

Polk County

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Polk County Supervisors Appoint New County Treasurer

Polk County Supervisors select business and military operational supervisor Mary Wells as Polk County Treasurer.

Des Moines, IA- On Tuesday, Polk County Supervisors voted unanimously to appoint Mary Wells as new Polk County Treasurer. Wells will fill the vacancy of Mary Maloney who passed away unexpectedly in January. Maloney was currently serving her 7th term as Treasurer at the time of her death. Wells will serve the remainder of her term through 2022.

Wells brings to Polk County an impressive professional background as an operational supervisor in the private sector as well as a distinguished military leadership career. Wells served as a platoon leader with the Iowa National Guard (Ret.). Her private sector experience includes leadership roles with Wells Fargo, Nationwide and most recently as the supervisor of customer support at DXC Technology in West Des Moines. Wells' philanthropic work has won her recognition by the Iowa Department of Human Rights and the NAACP Youth Council, among others.

Polk County Administrator John Norris says, "Polk County strives to maintain the best possible customer experience for residents of Polk County. Mary's experience and passion for customer service will be a great fit for the County Treasurer's office and the residents of Polk County."

As Polk County Treasurer, Wells will oversee a treasury management team of 65 employees. The department provides internal financial administration including budget control and services for banking, cash management and investments.

Polk County Board Chair Angela Connolly says of Wells' appointment, "we had a great number of qualified applicants for this position. Thankfully, Mary Maloney created a streamlined department from an operational standpoint. I have no doubt Mary Wells will be able to step in on day one and continue providing the quality customer service that residents of Polk County have come to expect and appreciate."

Wells will be sworn in as Polk County Treasurer this month. Wells says of the appointment, "I am a life-long Polk County resident. My passion for helping others and empowering my team to be successful is a wonderful opportunity. I'm happy for this opportunity to serve my community."