

**SCOTT COUNTY
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Scott County, Iowa in Top 10 for 2009 Digital Counties Survey Award

The Scott County Board of Supervisors announced today that Scott County has received the **2009 Digital Counties Survey Award** from the Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties (NACo). Scott County is the only Iowa county to receive the 2009 award.

The 2009 Digital Counties Survey is an annual study by the Center and the National Association of Counties (NACo). To recognize the hard work and innovation of the best governments, the survey's top digital counties were honored at a national awards ceremony which coincided with NACo's national conference in Nashville, Tennessee, July 24-28, 2009.

Center Executive Director, Cathilea Robinett, said, "Despite challenging economic circumstances, America's counties are continuing to use new tools such as social media to engage and encourage citizen participation and feedback. Additionally, counties are moving forward in very responsible ways by green and sustainability efforts, energy efficiency monitoring, e-waste recycling and government transparency. We heartily congratulate all the winners!"

In April, all U.S. counties were invited to participate in the 2009 Digital Counties Survey. County officials responded to questions that included more than 100 measurements and data points about online service delivery, infrastructure, architecture, and governance models.

"As counties face the budgetary challenges of 2009 and beyond, they are finding Information Technology essential for effective and efficient government," said NACo Executive Director Larry E. Naake. "Not only are county governments using technology to continue delivering services with fewer resources, they are using innovative technology to communicate more effectively with their citizens and businesses. The Digital Counties Survey illustrates the innovation and tenacity of counties across the country."

Scott County Chairman of the Board, Jim Hancock, commented, "This marks the fifth consecutive year Scott County has received this award which recognizes the hard work and dedication of all Scott County employees in delivering efficient and excellent customer service to County residents through the use of technology."

**2009 Top 10 Digital Counties Survey
(Scott County's population category)**

- 1st: Roanoke County, VA
- 2nd: Dona Ana County, NM
- 3rd: Scott County, IA
- 4th: Yuma County, AZ (tie)
- 4th: Peoria County, IL (tie)
- 4th: Frederick County, MD (tie)
- 5th: Racine County, WI
- 6th: Cumberland County, PA
- 7th: Gaston County, NC
- 8th: Jackson County, OR
- 9th: Saint Lucie County, FL
- 10th: Delaware County, OH

The **Center for Digital Government** is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government. A division of e.Republic, publisher of Government Technology magazine, the Center's services and online resources provide public- and private-sector leaders with decision support and knowledge to help them effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century. For more information on the Center for Digital Government, contact Rhonda Wilson at (916) 932-1321 or rwilson@centerdigitalgov.com.

The **National Association of Counties (NACo)** is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical, and public affairs assistance to county governments. Created in 1935, NACo continues to ensure that the nation's 3,066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and Congress. For more information on NACo, contact Jeremy Ratner at (202) 942-4220 or jratner@naco.org.

Scott County Iowa can be found online at <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com>. For more information about this award, contact Matt Hirst, Scott County Information Technology Director at (563) 328-3261 or mhirst@scottcountyiowa.com.

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