

Annual Report 2010



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Polk County

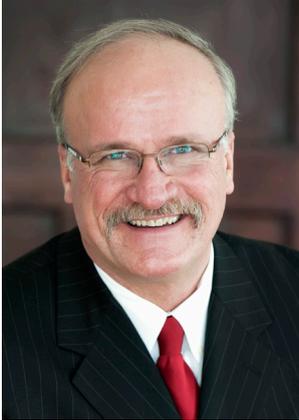
exists to serve the

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We are...

COMMITTED TO SERVICE EXCELLENCE...

Message from the Chair



The Polk County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this Annual Report for FY 2009/10.

Affordable Housing

The Board continues to believe in the importance of affordable and safe housing for our community. In September, 2009, the Board committed \$1 million to Central Iowa and Shelter Services towards the construction of a new homeless shelter which is proposed to be built on Mulberry Street just south of their existing shelter. In April of 2010, the Board conveyed the former Polk County Interim Jail located at 2 SW 9th Street to the Greater Des Moines YMCA for the continuation of the men's transitional housing program ensuring that transitional housing will be provided within the community. In addition to these initiatives, the Board also provided funding to the Neighborhood Finance Corporation and Polk County Housing Trust Fund to support their efforts in revitalizing neighborhoods with stable and affordable housing.

The Board of Supervisors and Des Moines City Council met jointly in April 2010 to establish a Homeless Coordinating Council. This council, consisting of the Mayor, two council members and two Polk County Board of Supervisors, is charged with the development of a long term plan designed to eliminate homelessness, identify policies and objectives designed to guide annual funding allocations and review and improve delivery of services.

Grants to the Community

During FY 09/10, the Board provided grants to many deserving organizations within Polk County through our Community Betterment, Community Development and Economic Development Grant Programs. This funding is available through monies Polk County receives from Prairie Meadows gaming revenues. The Grant Programs are designed to provide financial support to non-profit organizations that provide cultural, recreational, educational and human needs services to our citizens as well as bringing quality jobs to Polk County through our economic development efforts. This year's awards included a \$500,000 grant to Link Associates. This funding will assist in the construction of their new facility. Link Associates provides people with mental disabilities with the skills and opportunities they need to achieve.

Courts Space

Following the failure of the April, 2008 courthouse annex referendum, the Board committed to reviewing possible alternatives in providing relief for the courts. In May 2009, the Board engaged the services of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to review Polk County's court function and space issues. In hiring the NCSC, it was the Board's intent to look for alternative ways that Polk County could provide space for the courts as well as review areas that would lower costs while still delivering service. The NCSC's recommendations were presented in a final report in January of 2010. Based on the NCSC's recommendations, the Board awarded architectural services to prepare the 5th Judicial District Master Plan and Old Main Jail Adaptive Reuse. These documents will assist the Board in analyzing the options outlined in the NCSC's final report and provide a master plan to be used as a guide for courts space throughout the years ahead.

Iowa Events Center

The Iowa Events Center continues on its track of success providing quality entertainment to our community. This past fiscal year the Iowa Events Center hosted 489 events and brought a profit of \$536,563 to Polk County. Wells Fargo Arena also experienced greater attendance than budgeted. Concerts included AC/DC, Elton John, George Strait and Reba, Miley Cyrus and many more. Other successful events included the AQS National Quilt Show & Expo, 2010 National Pheasant Fest, 26th Annual Golden Age Games, and Iowa's Premier Wine and Food Expo.

Message from the Chair, cont.

In August, 2009, the Board of Supervisors moved forward with plans to expand meeting and multi-function space at the IEC by selecting an architect for the project. This expansion will reduce operating costs by \$500,000 annually by housing all IEC functions under one roof, provide an opportunity to grow business and bring new regional conventions. This space will replace the meeting room space that currently exists at the Polk County Convention Complex (Plex) which is facing \$15 - \$20 million dollars in renovation costs. Construction begins in October of 2010 with completion of the new space by the end of December, 2011. The expansion will be paid for by extending IEC debt an additional four years. The Plex will continue to operate until the new meeting room space is complete and operational. The Board made the decision to expand the meeting room space at Veterans Memorial Auditorium (Vets) based on the fact that it would be an effective reuse of an existing building, provide cohesive meeting room space while preserving the area to the south for expansion of exhibition space in the future.

Through this expansion, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to continue to honor the memory of Iowa's veterans as well as the significance Vets has had to the community through cohesive theming of the building in its new use.

In May, 2010, the Polk County Board of Supervisors took action to accept a settlement regarding the non-relocation agreement between Polk County and DM Hockey Holdings LLC. The settlement provided for DM Hockey Holdings, LLC., to pay Polk County \$1.1 million, to provide Polk County evidence of payment in full to all Iowa-based creditors, termination of the license agreement and evidence of resolution of all issues and claims between DM Hockey Holdings LLC and Global Spectrum. In return, Polk County agreed to dismiss a lawsuit pending in the Iowa District Court, including a request that the Court lift a temporary injunction ordered by the court restraining DM Hockey from relocating the team or home territory outside of Polk County.

As a third party beneficiary, Polk County had a non-relocation agreement with DM Hockey Holdings, LLC., which did not allow the relocation of the AHL team or home territory of the team outside the boundaries of the local area during the license term without the consent of the County.

The Board along with the AHL and Global Spectrum (private management firm that operates the Iowa Events Center) believes that AHL hockey can be successful in Des Moines. We have received much public input expressing support for the continuation of AHL Hockey at Wells Fargo Arena. Polk County has been in contact with the AHL regarding this situation, will continue to work with the league to ensure AHL hockey stays in Des Moines and is moving forward in a manner that is in the best interest of the citizens of Polk County.

Flooding

Ironically, we found FY09/10 ending as FY07/08 ended, with the concern of the threat of flooding. The many months of heavy snowfall this winter provided the threat of spring flooding which through planning and preparation proved to find the river staying within its banks. Fortunately, we were resilient in dealing with these issues and averted any major damage.

The Polk County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this Annual Report for FY 2009/10. The Board continues in its commitment to service excellence and fiscal responsibility. Thank you for taking the time to review this report.

Tom Hockensmith, Chair
Polk County Board of Supervisors

Polk County Board of Supervisors

Robert Brownell was elected in 2000 and is serving his third term. Polk County 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 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.

Brownell has been married for 30 years and has a son and daughter-in-law.



District 1

Robert Brownell

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. Among numerous past positions held, Giovannetti currently serves as Chair for the Polk County Housing Trust Fund. He also serves on the board for Choose Des Moines Communities, Des Moines Arts Festival, Downtown Events Group, Mid-Iowa Development Fund, Central Iowa Drinking Water Commission, and Endow Urbandale.

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 Chair to the Mid-Iowa Association of Local Governments (MIALG), Mid-Iowa Development fund, Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA), Metropolitan Advisory Council (MAC), Polk County risk Management Committee, Civic Center Executive Committee, Central Iowa Drinking Water commission, and Endow Urbandale. He is also a liaison to the Polk County Board of Health and an alternate to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Giovannetti has two adult children and a granddaughter.

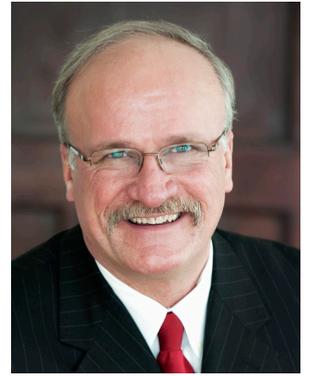


District 2

E.J. Giovannetti

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.

Hockensmith and his wife have two sons, two daughters and two grandchildren.



District 3

Tom Hockensmith



District 4

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 served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 1993, 1996, 2004, and 2008.

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 47 years. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

John F. Mauro

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.

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.



District 5

Angela Connolly

Elected Officials

Bill McCarthy was elected Sheriff in November 2008. Prior to becoming Sheriff, McCarthy served for two years as Chief Deputy. Sheriff McCarthy's law enforcement career began 40 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 five 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.



Sheriff

Bill McCarthy



Jamie Fitzgerald was unanimously appointed Polk County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections on January 2, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors, to fill the unexpired term of the office. He was elected to a full term in 2008.

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 scanning tens of thousands of historical documents, saving additional storage and staff resources.

He has 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. His office is regularly the first office in Iowa to report election night results.

Auditor

Fitzgerald also changed how board agendas, minutes and audio are distributed by making the entire board packet available on his website for the public to view. He produces a bi-weekly newsletter and RSS feeds for citizens, staff and the media.

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 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 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, 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.



Recorder

Julie Haggerty

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, as well as previously serving as Vice President of the NDAA Board of Directors, and is the co-chair of the NDAA Legislative Committee.



Attorney

John Sarcone



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

Polk County Budget

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 Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, as well as a AA+ from 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 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

Direct County Uses	FY 2009/10
Pay off Events Center Bonds	13,300,000
Pay off Sewer Bonds	1,100,000
Prairie Meadows Property Tax	4,400,000
Capital Improvements	1,500,000
Revenue Sharing with City & Schools	2,400,000
Community Grants, Economic Developments & Operations	5,300,000
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TOTAL	28,000,000

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

Community Betterment Grant Awards

- Accent Neighborhood Association
AIB College of Business
AID Greater Des Moines, Inc. d.b.a. Aids Project of Central Iowa
American Legion Post 731
American Lung Association in Iowa
Ankeny After Prom
Ankeny Area Historical Society
Ankeny Area Historical Society
Ankeny Art Center
Ankeny City Band
Ankeny Community Chorus
Ankeny Community School District Foundation
Ankeny High School Drama Club
Ankeny Little League
Ankeny Sports Complex Foundation
Ankeny Sports Complex Foundation
Ankeny Substance Abuse Project
Beacon of Life
Beacon of Life
Beaverdale Fall Festival, Inc.
Bellizzi MacRae American Legion Post 659
Best Buddies Iowa
Big Brothers Big Sister of Central Iowa
Bondurant Farrar Education Foundation
Bondurant-Farrar After Prom
Brook Run Neighborhood Association
Camp Fire USA-Heart of the Hawkeye Council
Catholic Council for Social Concern Inc. A/K/A Catholic Charities
Central Iowa Shelter & Services
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Central Iowa Youth Basketball
Central Place Family Resource & Community Education Center
Chrysalis Foundation
City of Ankeny: Mayor's Youth Council
City of Clive Fire Department
City of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department
Civic Center of Greater Des Moines
Clay Elementary Project Committee
Clive Historical Society
Connect Foundation-Iowa Juneteenth Observance
Criminal Justice Ministries d/b/a Hansen House
Cross Ministries
Culture Incorporated
Dallas Center Grimes Little League
Dallas Center Grimes Soccer Club
Dallas Center-Grimes High School After Prom Committee
Des Area Religious Council (DMARC)
Des Moines Area Community College Foundation
Des Moines Area Interfaith Hospitality Network
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Des Moines Area Youth Track Club & Youth Development Inc.
Des Moines Art Festival
Des Moines Chapter S.P.E.B.S.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc., dba Pride of Iowa Barbershop Chorus
Des Moines Diversity Chorus
Des Moines Fairground VFW Post 738
Des Moines Golden K Kiwanis and Kiwanis Foundation
Des Moines Neighborhood Resource Office
Des Moines North High School Drama Department
Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center
Des Moines Public School Library Support Group
Des Moines Public Schools
Des Moines Public Schools Library Support Groups
Des Moines Social Club (The Culture Buzz)
Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association
Dowling Parents' Guild
Downtown Urbandale Neighborhood Association
East Des Moines Girls Softball
East Des Moines Swim Club
East High Post Prom Committee
East High School Boy's Basketball Program
Easter Seals of Iowa
Eastern Polk Regional Development, Inc.
Eastern Polk Regional Development, Inc.-Purple Heart Highway Alliance
Everybody Wins!
Eyerly Ball Community Health Services
Fairground Neighborhood Association
Fairground Neighbors for Community Improvement
Friends of Des Moines Parks
Governors District Alliance
Grandview Little League
Grandview Little League
Gray's Woods Neighborhood Association
Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association
Greater Des Moines Soap Box Derby Association
Greater East Side Development
Grimes Heritage Society
Grimes Softball Association
Heart Connection Children's Cancer Program
Heartland Youth Choir
Hebert Hoover High School
Herbert Hoover High School
Highland Park Community Action Association
Hoover High School After Prom 2010
Hoover High School Cheerleading
Hoover High School Library
Hoover-Meredith Learning Community Foundation
Hospice of Central Iowa
Hoyt Sherman Place Foundation
Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association
Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
Iowa Friends of Foster Children Foundation
Iowa Homeless Youth Centers
Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa
Johnston After Prom Committee- 2010
Johnston Chamber of Commerce-Johnston Green Days Event
Johnston Partnership for Healthy Community, Inc.
Johnston Station Historical Society
Keep Ankeny Beautiful
Kiwanis Riverview Nature Island
Lincoln High School Senior After Prom/Senior Celebration
Little All-American Football League
Living History Farms
Lutheran Services in Iowa
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Mentor Iowa
Meredith Neighborhood Organization
Merle Hay Neighborhood Association
Metro Art Alliance of Greater Des Moines
Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse dba. Bernie Lorenz Recovery
North Side Otters Swim Team (NSST)
Northeast Neighbors, Inc. Midwest Educational Resources Development Fund, Inc.
Mitchellville Chamber of Commerce
New Horizon Adult Day Care Center
North High School Post Prom Committee
North of Grand (NOG) Neighborhood Association
North Polk Community Schools Foundation
North Polk Music Boosters
North Polk Post Prom
Northwest Soccer
Northwick Bloomfield Acres Neighborhood Association
Oak Park Neighbors
Oakridge Neighborhood Services
Optimist Club of Urbandale
Orchard Place
Parks Area Foundation
Passageway, Inc.
Pleasant Hill Little League
Polk City Development Corporation
Polk County Conservation
Polk County Conservation
Polk County Historical Society
Positive Outreach Program (P.O.P.)
Prevent Blindness Iowa
Primary Health Care, Inc.
Relay For Life of Polk County/Relay For Life of Southeast Polk-American Cancer Society
Runnells Little League
Saydel Community School District
Saydel High School After Prom Committee
Scarlet Pride
Sheridan Gardens Neighborhood Association
South Central Iowa Federation Labor, Union Labor Park
South Des Moines Girls Amateur Softball Association
South Side Rails
Southeast Polk Youth Tackle Football
Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars Chapter
Southeast Polk High School Post Prom
Southwest Ninth Street Merchant's Association
Special Olympics
The Arc of Iowa
The Des Moines Community Radio Foundation
The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs
The Homestead
Theodore Roosevelt High School Senior Prom 2010
Union Park Neighborhood Association
Urbandale American Legion Post 663
Urbandale Girls Recreation Association (UGRA)
Urbandale Little League
Urbandale Park and Recreation
Urbandale Post Prom Committee
Valley High School After Prom
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
Wildwood Hills Ranch
Windsor Heights Foundation
Young Women's Resource Center
Young Women's Resource Center
Youth Homes of Mid-America

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.

180 DEGREES

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
 BEAVERDALE MAINSTREET PROJECT
 BEAVERDALE VFW POST 9127
 BONDURANT-FARRAR COMMUNITY
 CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICE
 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER
 DES MOINES NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE
 DES MOINES PASTORAL COUNSELING
 EAST HIGH ALUMNI FOUNDATION
 GREATER DES MOINES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
 GREATER DES MOINES MUSIC COALITION
 GREATER DM CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
 HANSEN HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

IOWA ASIAN ALLIANCE

IOWA CUBS BASEBALL
 IOWA LEGAL AID
 ITALIAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
 LATINO RESOURCES INC
 LINK ASSOCIATES
 METRO ARTS ALLIANCE OF GREATER DES MOINES
 NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS
 PLEASANT HILL LITTLE LEAGUE INC
 PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC
 PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC
 ROCK IN PREVENTION INC
 RUNNELLS AREA PARK CO
 UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL IOWA

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.

CITY OF ALLEMAN
 EUROFINS
 AVIATION AUTHORITY



WE WILL BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE, ...

Courthouse Space

A referendum to construct additional court space at a cost not to exceed \$127 million dollars failed in April 2008. By state law, Polk County is responsible to provide space for its state courts. Polk County's Courthouse was originally built in 1906 with four courtrooms.



The National Center for State Courts was engaged by the Board of Supervisors in May of 2009 to perform a review of court function and space issues. The result of this study provided information that allowed the Board to identify future courts space needs. In May, 2010, the Board of Supervisors engaged OPN Architects, Inc., to review the possible adaptive reuse of the old main jail for courts space and provide a master space plan for the 5th Judicial District, which will also look at the use of existing downtown building space such as the Wellmark (JC Penney) building, for the next 30 years.

Affordable Housing & Homelessness

Ensuring that affordable housing is available to those in need within our community is a priority for the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Polk County provides \$2.5 million dollars in funding to the Polk County Housing Trust Fund and the Neighborhood Finance Corporation annually.

Polk County also participated in assisting the community in resolving a need for transitional housing by selling the property located at 2 SW 9th Street (the former Interim Jail), to the YMCA of Greater Des Moines for the men's transitional housing program. The YMCA is in the design stage of this project with construction scheduled to be complete by the fall of 2011.

In April, 2010, the Board of Supervisors and the Des Moines City Council established a Homeless Coordinating Council to develop a long term strategy to address homelessness by assessing current and future needs and making the best use of available resources.

In September of 2009, the Polk County Board of Supervisors provided a \$1 million dollar grant to Central Iowa Shelter & Services for the construction of a new emergency shelter to provide additional shelter and much needed assistance to our homeless population. The new shelter will be constructed just south of the existing shelter on property formerly owned and conveyed to the shelter by the City of Des Moines.



Iowa Events Center



Operations

Global Spectrum, Management Company for the Iowa Events Center (IEC) provided Polk County a profit of \$536,653 for FY 09/10. This is the largest profit since the IEC began operations in 2005 and brings full circle the impact the Iowa Events Center has made on our community.

Prior to the construction of Wells Fargo Arena and Hy-Vee Hall, Polk County subsidized the operations of Veterans Memorial Auditorium and the Convention Complex (Plex) at over \$800,000 dollars annually. Since engaging Global Spectrum to manage/operate the IEC facilities, Polk County has not had to provide any subsidy for the entire complex (four buildings, HVH, WFA, Plex and Vets).

The quality acts, sporting events and conventions that are being provided by this venue is putting Des Moines and Polk County on the map. The recent award of NCAA Wrestling in 2013 further opens the door to other national events.

Expansion

Since opening the Iowa Events Center (IEC) in 2005, the future of the Polk County Convention Complex (Plex) has been under review by the Board of Supervisors. Due to the age, condition and cost of renovating the Plex, the Polk County Board of Supervisors engaged Economic Research Associates (ERA) to provide an assessment regarding whether or not there was a need for a possible expansion of a meeting and ballroom space at the IEC. To strengthen the convention and hospitality industry in Des Moines, ERA's assessment advised that the expansion must occur to protect our investment, the Plex is no longer the most competitive venue for conventions in Iowa and the expansion will provide an opportunity to market for additional regional/national conventions.

In August, 2009, the Board of Supervisors awarded architectural services for the IEC Expansion to OPN Architects. The expansion which will occur through the renovation of Veterans Memorial Auditorium (Vets) was in the design phase during FY 09/10 and will be paid for by extending IEC debt an additional four years.

The Board of Supervisors wishes to continue to honor the memory of Iowa's veterans as well as the significance Vets has had to the community through cohesive theming of the building in its new use. The Plex will continue to operate until the new meeting and ballroom space is complete in January, 2012.

Hockey

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This settlement opens the door for another American Hockey League team to call Wells Fargo Arena home in the future.

Medical Examiner

In May, the Board of Supervisors entered into an agreement with Broadlawns Medical Center that provides for additional office, morgue space and vehicle sally port for the Polk County Medical Examiner. This space will be completed in conjunction with Broadlawns' current construction project and allows for additional space for the Medical Examiner and staff to work as well as provides bereaved families with a compassionate experience during a difficult time.

River Place West



One of the goals identified by the Board of Supervisors is to move employees out of leased office space and into county-owned property. In FY 09/10, Polk County began the design of the expansion at River Place known as River Place West. This \$4.2 million dollar project will serve as a "one stop shop" of human service needs for families and individuals.

When completed, River Place West will house Polk County employees of Health Services, General Assistance and Community and Family Services. This addition to River Place, which already provides many services to community residents, is an efficient use of public property.

DART Transit Hub

In 2009, Polk County agreed to a long-term lease of the property located at 616 Cherry Street for the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) to construct a Transit Hub. With the recent changes in County operations, including the opening of the newly-constructed Polk County Jail, Polk County did not have an immediate need identified for use of this property. DART, a regional transit system, was in need of real property within downtown Des Moines to construct a facility to serve as a Multi-modal, Sustainable regional transit hub. The new transit hub will move current operations off of Walnut Street allowing for additional vehicle and pedestrian access to the area. The project was in the early design stages during FY 09/10 with public input meetings scheduled to help develop the project. The transit hub will be moving forward to the construction stage in Spring of 2011.



AND RESPONSIVE...

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 - Supervisor, 1st District	515.286.3115	Sue Elliott, Project Manager	515.286.3128
E.J. Giovannetti - Supervisor, 2nd District	515.286.3119	Deb Anderson, Budget Officer	515.286.3016
Tom Hockensmith - Supervisor, 3rd District	515.286.3116	Shelly Poole, Strategic Planning Specialist	515.286.3991
John F. Mauro - Supervisor, 4th District	515.286.3118	Kristi Carman, Admin. Secretary	515.286.3301
Angela Connolly - Supervisor, 5th District	515.286.3117	Heather Ksiazek, Admin. Secretary	515.286.3121
Ron Olson, County Administrator	515.286.2125	Fax Number	515.323.5225

www.polkcountyiowa.gov/supervisors
Chair: Tom Hockensmith

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 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. 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	Juvenile Bureau	515.286.2035
Criminal Division	515.286.3737	Restorative Justice Center	515.286.3057
Domestic Abuse	515.286.3737	Civil Division	515.286.3341
Drug and Gang	515.286.2121	Fax	515.286.3428
Major Offense	515.286.3680		

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	Election Office	515.286.3247
Accounts Payable	515.286.3414	Mapping	515.286.3091
Accounts Receivable	515.286.3419	Payroll	515.286.3067
Central Accounting	515.286.3575	Tax Department	515.286.3097
Dog License	515.286.3076	Fax Number	515.286.3608
Beer/Cigarette Licenses	515.286.3079	Property Descriptions	515.286.3097

www.polkcountyiowa.gov/auditor
Polk County Auditor: Jamie Fitzgerald

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN IOWA

Recorder

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

**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	Community Relations Unit- Info	515.286.3306
Chief Deputy Victor Munoz	515.323.5346	Jail Division – Chief Leesa Shoemaker	515.323.5458
Administrative Services	515.286.3800	Office of Planning & Dev. – Dir. Jan Sears	515.286.3943
Civil Division - Civil Manager	515.286.3944	Office of Professional Standards	515.323.5456
Field Operations – Chief Doug Phillips	515.875.5570	Fax	515.286.3428

**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.com 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.

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	Youth Shelter	515.286.3221
Family Enrichment Center	515.286.3406	Centralized Intake	515.286.3350

**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 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	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
Easter Lake Park	515.285.7612		

**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; 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	Immunizations International Travel	515.286.3748
Diabetes Prevention and Care	515.286.3798	Lead Poisoning	515.323.5232
Disease Prevention	515.286.3890	Mammography Information	515.286.3642
Employee Health Service	515.286.3798	Public Health Laboratory	515.286.3774
Health Education	515.286.3895	Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic	515.286.3798
Immunizations - Childhood	515.286.3798	Women's Reproductive Services	515.286.3798

www.polkcountyia.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.polkcountyia.gov/Health Services

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	Employment	515.286.3204
Job Line	515.286.3831	Labor Relations	515.323.3033
Benefits	515.286.3203	TDD	515.286.2003

www.polkcountyia.gov/Human Resources

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

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 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 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: David DeBolt

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