

SCOTT COUNTY NEWS RELEASE
December 12th, 2017

**SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA IS AWARDED HIGHEST HONOR IN
GOVERNMENTAL BUDGETING**

Carol Earnhardt, Chair of the Scott County Board of Supervisors announced today that Scott County has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for Scott County's current FY18 Budget.

Scott County is one of only three Iowa counties (Scott, Johnson, and Linn County) to hold the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The County has received this award for the last twenty-three consecutive years. Only 14 of the 1,553 governmental units in the State of Iowa currently hold this honor.

Carol Earnhardt stated that this award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the elected officials and management of Scott County and reflects their commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, Scott County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as 1) A policy document 2) A financial plan 3) An operations guide 4) Communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive this award.

For budgets, including fiscal periods beginning in 2016, the most recent year data is available, over 1,612 governmental entities have received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award nationwide. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide excellent examples for other governments throughout North America.

Carol Earnhardt stated that the Board designates the achievement of this certification as a high priority. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, David Farmer, Director of Budget and Administrative Services and to the County's designated budget analysts and support staff for their work and professional guidance in helping the county to obtain this governmental budgeting honor.

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The budget analysts and support staff members that developed the 2018 budget are listed below:

Ed Rivers	Health Director
Pam Brown	Office Administrator, Sheriff's Department
Chris Berge	ERP/ECM Budget Analyst
Allison Hart	Operations Manager, Recorder's Office
Lori Elam	Community Services Director
Tim Huey	Planning & Development Director
Craig Hufford	Financial Management Supervisor, Treasurer's Office
David Farmer	Director of Budget and Administrative Services
Roland Caldwell	Operations Manager, Auditor's Office
Kathy Walsh	Office Administrator, Attorney's Office
Amber Sullivan	Administrative Assistant, Conservation Department
Renee Luze-Johnson	Administrative Assistant, Administration

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving over 19,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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