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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Farmer, CPA Budget Manager

RE: Notification that Scott County is Recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recently notified Scott County that it has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our current FY16 budget.

A suggested news release to be issued on Tuesday, December 15th is attached for the Board's review and consideration.

All Budget analysts and support staff responsible for work on the budget document and budget review process throughout the year have been invited to attend this presentation scheduled for 9:00 am in the Board Room on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Cc: Budget Analysts  
Budget Support Staff

**SCOTT COUNTY NEWS RELEASE**  
**December 15th**

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

Tom Sunderbruch, Chairman 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 FY16 Budget.

Scott County is one of only two Iowa counties (Scott and Linn County) to hold the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The County has received this award for the last twenty-one consecutive years. Only 13 of the 1,488 governmental units in the State of Iowa currently hold this honor.

Tom Sunderbruch 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 period 2014, the most recent year data is available, over 1,491 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.

Tom Sunderbruch stated that the Board designates the achievement of this certification as a high priority. The Board expressed their appreciation to Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator 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 2016 budget are listed below:

Ed Rivers	Health Director
Pam Bennett	Office Administrator, Sheriff's Department
Chris Berge	ERP/ECM Budget Analyst
Grace Cervantes	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	Budget Manager
Roland Caldwell	Operations Manager, Auditor's Office
Kathy Walsh	Office Administrator, Attorney's Office

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving over 18,000 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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