

INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET OF KOSSUTH COUNTY



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AUDITOR
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KOSSUTH COUNTY CENSUS

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>CENSUS</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>CENSUS</u>
Buffalo	242	Lotts Creek	259
Burt	207	LluVerne	155
Cresco	907	Plum Creek	314
Eagle	135	Portland	214
Fenton	225	Prairie	254
Garfield	240	Ramsey	217
German	257	Riverdale	249
Grant	142	Seneca	208
Greenwood	194	Sherman	205
Harrison	199	Springfield	119
Hebron	146	Swea	194
Irvington	273	Union	280
Ledyard	187	Wesley	196
Lincoln	201	Whittemore	253

TOTAL TOWNSHIPS 6672

<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>CENSUS</u>	<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>CENSUS</u>
Algona	5741	LuVerne	254
Bancroft	808	Swea City	642
Burt	556	Titonka	584
Fenton	317	Wesley	467
Lakota	255	West Bend	33
Ledyard	147	Whittemore	530
Lone Rock	157		

TOTAL TOWNS10.491

COUNTY TOTAL17.163

KOSSUTH COUNTY

2009

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Amber Garman, Auditor

Todd M. Holmes, County Attorney

Karen M. Benschoter, Recorder

Steve Kollasch, Sheriff

Nicholas P. Rahm, Treasurer

SUPERVISORS

Don McGregor

Eugene Elsbecker

Don Besch

Pam Wymore

Jack Plathe

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

County offices are open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This action was taken for the accommodation of patrons wishing to transact business at the courthouse during the noon hour. The courthouse is closed Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

Legal holidays as established by the legislature in this state comprise Sundays; January 1st (New Year's Day); January 15th (Martin Luther King); 3rd Monday in February (Washington's Birthday); last Monday in May (Memorial Day); July 4th (Independence Day); 1st Monday in September (Labor Day); November 11th (Veteran's Day); 4th Thursday in November (Thanksgiving); December 25th (Christmas); and any other days recommended by the President or by the Governor of Iowa, as provided in Section 541.85, Code of Iowa, 1946.

The Board of Supervisors meets the second secular day of January; the first day of each month, and every Tuesday morning.

All claims for the attention of the Board of Supervisors shall be properly certified and sworn to before they are presented to the Supervisors. It is the desire of the Supervisors that all bids be made out on uniform blanks of the county and all bills for the road or bridge material or labor must be approved by the County Engineer.

All taxes are due July first. The first installment may be paid anytime up until October 1st; if paid later, 1.5% per month must be added. The second installment may be paid before April 1st; if paid later, 1.5% must be added. The tax sale is held the 3rd Monday in June. Prior to the tax sale, an advertising fee of \$4.00 attaches. For redemption under tax sale, 2% per month penalty is added to sum paid by the tax purchaser at the tax sale and all subsequent taxes are paid by him under the tax sale. A \$10.00 fee is to be paid at the time of redemption. The tax sale runs three years before purchaser will be entitled to a tax deed. Public bidder runs one year before purchaser will be entitled to a tax deed.

DUTIES OF COUNTY OFFICES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- To levy taxes for the purpose of raising revenue for the county.
- To allow claims against the county, and to order same paid.
- To authorize bonds of county officials.
- To approve reports of county officials.
- To establish and vacate public highways.
- To constitute a drainage board for the various drainage districts of the county.
- To make official canvass of the votes of the county at the primary election, general election, and all other elections.
- To fill vacancies in county offices, except members of its own body.
Vacancies in the Board of Supervisors are filled by appointment made by the County Auditor, County Treasurer, and County Recorder.
- Members of the Board of Supervisors must furnish a bond for \$5000.00.

COUNTY AUDITOR

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

As clerk to the Board of supervisors, the County Auditor accepts petitions, registers complaints and acts on routine business in the absence of the Supervisors. The County Auditor prepares the agenda, notifies the media, attends all board meetings, keeps and records minutes, and publishes the proceedings in the official county newspapers. The Auditor initiates bid notices, solicits proposals for county contracts for materials and services and receives contract proposals.

Your County Auditor is the official custodian of the County Courthouse under the direction of the Board of Supervisors.

Township and other county officer reports are submitted and filed in the Auditor's office. The annual Financial Report is published containing various schedules of the county's financial condition and other taxpayer information. Reports required by the Bureau of Census, Labor, OSHA, Job Service of Iowa and various other general reports are prepared.

Insurance policies and surety bonds are filed and maintained in the Auditor's Office.

It is the responsibility of the Auditor to call a convention of mayors and school board members of the county for the purpose of selecting a County Compensation Board.

The Auditor's office is your source of information concerning the actions of the State Legislature, all bills introduced, House and Senate journals, and enrolled legislation.

COUNTY AUDITOR (cont.)

Licenses and Permits relating to the control of businesses, sales of cigarettes, beer and liquor.

With advent of Home Rule authority for county government, the Auditor plays an important role in insuring the proper publication, maintaining the current edition and the proper recording of all county ordinances.

All Drainage records and assessments, bridge and road records are maintained by the Auditor.

ELECTIONS

In 1972 the County Auditor was given an additional title by the legislature “Commissioner of Elections”. In addition to federal, state and county elections, the Commissioner of Elections then assumed the duties of all city, school and special elections.

REAL ESTATE

The Auditor enters and maintains records of all real estate transfers in the county. Plat and transfer books are maintained showing ownership of all parcels of land for assessment purposes.

FINANCE

The Auditor receives the valuations submitted by the Assessor, figures the proper exemptions, credits, roll backs and other adjustments and computes the final results with the various budgets received from cities, schools, townships and departments and agencies of the county. This computation creates a levy from which each taxpayer’s statement is prepared.

CLOSING REMARK

The Institute of Public Affairs has labeled the Auditor’s office the “Hub of County Government”. We hope this description of the Auditor’s duties gives you a better insight and understanding of the relationship between “The County Auditor and You”.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney prosecutes all crimes committed in the county. He/She defends the county in all actions brought against it. He/She is legal advisor and draws indictments for the grand jury. He/She collects money due on forfeited bonds and school fund loans. No one is eligible for this office who has not been admitted to the bar. He/She is legal advisor for the Board of Supervisors and all other county officers and to school board or officers on all matters in which the state, county, school or townships is interested, or relating to the duty of the board or officer in interest.

The County Attorney's office is different from other county offices in that it is created by the Constitution of the state while the others are created by the Legislature.

COUNTY RECORDER

The County Recorder shall record at length: Deeds, Contracts, Mortgages, Assignments, Releases, Federal & State Tax Liens, Affidavits, Plats & Surveys, Section Corner Certificates, Military Service Records, Easements, Condemnations, Trade Names, Leases, 28E & Drainage Agreements, Bills of Sale, Articles of Incorporation, Financing Statements, plus numerous other documents.

The County Recorder shall also file as well as issue to the public: Birth, Death and Marriage Records. He/She shall also sell and/or issue: Boat, Snow & ATV Titles, Liens & Registrations, Hunting & Fishing licenses and numerous other licenses that relate to hunting & Fishing.

The County Recorder shall as passport agents assist in completing passport forms and mailing applications in as a public service.

The County Recorder collects real estate transfer tax, performs federal and state tax lien searches, collects and reports Auditor's transfer of property fees, certifies Recorder's records, makes records available for genealogy research, files detailed reports monthly and annually to the county and to state agencies. In case of a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors, the County Recorder shall assist the County Auditor and the County Treasurer in appointing a Supervisor.

COUNTY SHERIFF

The Sheriff is the principal peace officer of the county. He shall summon grand and trial jurors. He shall execute and return all writs and other legal processes issued to him by lawful authority. He shall be custodian of the county jail, and is responsible for all prisoners committed to him until discharged by law. He shall on commitment from the Clerk of District Court convey convicts and prisoners to the penitentiary and patients to the state hospital for the insane.

COUNTY TREASURER

The County Treasurer is elected every four years at a general election and serves as the county finance officer.

The Treasurer is responsible for collection of taxes and other fees for state, county, city, school districts, community colleges, and other taxing bodies such as townships, fire districts, and drainage districts.

The Treasurer collects and accounts for all funds coming into the county from the various departments. This office is also responsible for all motor vehicle transactions.

Duties: Motor Vehicle Titling and registration and collection of Use Tax
Preparing and mailing annual tax statements
Property Tax collections
Tax apportionment to all taxing bodies
Investment of county funds
Balance financial records
Most importantly, serving **you** the customer

MOTOR VEHICLE

The State of Iowa Department of Transportation directs the County Treasurer as their agent to process motor vehicle transactions and collect appropriate fees according to the Code of Iowa (law). These include, but are not limited to:

- Transfer of ownership (title transfers)
- Registration fees (license plate/validation fees), as well as registration refunds, all types of vehicles-cars, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, truck-tractors, and semi-trailers must pay an annual license fee
- Specialty plates issuance
- Duplicate titles, registrations, and plates
- Notation and cancellation of security interests (liens)
- Storage of vehicles and Junking Certificate issuance

COUNTY TREASURER (cont.)

FINANCIAL

All money is prudently invested and totally insured and protected as required by the Code of Iowa. The guidelines used are safety, liquidity, and maximum return for the public investment.

These investments come from property taxes, state and federal monies, motor vehicle fees and other miscellaneous fees collected through other county offices.

PROPERTY TAX

Each year the Iowa Department of Management certifies property tax levies, from the taxing bodies, to the County Auditor. These levies are applied to the taxable property values assessed by the County Assessor to establish the annual tax amount to be collected by the County Treasurer in two equal installments: the first half by September 30th and the second half by March 31st of the following year. The County Treasurer

prepares and mails tax statements. Delinquent statements are mailed after February 15th and by May 1st of each year.

Delinquent taxes are published in June and subject to the annual June tax sale. If the taxes are not purchased after two publications a tax sale certificate is issued to the County. If taxes not redeemed within a given period of time the certificate holder may be given deed to the property.

Claims for Iowa Disabled and Senior Citizens Property Tax and Mobile Home Tax Credits are filed with the Treasurer's Office by June 1st of each year. The State of Iowa then reimburses these credits to the County Treasurer along with the homestead, agricultural land, machinery and computer, family farm, and military credits, which are applied for through the Assessor's office.

The County Treasurer's Office collects property taxes for all taxing bodies. All taxes collected are apportioned and distributed each month to the taxing bodies.

COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

The County Medical Examiner shall hold an inquest upon the dead bodies of such persons are supposed to have died by unlawful means and such other cases as are required of him by law. Bodies should not be molested nor evidence destroyed.

Authorizes postmortem examinations.

On finding of Medical Examiner's inquest, shall order arrest if present, or issue warrant for arrest, if absent, of the suspect, if there by any.

COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER (cont.)

Shall perform the duties of Sheriff if that office is vacant, where the sheriff is party to proceeding or action in court of record; where the Sheriff or his deputy may be absent from the county or when the Sheriff may show partiality, prejudice, consanguinity or other interest.

COUNTY ENGINEER

The County Engineer shall plan all road, bridge and culvert work which is necessary to improve the county and township road system.

He/She shall report to the Board of Supervisors all plans for road, bridge and culvert work.

He/She shall have direct supervision of all construction and maintenance work and shall be deemed responsible for the efficient, economical and good faith performance of said work.

He/She shall make up and certify to the County Auditor the payrolls for road work.

He/She shall file a detailed cost accounting sheet with the County Auditor of all day labor, private or public contracts and said cost sheets shall at all times be open to public inspection.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

- Keeps minutes and records of all court proceedings
- Keeps juvenile records
- Keeps adoption records
- Acts as probate judge in probate
- Appoints administrators, executors and guardians
- Probates will of decedents
- Recommends approval of reports in probate
- Accepts funds due heirs in estates
- Approves all bonds filed in his/her office
- Issues mittimus to jail or penitentiary
- Receives all fines and forfeitures paid
- Acts as auditor in case of vacancy
- Makes foreclosure entry in mortgage records
- Certifies change of title under terms of wills
- Administers oaths to bailiffs, jurors and witnesses
- Taxes and collects all fees in district court, magistrate court, small claims, and traffic court
- Issues executions on judgements
- Transcripts judgements to other counties
- Adjourns court in absence of judge
- Records change of name
- Makes monthly reports to Judicial Statistician

COUNTY ASSESSOR

The County Assessor shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office. He/She shall cause to be assessed all taxable property within the County. Shall supervise work of fieldmen. Has access to all public records of county to obtain all available information which will contribute to accurate listing of property. Shall cooperate with the Department of Revenue & Finance as may be necessary and required, and he shall obey and execute all orders, directions and instruction of the Department of Revenue & Finance insofar as the same may be required by law. Has the power to apply to district court for an order to examine witnesses and requiring production of books and records to determine existence of taxable property within the county. In all cases where the court finds the taxpayer has not listed its or his property as provided by law and in all hearings where the court decides a matter against the taxpayer the cost shall be paid by the taxpayer otherwise they shall be paid by the county. Shall make up all assessor's books and records as prescribed by the Department of Revenue & Finance and he shall submit on or before May 1st of each year completed assessment rolls to the County Board of Review. Shall lay before the County Board of Review such information as he may possess which will aid board in performing its duties in adjusting assessments to valuations as required by law. Shall furnish to the Department of Revenue & Finance any information which he may have relative to the ownership of any property that may be assessable within the state, but not assessable or subject to being listed for taxation by him in his county.

COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review shall meet on the first working day in the office of the County Assessor and shall sit from day to day until their duties are completed which shall not be later than May 31st.

It shall adjust assessments by raising or lowering the assessments of any person, partnership, corporation or association as to any of the items of their assessments in such manner as to secure the listing of the property at taxable value.

It shall also add to the assessment rolls taxable property not included therein, assessing the same in the name of the owner thereof.

All meeting of the Board of Review are public. Any property owner or agrieved taxpayer who is dissatisfied with his assessment may file a protest against such assessment with the board of review on or after April 16, to and including May 5. Said protest shall be in writing and signed by the one protesting or by his duly authorized agent. Failure of any taxpayer to appear before the board or to file a written statement setting out their grievance, the taxpayer will lose his right of hearing or their right to appeal to the District.

ORIGIN OF KOSSUTH COUNTY

Kossuth County was first established by the State Legislature in 1851 and was the same size as Palo Alto County with the north 17 miles named Bancroft County.

There were no permanent settlers in either Kossuth or Bancroft Counties. In 1855, Bancroft was added to Kossuth, and Bancroft County was eliminated entirely. Also, at that time, Kossuth consisted of its present territory plus the north 12 miles at the present Humboldt County.

In 1856-1857, Humboldt County was restored and Kossuth went back to the size it is now.

In 1870 the legislature divided Kossuth with the north three tiers of townships formed into Crocker County.

In 1871, the State Supreme Court held that Crocker was not legally formed because under the constitution in force then, no county under 432 square miles could be established.

This was the Constitution of 1846.

The Constitution of 1857 legalized the other small counties, but between the two constitutions, Kossuth had been restored to its present size and Bancroft County was eliminated prior to the formation of Crocker County, but Crocker was established too late to get under the legalizing of the Constitution of 1857.

2009 OFFICIAL REGISTER

United States Senators

6 year terms

Tom Harkin (Democrat)
Charles Grassley (Republican)

4th District Congressman

2 year term

Tom Latham

Governor

Chet Culver

Lieutenant Governor

Patty Judge

Secretary of State

Michael Mauro

Auditor of State

David A. Vaudt

Treasurer of State

Michael L. Fitzgerald

Secretary of Agriculture

Bill Northey

Attorney General

Tom Miller

4th District State Senator

4 year term

John P. Kibbie, Emmetsburg
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home phone: 712-852-4140
D.M. phone: 515-281-3371
D.Mo Fax 515-281-6073

6th District State Senator

4 year term

Thurman Gaskill, Corwith

7th District State Representative

2 year term

Marcella Frevert
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8th District State Representative

2 year term

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OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Algona Publishing, Algona
Bancroft Register, Bancroft
Swea City Herald Press, Swea City

STATE INSTITUTIONS

Iowa City	State University of Iowa
Cedar Falls	University of Northern Iowa
Ames	Iowa State University
Eldora	Eldora State Training School
Mitchelville	Iowa Correctional Institution for Women
Toledo	State Juvenile Home
Rockwell City	North Central Correctional
Anamosa	Anamosa State Penitentiary Facility
Council Bluffs	School for Deaf
Vinton	School for Blind
Glenwood	Glenwood State Hospital School
Davenport	Annie Wittenmyer Home
Marshalltown	Soldiers' Home
Cherokee	Mental Health Institute
Clarinda	Mental Health Institute
Mt. Pleasant	Mental Health Institute
Woodward	Woodward Resource Center
Oakdale	Iowa Medical and Classification Center
Fort Madison	Iowa State Penitentiary
Independence	Mental Health Institute
Fort Dodge	Fort Dodge Correctional Facility

AREA AND POPULATION OF IOWA

Area.....55,586 Square Miles
Population of the State.....2,869,413 (as of July 1, 1999)

AREA AND POPULATION OF KOSSUTH COUNTY

Area.....984 Square Miles
2000 Population.....17,163

TOWNSHIP CLERKS

<u>Buffalo</u>	Loren D. Hansen 212 Titonka St SE P.O. Box 42 Titonka, IA 50480	<u>Lotts Creek</u>	Minnie Walker 603 230 th Street Algona, IA 50511
<u>Burt</u>	Delores Thilges 2801 130 th Avenue Burt, IA 50522	<u>LuVerne</u>	Patricia J. Hardcopf P.O. Box 8 LuVerne, IA 50560
<u>Cresco</u>	Jason Etherington P.O. Box 11 Algona, IA 50511	<u>Plum Creek</u>	Rosanne Schmit 1604 240 th Street Algona, IA 50511
<u>Eagle</u>	Mary Beth Rolling 5001 60 th Ave Swea City, IA 50590	<u>Portland</u>	Paul V. Larsen 3006 180 th Avenue Titonka, IA 50480
<u>Fenton</u>	Duane Seegebarth 2903 50 th Avenue Lone Rock, IA 50559	<u>Prairie</u>	Steven Bernhard 2003 190 th Street Algona, IA 50511
<u>Garfield</u>	Joe Schmidt 405 120 th Street Ottosen, IA 50570	<u>Ramsey</u>	Michael Smidt 3509 185 th Avenue Titonka, IA 50480
<u>German</u>	Jim Franzen 3401 220 th Avenue Titonka, IA 50480	<u>Riverdale</u>	John Reding 1303 110 th Avenue Bode, IA 50519
<u>Grant</u>	Cindy Anderson 4802 90 th Avenue Swea City, IA 50590	<u>Seneca</u>	Robert Burt 107 390 th Street Fenton, IA 50539
<u>Greenwood</u>	Eileen Hagist P.O. Box 184 Bancroft, IA 50517	<u>Sherman</u>	Duane Heinen 1703 135 th Street LuVerne, IA 50560
<u>Harrison</u>	Dianne Angle 4408 80 th Avenue Swea City, IA 50590	<u>Springfield</u>	William Rotterman 1806 470 th Street Elmore, MN 56027
<u>Hebron</u>	Roger Mastin 2207 500 th Street Elmore, MN 56027	<u>Swea</u>	Mark L. Preston 4201 30 th Avenue Armstrong, IA 50514
<u>Irvington</u>	Barb Taphorn 1407 210 th Street Algona, IA 50511	<u>Union</u>	Ron Dodds 2507 90 th Avenue Algona, IA 50511
<u>Ledyard</u>	Rodney D. Smith 4207 170 th Avenue Lakota, IA 50451	<u>Wesley</u>	Reuben Skow 2103 230 th Street Wesley, IA 50483
<u>Lincoln</u>	Barb Murra 4209 240 th Avenue Buffalo Center, IA 50424	<u>Whittemore</u>	Joe Kollasch 106 200 th Street Whittemore, IA 50598

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Buffalo

Lamont Junkermeier
2007 310th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

Robert Brandt
2204 310th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

Gene E. Uken
2002 310th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

Burt

Melvin A. Faber
1008 330th Street
Burt, IA 50522

Lynn Bierstedt
803 310th Street
Lone Rock, IA 50559

Marsha Habeger
2903 Hwy 169
Burt, Iowa 50522

Cresco

Roger M. Batt
312 Woodlyn Way
Algona, IA 50511

David D. Simonson
2008 100th Avenue
Algona, IA 50511

Steve Mallory
101 Timberline Trail
Algona, IA 50511

Eagle

Lone Rock, IA 50559
609 460th Street
Swea City, Iowa 50590

Kenneth Brones
4908 60th Avenue
Swea City, Iowa 50590

Rita Rippentrop
4809 60th Avenue
Swea City, IA 50590

Fenton

Darrell Schmidt
3003 70th Avenue
Wade Wegner

Kim Dreyer
2909 40th Avenue
Fenton, IA 50539

Sylvester Brace
3109 70th Avenue
Lone Rock, IA 50559

Garfield

Wyan Metzger
303 130th Street
West Bend, IA 50597

Terry Hanselman
402 140th Street
West Bend, IA 50597

Lloyd Thilges
409 130th Street
West Bend, IA 50597

German

Douglas Penning
3701 240th Avenue
Buffalo Center, IA 50424

Lee Beenken
2003 360th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

Gary Boyken
3405 240th Avenue
Titonka, IA 50480

Grant

Gerald Pedersen
4607 120th Avenue
Ledyard, IA 50556

Mark Reynolds
4706 90th Avenue
Swea City, Iowa 50590

Kendall Mino
4810 100th Avenue
Ledyard, Iowa 50556

Greenwood

Larry Wilhelmi
Bancroft, IA 50517
902 360th Street

Duane Johannesen
3507 80th Avenue
Bancroft, IA 50517

James Ricke
803 370th Street
Bancroft, IA 50517

Harrison

John A. Angle
4408 80th Avenue
Swea City, IA 50590

Phil E. Reynolds
908 460th Street
Ledyard, Iowa 50556

Darrell Bunkofske
4208 110th Avenue
Swea City, IA 50590

Hebron

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2208 500th Street
Elmore, MN 56027

Harold David
4604 220th Avenue
Lakota, IA 50451

Thomas J. Holland
4601 240th Avenue
Buffalo Center, IA 50424

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (cont.)

Irvington

Phil Divis
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LuVerne, IA 50560

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Algona, Iowa 50511

Ledyard

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Lakota, IA 50451

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Lakota, IA 50451

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Buffalo Center, IA 50424

Lotts Creek

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2406 60th Avenue
Algona, IA 50511

Vern Walker
2307 60th Avenue
Algona, IA 50511

Merlin Walker
603 230th Street
Algona, IA 50511

LuVerne

Dennis Marty
2205 130th Street
LuVerne, Iowa 50560

Tom Zentner
2004 110th Street
LuVerne, IA 50560

Dean Frideres
1109 210th Avenue
LuVerne, Iowa 50560

Plum Creek

Donald E. Larsen
2701 160th Avenue
Burt, IA 50522

Evert Broesder
2608 140th Avenue
Algona, IA 50511

Arlen Benschoter
1703 240th Street
Algona, IA 50511

Portland

Donovan Beenken
1706 310th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

Richard Hellman
3201 145th Avenue
Burt, IA 50522

Jerry Koestler
3104 145th Avenue
Burt, Iowa 50522

Prairie

George Guenther
2205 170th Street
Corwith, IA 50430

Robert J. Shipman
1607 220th Avenue
Corwith, IA 50430

Paul Grein
2101 200th Street
Wesley, IA 50483

Ramsey

Pat Merron
3606 140th Avenue
Bancroft, IA 50517

Robert Blocker
3606 170th Avenue
Bancroft, IA 50517

Thomas M. Antoine
1701 380th Street
Bancroft, IA 50517

Riverdale

Michael Kuhlmann
706 130th Street
Ottosen, Iowa 50570

George Illg
1003 120th St
Bode, IA 50519

Clarence K. Bormann
1301 100th Avenue
Bode, IA 50519

Seneca

Gordon Burt
Fenton, IA 50539
201 375th Street

John Hattle
Livermore, Iowa 50558
Armstrong, IA 50514

Vacancy

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (cont.)

Sherman

Stanley Klein
LuVerne, IA 50560
1501 140th Avenue

Howard P. Swanson
1401 160th Avenue
LuVerne, IA 50560

Molly Berte
1101 140th Avenue
Livermore, Iowa 50558

Springfield

Joel Klocke
4607 150th Avenue
Ledyard, Iowa 50556

Craig Runksmeier
4907 150th Ave
Ledyard, IA 50556

Dean Engelby
1609 470th Street
Ledyard, IA 50556

Swea

Phil Hardt
508 450th Street
Swea City, IA 50590

David G. Harner
4402 40th Avenue
Swea City, IA 50590

Bernard Verbrugge
203 450th Street
Armstrong, IA 50514

Union

Rod Scuffham
2207 90th Avenue
Algona, Iowa 50511

Jim Dodds
2603 90th Avenue
Lone Rock, IA 50559

Joe T. King
707 260th Street
Algona, IA 50511

Wesley

Whittemore, IA 50598
2204 Old Hwy 18
Wesley, IA 50483

Dwayne Eden
400 W. Read Street
Wesley, IA 50483

Tracy Studer
203 2nd Street
Wesley, Iowa 50483

Whittemore

Wayne Schumacher
408 180th Stree
Jim Weiland

Ed Schmidt
Whittemore, IA 50598
207 180th Street

Rod D. Meyer
Whittemore, IA 50598
605 210th Street

COURT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

District Judges

Hon. Duane E. Hoffmeyer	Sioux City, Iowa
Hon. John D. Ackerman	Sioux City, Iowa
Hon. Steven J. Andreasen	Sioux City, Iowa
Hon. Patrick M. Carr	Milford, Iowa
Hon. Don E. Courtney	Algona, Iowa
Hon. John P. Duffy	Storm Lake, Iowa
Hon. Edward A. Jacobson	Ida Grove, Iowa
Hon. David A. Lester	Spirit Lake, Iowa
Hon. Jeffrey A. Neary	Merrill, Iowa
Hon. James D. Scott	Rock Valley, Iowa
Hon. Mary Jane Sokolovske	Sioux City, Iowa
Hon. Gary E. Wenell	Sioux City, Iowa
Hon. Nancy L. Whittenburg	Spencer, Iowa

District Associate Judges

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