/medicalexaminer
Medical Examiner: Dr. Greg Schmunk

Public Works

The Development Services Division is responsible for building inspection, environmental health inspections and correcting health nuisance violations. The Development Services Division also administers the weatherization, emergency repair and rehab programs.

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.

The Engineering Division was involved in several road construction projects.

The Secondary Roads Division continues to maintain over 750 miles of roadways in Polk County.

Director	515.875.5511
Housing Services	515.286.3726
General Information	515.286.3705
Planning/Zoning	515.286.3358
Air Quality	515.323.5304
Secondary Roads	515.286.3705
Building	515.286.3352
Tax Deed Property Management	515.875.5518
Code Enforcement	515.875.5518
Weed Commissioner	515.286.3005
Environmental Health	515.286.3376
Weatherization	515.286.3356

www.polkcountyiowa.gov/publicworks
Director: Larry L. Land



Veteran Affairs

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 Parks 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.

Director	515.286.3673
Veteran Administrator	515-286.3671
General Information	515.286.3670



www.polkcountyiowa.gov/veteranaffairs
Director: Rebecca Buch

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