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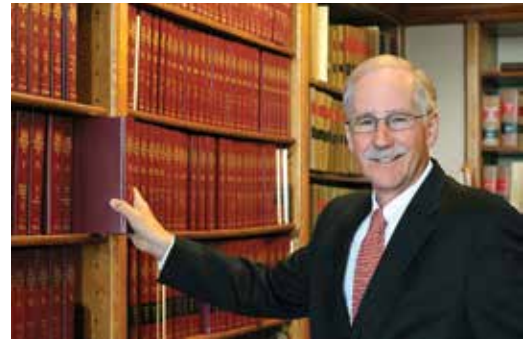
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My New Year's Resolutions

Although my college major was history, it wasn't until years later that I fully understood that the past can often provide valuable lessons that might be useful in the future. So, before the sun rises on 2019, I've spent some time reflecting on what I learned during 2018 that might be useful in 2019. Here are three lessons I learned.

1. Talk less, listen more. ISAC is a member organization. While I know we are expected to be the source of information for our members, it is important to recognize that getting the right information to members is what is important. Organizationally, we must make sure we are listening to clearly understand our members' needs. In recent weeks, I have had the opportunity to attend several district meetings, where I was able to listen to members discuss the challenges they face with many issues.



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There were discussions regarding the positives and negatives around wind generation; how farm consolidation is impacting the cost of drainage improvements; the growing number of water related issues, from watershed authorities to flood mitigation to water quality; the continued growth of animal feeding operations and demands for a review of the Master Matrix; population losses to urban areas; how the lack of adequate housing infrastructure and skilled workers is impacting the ability to attract business and industry; and internet connectivity and the lack of broadband service.

It seems the list of challenges is never ending, but there were just as many positive accomplishments discussed as well. I learned about at least three counties that were successful in getting citizen support for new jails; counties sharing equipment and personnel that saved taxpayer dollars; communities that were able to attract and expand quality jobs; county-supported housing projects; improvement in county recreational facilities and the capacity to serve their citizens; and plans for many other community improvement projects that counties support.

2. Education is important. It is easy to get so caught up in trying to keep ahead of the daily grind, that we fail to remember how important it is for us to keep learning. I know I struggle to set aside time for learning, but it is critical in being able to do my job. We each learn in different ways. Whatever method works best for you, I suggest you incorporate some element of education in weekly, monthly, or annual work plans. I understand that time and budgets often constrain your ability to pursue education, but it doesn't always have to be costly. Here are some suggestions on ways to keep learning – most expensive to least expensive.

Attend National Association of Counties (NACo), ISAC and/or your affiliate educational sessions. NACo hosts two conferences a year – the NACo Legislative Conference in March (Washington, D.C.) and the NACo Annual Conference (Las Vegas, Nevada) in July. Like NACo, ISAC hosts two major conference each year, the ISAC Spring Conference in March and the Annual Conference in August – both of these conferences are held in Des Moines. ISAC has 16 affiliated associations. Each of these organizations hosts at least one conference for affiliate members each year at various locations around Iowa. All provide a range of educational topics specific to their area of county responsibility. Many affiliates also host district meetings at various times throughout the year to discuss topics of importance. These in-person events offer you both the chance to learn from the education sessions but also the chance to learn while interacting with your peers.

Executive Director

On the least expensive end – NACo and ISAC host several webinars each year on a range of topics. These webinars are offered at no cost – other than the requiring a computer, the internet, and a phone line. I would also mention they are almost always recorded and archived on the associations' websites for those not able to participate in real time. If you need help locating these, reach out to us at ISAC. We will be happy to assist you in that endeavor.

3. Reflect on your legacy. We all have an impact on the people that we meet and interact with throughout our lives – sometimes positively and sometimes not. This past six months, we have witnessed the passing of three individuals of statewide, national, and international stature that have impacted us - Robert Ray, John McCain, and George H. W. Bush. I am not suggesting that most of us will end up leaving the widely regarded legacy for civility, compassion, and public service as these three. And, I recognize that while they received broad acclaim for their service, I am sure each had his share of flaws and detractors. As we remember them, it is important to remember that we have many people leaving county public service at the end of this year. Each of them has left their own legacy of accomplishments - often quietly achieved, with little acclaim, and sometimes with a few detractors. I believe it is important for us to make sure we don't overlook the efforts and successes these individuals have had in making their communities better. It is important for us to learn from their examples of leadership and perseverance – and to be grateful for it and let them know it was a job well done. So, as we go about doing our jobs, it doesn't hurt to remind ourselves, that what we do and how we do it, impacts others.

I wish you the best in the new year!



Amicus Briefs

Did you know that ISAC represents the interests of counties at all branches of government? We lobby for counties before the legislative and the executive branches each session, but we also have a process in place to make your voices heard before the judicial branch. We have a Litigation Committee (made up of several of the members of the ISAC Board of Directors) that consider proposals to become involved in court cases that have outcomes that will impact counties statewide. If the Litigation Committee recommends ISAC participate in the lawsuit in some way (although typically not as a party), the proposal is then presented to the ISAC Board of Directors for consideration and approval. ISAC does not directly represent counties in law suits, but if the case is something that many counties may be interested in, there are various ways that ISAC can provide support – through monetary assistance with the county’s legal costs, filing a friend of the court brief, etc. You can find out more about this process in ISAC’s Litigation Policy, which is on our website.



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ISAC’s Litigation Committee has been busy this year (busier than any year since I started with ISAC in 2011), and so I thought I’d take this opportunity to summarize the cases in which ISAC made arguments on behalf of counties in 2018.

Venckus v. City of Iowa City: This is the most recent case that ISAC has signed onto an amicus curiae brief (also known as friend of the court briefs which allow non-parties to a law suit to file arguments before the court so as to assist the court in providing information on possible impacts of its decision). This case is a follow-up case after the Godfrey case, in which ISAC also filed a friend of the court case in 2017. In Godfrey, the Court was considering if someone could make a monetary claim for a general constitutional violation without a specific statute providing for damages. The Court did not rule in favor of what ISAC advocated for and found that persons could demand monetary damages for general constitutional violations. In Venckus, the question is whether prosecutorial immunity applies in Godfrey-type claims. ISAC signed onto an amicus curiae brief with the Iowa County Attorneys Association (ICAA), and drafted by Muscatine County Attorney Alan Ostergren, to argue that prosecutorial immunity should apply regardless of the type of claim being made by the plaintiff, so long as this type of activity falls within the judicial process. This case is still pending.

Krapf v. Rastetter: This is an open meetings case that is a follow-up to Hutchinson v. Shull, which held that an agent of a government official could create a quorum for purposes of Iowa’s open meetings laws. In Krapf, the question is whether a job candidate can become an agent for the Board of Regents and thus have open meeting violations when the job candidate meets with different subsets of the Board. ISAC signed onto an amicus curiae brief with the Iowa League of Cities and the Iowa Municipal Utilities Association to argue that Hutchinson should be narrowly interpreted and that job candidates should not be considered agents of a board. This case is set for oral argument before the Iowa Court of Appeals on December 14.

Diercks v. City of Bettendorf: This is an open records case that considers if records between a private law firm that has been engaged by an insurance company that provides coverage to a county should be considered open records under Iowa law. ISAC again signed onto an amicus curiae brief with the ICAA, and drafted by Muscatine County Attorney Alan Ostergren, to argue that these types of records that are not seen or used by the government body should not be considered records of the government and thus not subject to Iowa’s open records laws. This case is still pending.

Opioid litigation: Finally, ISAC encouraged counties to become parties to the multi-jurisdiction case of local governments across the country filing suit against the pharmaceutical companies related to damages local governments have suffered as a result of the opioid epidemic. This case is still pending.

ISAC will continue to consider opportunities to represent counties and make arguments on behalf of counties before the judicial branch in 2019. If you find yourself involved in, or hear about, a case that could impact counties statewide, please reach out to me.

Property Tax System in Iowa Video

In continuing our efforts to educate the public and legislators on the property tax system, ISAC has worked with a video production company to develop an informative video breaking down the process. The animated video describes the role of the assessor and how they use their training and skills to determine the market value of a property. The value determined is a real-world evaluation of the property and its worth in the real estate market. The video also reminds the viewer that, ultimately, their property tax bill is determined by the levy rates set by the county board of supervisors, city council, school board, and other local taxing entities. It is important for the public to remember that an asset like real property increasing in value is a good thing, and if they feel their tax burden is too high they need to talk to their locally elected officials that set the tax rates. At the same time, they must realize the important services they rely on and appreciate like fire protection, emergency response, law enforcement, safe roads, and so much more, are dependent on those tax dollars.



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The video developed will soon be distributed to the assessors for placement on their website. It will be a good educational tool for the public, especially when assessment notices go out in April and they need a concise and accurate reminder of how the property tax system works. To view the video please go to www.iowacounties.org and click on the Communications Center under the About tab. If you have any questions or would like to place the video on your website if you are not an assessor, please contact Lucas Beenken at lbeenken@iowacounties.org.

Property Tax System in Iowa Video Script

Where does all my property tax money go? Really...where does it all go?
Local governments use property taxes to pay for sheriffs, roads, schools, and heck, even to plow snow.



The property taxes of you and your neighbors are calculated the same way.
The taxable value of your house or farm determines how much you pay.



So, the assessor's job is clear you can see.
They set the value based on sales of nearby, comparable properties.

County assessors don't decide how much you pay in tax.
Instead, the folks you've elected - county supervisors, school boards, and city council members do that.



Once the taxes are set, the county takes it from there.
County auditors figure out how much you pay, crunching numbers with care.



County treasurers accept the check, but they don't get to keep it all.
Counties, cities, and schools each get their share based on the rates they set, as you recall.

And that's property taxes, from beginning to end.
It's all so local governments can keep providing important services for you and your friends.



To learn more about the property tax system, contact your county assessor, auditor, supervisor, or treasurer.

ICACMP

Who is ICACMP?

The ICACMP team wants to congratulate all the county attorney's across the state of Iowa who won their elections in November! Whether you are newly elected, or you have been the county attorney for many years, ICACMP is here to help make your prosecuting attorney's office more efficient with support and training for your data management system.

For those of you who do not know who we are, please let us introduce ourselves. The Iowa County Attorney's Case Management Project (ICACMP) is a collection of county attorney's offices that have come together with the common goal of standardizing the practices and software used in our offices across the state. What started out as seven counties with a shared vision has grown to be a project of 52 county attorney's offices and a division of the AG's Office with nearly 425 users. We continue to add new counties every year!



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ICACMP county prosecutors and their office staff helped design the customizations to the ProLaw software package, and the end result is a complete software package that allows prosecutors to manage every type of case within one data base. Whether the case you are working on is criminal, civil, juvenile, mental health, investigative, or collections, it can all be handled within ProLaw, and the matters will correctly be assigned the Iowa Code sections and court rules that apply to them.

Our customized data management software (ProLaw) has many benefits, but our members will likely tell you that “document generation” is one of the most time saving aspects of the product. In the course of prosecutor's business practices, they find that most of the documents that are created are redundant. Trial information's, plea agreements, judgments, victim paperwork, etc., all have static information in them. ProLaw allows our project members to create a “master” document for all types of documents that they create on a regular basis and include fields in those documents that will auto populate information from the database related to that particular defendant and/or case. Project members have also found it to be a huge benefit that documents they were using prior to being part of the project can easily be converted to their ProLaw data bases and auto-populated fields can be added in just a few clicks.

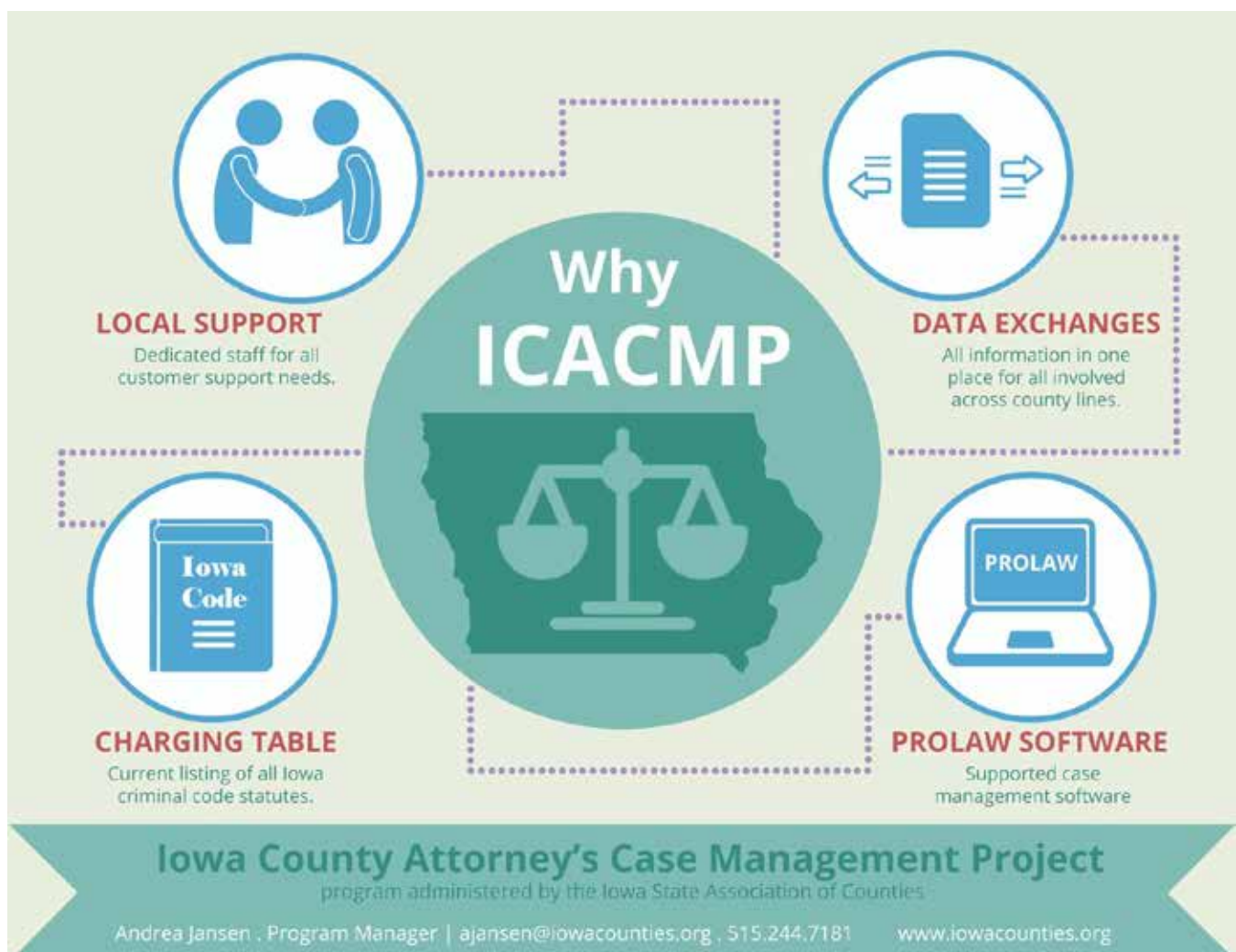
ICACMP has partnered with CJIS, DPS, DOC, TraCS, DCI, and many other justice partners to implement automated exchanges to and from ProLaw. Those exchanges allow ICACMP counties to send and receive information from those other justice partners automatically. The complaint exchange is a great example of this work. The complaint exchange adds new cases automatically into ProLaw once the clerk has accepted the complaint through the EDMS system. The initiation of the case into the ProLaw database includes the auto populating of fields, such as: ICIS case number, code section related to charge, defendant's name/DOB/SS#/DL#/address, arresting officers name and agency, time/date and location of offense, etc., and it also puts a copy of the complaint and affidavit into our systems. This is a huge time saver to offices as they are no longer re-typing all the information that the arresting officer and the clerk of court already put into their systems.

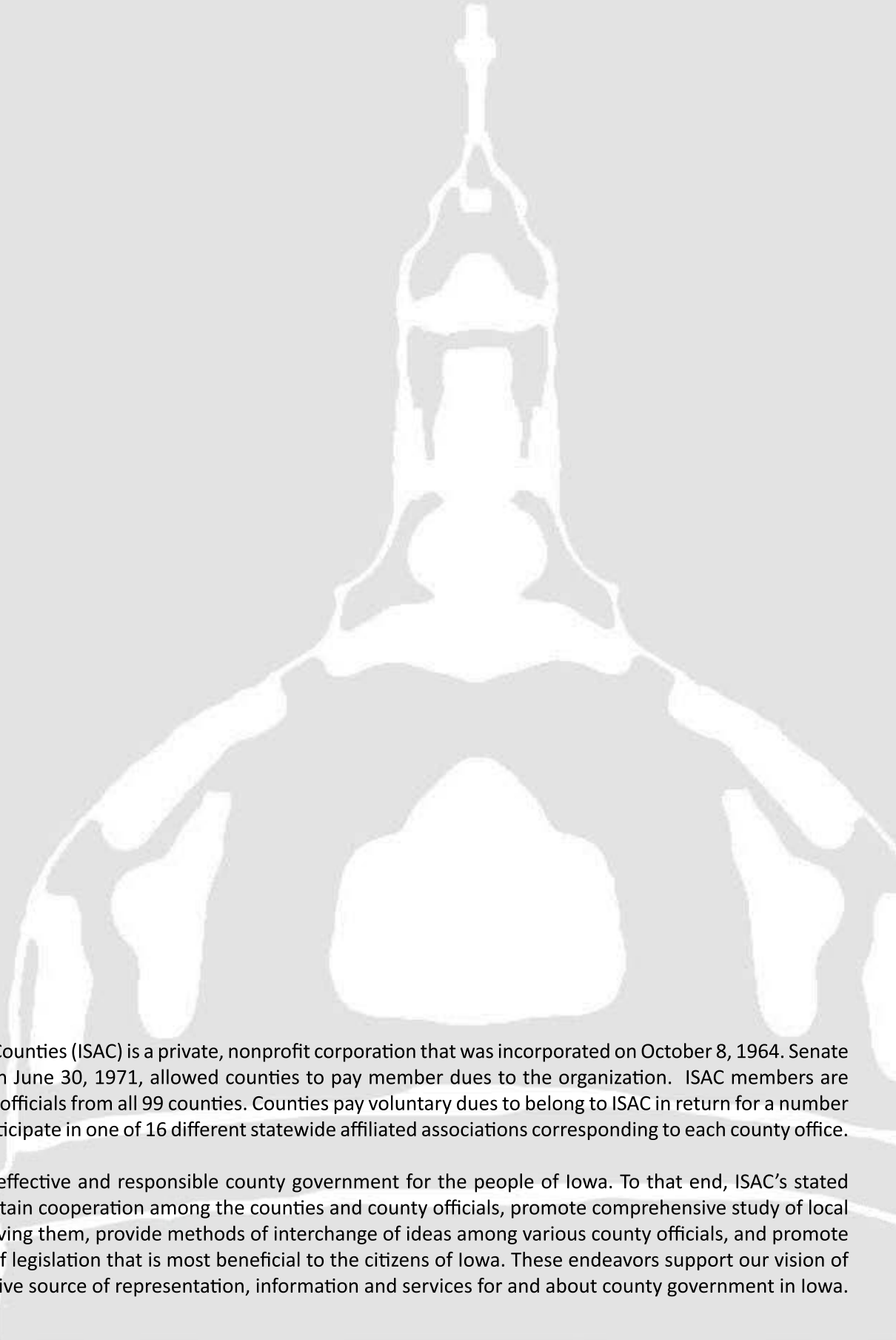
The hearing order exchange is another good example of how all counties in the project are benefiting from these exchanges. This exchange puts the next hearing dates automatically into each case in ProLaw as the clerk processes orders. For those member counties that use the exchange agent, this information will also flow into the assigned attorney's calendar on the date and time set for the hearing. Additionally, the trial information exchange and the victim exchange are being installed in ICACMP counties now and will likely be up and running in the next few months.

Of all the benefits that our member counties get from being part of ICACMP the most significant benefit is the charging table updates. These updates are available to counties that use both ProLaw and Judicial Dialog. Every year there are changes in Iowa laws including new laws being added, others redacted, and language changes in others. If each county had to go in and make these changes to their systems individually it would be extremely cumbersome. ICACMP employs individuals to update the entire charge code in the background of the software, and these changes are pushed out to all project member counties to update their data bases. Many of the ICACMP counties are small and don't have IT staff readily available to assist with background changes to the software, and our group has been able to assist any county attorney's offices that don't have the resources to make the updates themselves. This allows all project members to keep our data bases up to date with the most recent charge code charges and language.

ICACMP has dedicated staff that our member counties have access to that will assist with support and training needs for the ProLaw data management system. Our staff include prior county attorney's office staff with extensive experience in the day-to-day work flow and processes of the county attorney's office, knowledgeable IT staff, and access to additional resources at Thomson Reuters and URL to help trouble shoot any issue you may be having.

Congratulations again to all our county attorneys, and THANK YOU to all of you who dedicate your lives to keeping our communities safe one case at a time!





The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) is a private, nonprofit corporation that was incorporated on October 8, 1964. Senate File 37, which was adopted on June 30, 1971, allowed counties to pay member dues to the organization. ISAC members are elected and appointed county officials from all 99 counties. Counties pay voluntary dues to belong to ISAC in return for a number of services. ISAC members participate in one of 16 different statewide affiliated associations corresponding to each county office.

ISAC's mission is to promote effective and responsible county government for the people of Iowa. To that end, ISAC's stated purpose is to secure and maintain cooperation among the counties and county officials, promote comprehensive study of local problems and find ways of solving them, provide methods of interchange of ideas among various county officials, and promote and work for the enactment of legislation that is most beneficial to the citizens of Iowa. These endeavors support our vision of being the principal, authoritative source of representation, information and services for and about county government in Iowa.

2019 ISAC Top Priorities

Iowa State Association of Counties

Mental Health and Disability Services

PROBLEM: Addressing long term sustainable funding has long been an issue since Iowa moved to a regional based mental health and disability services (MH/DS) delivery system. While progress was made during the 2017 session at addressing mental health funding, specifically levy equity for counties within MH/DS regions, the new regional caps that were established do not allow for growth within the system, provide the necessary resources to sustain complex needs services that were called for in this last session in HF 2456, or fund children's mental health services.

Further, the carry forward balance restrictions in SF 504 in 2017 of 20% or 25% depending on the size of the region, are setting up a potential funding calamity with rapid property tax swings from year to year to meet these requirements and fund the necessary services.

SOLUTION:

- Eliminate the regional mental health levy caps that were established in SF 504 and allow for counties to levy what is necessary to meet their regional budgetary needs.
- Remove the carry forward balance restrictions of 20% or 25% to provide counties/regions resources for new and existing programs without dramatic changes in property taxes.
- If the above remedies are not advanced, an increase in the sales tax should be considered to fund MH/DS that must be constitutionally protected based on a distribution formula that is equitable for all counties in Iowa.

Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Backfill

PROBLEM: The taxable valuation of commercial and industrial property was legislatively reduced by 5% in FY 2015 and by 10% each year thereafter. A standing appropriation from the state to local property taxing jurisdictions was implemented to make up for the future reduction in property tax revenue due to this rollback. Local jurisdictions are already absorbing property tax revenue reductions due to the rollback on the new multi-residential classification, the rollback on railroad property, the new exemption for telecommunications property, and the reduced growth limitation for residential and agricultural property. Any reduction or elimination of the commercial and industrial property tax backfill would likely cause a property tax increase that would fall largely on homeowners and agricultural property owners, a reduction in important services the residents of Iowa depend on, or a combination of both.

SOLUTION: The legislature should fully fund the commercial and industrial property tax backfill and should resist a rapid elimination or legislation that affects local budgets that have been set or are in the process of being set.

Water Quality, Natural Resources, and Outdoor Recreation

PROBLEM: There continues to be a need to provide adequate, sustainable, and dedicated state financial resources to address statewide concerns related to Iowa's water quality issues. In addition, there are ongoing issues that must be addressed to minimize losses caused by flooding through effective flood mitigation programs. Specifically, the "Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreational Trust Fund" has not been appropriated any funding since its inception in 2010. The Trust Fund is the best-known mechanism to address water concerns, and also promotes public health and quality of life by ensuring enhanced opportunities for outdoor recreation.

SOLUTION: ISAC recommends the following:

1. The passage of a statewide sales tax increase of at least 3/8s of a penny in support of the "Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund", or "I-WLL", as it is commonly referred to.
2. The maintaining of the distribution formula found in Iowa Code Chapter 461, outlined by the Iowa Legislature in support of the 2010 vote by Iowans on the Constitutional Amendment.
3. The passage of legislation that would support and encourage public sector entities, such as counties, to be directly involved in "water mitigation" projects that could involve County Conservation Boards, Engineers, and Supervisors.

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2019 ISAC Legislative Objectives

Absentee Ballot Commencement Date

PROBLEM: Prior to passage of HF 516, the county commissioner of elections was required to begin mailing absentee ballots out to those who had requested one “as soon as ballots were printed.” In addition, the commissioner of elections was required to provide access to absentee voting in person at the commissioner’s office also when the ballots were made available but no sooner than 40 days prior to the election. After HF 516, both processes now cannot begin until 29 days prior to the election. With an increased number of voters utilizing the absentee process, shortening the number of days that voters have access to absentee ballots is not only problematic to the voter, it is also problematic for the commissioner’s office and staff.

SOLUTION: Reinstate the language in Iowa Code prior to HF 516 that would allow county commissioners of elections the ability to mail absentee ballots after they are available and to allow absentee ballot voting at the commissioner’s office 40 days prior to the election.

County Infractions

PROBLEM: County zoning violations are handled through the courts under Iowa Code §331.307(9). This Section allows counties to “abate or correct the violation” and the court to enter the cost to clean up the property as “a personal judgment against the defendant or assessed against the property where the violation occurred, or both.” If the offending party does not pay for the cost of cleanup or does not pay to relieve the lien from the property, there is no way to force a timely payment of the debt owed to the county.

SOLUTION: Amend Iowa Code §331.307(9) to mirror Iowa Code §331.384 that relates to public health and safety hazards to allow a county to correct a county zoning violation and assess the costs against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program

PROBLEM: Iowa’s Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program is funded through the state’s Environment First Fund that invests in the natural and cultural resources of Iowa through a formula that includes the following:

- Conservation Education - \$350,000
- Historic Resources - 5%
- Roadside Vegetation - 3%
- Public Land Management - 9%
- City Parks and Open Space - 15%
- Soil and Water Enhancement - 20%
- County Conservation - 20%
- State Open Spaces - 28%
- Administration - 1%

The Program is authorized in Iowa Code to receive \$20 million annually, plus revenues from the sale of Natural Resource license plates. However, the program has never been fully funded, and was again decreased 25% last year to \$12 million with another \$3 million of this amount being diverted from the formula for State Park Operations and Maintenance. As this diversion seems to be a common threat, it is something that needs to be stopped.

SOLUTION: Fully fund the Natural Resource and Outdoor Trust Fund which would automatically fully fund REAP. If that would not be possible, ISAC supports full funding through gaming receipts as originally intended and an extension of the REAP program sunset by at least 10 years to 2031.

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Secondary Roads

PROBLEM: Iowa's roads and bridges are a vital component of the continued growth of the state's economy, and every road jurisdiction has struggled to adequately maintain its portion of the road system. The increase in the per gallon fuel tax and permit fees for oversize and overweight vehicles will help address this problem, but the cost of building and maintaining roads continues to increase. In addition to general inflation, Iowa's road maintenance issues have been exacerbated by harsh winters, floods, and heavy equipment usage. Counties are limited in the amount of general fund dollars that can be transferred to be used for secondary roads and bridges, so they are dependent on state and federal funds for critical infrastructure maintenance and repair. The use of TIME-21 funds is limited to farm-to-market and bridge construction. Due to the past shortfall in road funding, counties have turned to bonding in order to provide critical funding for maintenance of roads and bridges. These bonds are repaid with property tax revenues, contrary to the state's goal of reducing property tax expenditures throughout the state. Additionally, the use of bonds fails to capture funding from the out-of-state vehicles impacting Iowa's roads. While the fuel tax and permit fee increases will help fund future road and bridge repair and maintenance, more can be done to provide ongoing, stabilized funding.

SOLUTION:

The Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the 21st Century (TIME-21) law seeks to focus \$225 million on the priorities set by the TIME-21 study. The \$225 million cap to the TIME-21 Fund must be maintained, and increased revenues in excess of this cap should be distributed through the Road Use Tax Fund formula.

Remove restrictions on the use of TIME-21 and other new road funds and allow counties to use all new road funds for any secondary road purpose.

Apply the state excise sales tax on dyed fuel sales to bridge and culvert repairs and replacements on the secondary road system.

Explore the use of surcharges, impact fees, development fees, or licensing fees for large confinement operations, hydraulic fracturing projects, biofuel production facilities, and wind energy conversion farms. Examples include but are not limited to: a per head livestock fee; a per gallon liquid manure fee; a permit fee for large agricultural equipment used on county roads; a minimal per gallon fee for each gallon of biofuel produced; or other use-based fees.

Super Speeders

PROBLEM: Excessive speeding is becoming an increasing issue throughout the state. Vehicle speed has been regulated by state law, but current fines for those traveling more than 25 mph over the posted limit may not be enough of a deterrent. As a result, we have seen an increase in fatalities because of extreme speeding.

SOLUTION: Increase the penalty to a class "C" felony if a person is convicted of causing the unintentional death of someone due to driving 25 miles per hour or more over the posted limit and other speed restrictions.

Weight Limits on Secondary Roads

PROBLEM: Legislation adopted in 2018 allows vehicles transporting materials or equipment to or from a construction project or commercial plant site to operate on secondary roads under the limits of the maximum gross weight table for primary highways. Secondary roads and especially secondary bridges were not designed to accommodate these heavier, more concentrated loads. As a result, secondary bridges statewide will need to be inspected and it is estimated that about 2,000 bridges will have new weight restrictions. The cost of inspections and posting load limit signs is an unfunded mandate. The weight restrictions on county bridges will likely also affect other types of vehicles, particularly agricultural traffic, as the restrictions will be based on construction vehicles with concentrated loads that put far more stress on roads and bridges.

SOLUTION: Repeal changes made to Iowa Code §321.463(9) in HF 2502.

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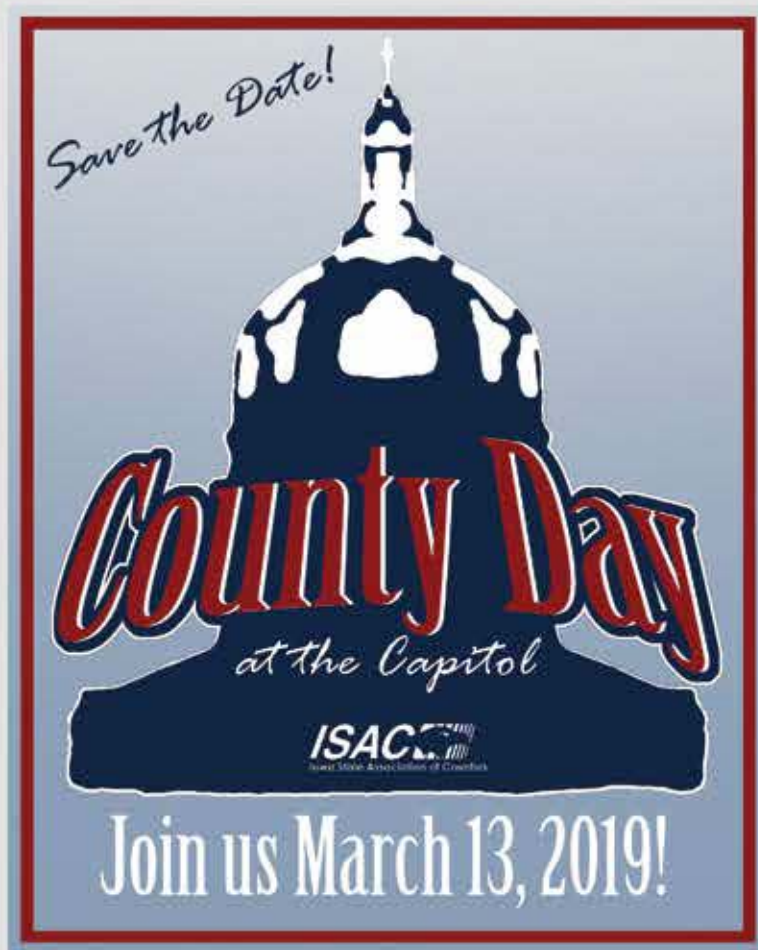
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ISAC Brief

Summary of ISAC Board of Directors Minutes – November 15-16, 2018

ISAC President Lonny Pulkrabek called the meeting to order and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes of the October 4-5, 2018 ISAC Board of Directors and the November 9, 2018 ISAC Litigation Committee were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Nicole Loux and Wendy Moran, McGowen Hurst Clark and Smith, P.C., presented the ISAC audit. An unqualified opinion was given and no major concerns were reported. The governance letter to the Board was included in the report. An additional letter was included regarding new accounting requirements that will become effective next year. The FY 2018 audit report was unanimously accepted.

President Pulkrabek recessed the ISAC Board and reconvened following the ICTS Board meeting.

Jeanine Scott reported that spoofing has continued from ISAC email addresses. Work continues to prevent it in the future and to ensure security of ISAC's systems.

Burt Burrows and Matt Ring, Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS), provided materials and gave an overview of NRS and its deferred compensation for public employees. They discussed the work that continues in Iowa to add the NRS deferred compensation option for county employees.

Lacy Litton, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, gave an overview of health and pharmacy reporting for the ISAC Group Health Program. Wellmark is the third-party administrator for the Program. Amy Gould, Wellmark, reviewed the ISAC Wellness Program participation and incentives.

Bill Peterson gave financial highlights related to the Program. Ryan Berven, Kingston Life and Health, and he reviewed and discussed, and the Board unanimously adopted the 2020 ISAC Group Health Program recommendations that included:

- Effective January 1, 2019
 - Approve waiver of member cost-share for the following preventative services: 3D Mammography; PSA; and lipid panel (services were paid at 100% prior to 7/1/18);
 - Comply with Mental Health Parity retroactive to July 1, 2018;
 - Eliminate 4th quarter carryover provisions; and
 - Amend summary plan description for end-stage renal disease for Medicare to pay primary after 30 months.
- Effective July 1, 2019
 - Approve recommended base rates with income increase of 4.3% and \$150K stop-loss. Plan rate increases range from 3.98% to 5.55%;
 - Approve recommended pharmacy plan change from BlueRX Complete to BlueRX Value Plus Formulary;
 - Adopt discount proposal with loss of discount limited to 5% per year and transition from a five to three-year claims experience look-back for discounts or penalties;
 - Include a large claim rating adjustment for claims over \$100,000 with a three-year look-back to determine discounts or penalties;
 - Adopt proposal to pay PCORI through FY 2020; and
 - Approve 2019 Wellness Program and funding.

President Pulkrabek recessed the Board on November 15 and reconvened on November 16.

Eric Stierman, ISAC Nominating Committee Chair, reported that there is a vacancy on the ISAC Executive Committee because Wayne Reisetter, ISAC 3rd Vice President, lost his election. Carla Becker and Richard Crouch have agreed to serve. The Committee recommended, and the Board approved the following slate of officers for 2019:

- President – Eric Stierman
- 1st Vice President – Burlin Matthews
- 2nd Vice President – Carla Becker
- 3rd Vice President – Richard Crouch

Katie Cook reported that the ISAC Scholarship Planning Committee recommended distributing \$20,000 total for the following 2019 ISAC Scholarships: \$2,000 – Six top district scholarship winners; \$1,000 – Six runner-up district scholarship winners; and \$2,000 – One past president scholarship winner.

The Board approved the 2019 ISAC Scholarship awards as recommended and approved the meeting minutes of the November 15, 2018 ISAC Scholarship Planning Committee.

Jamie Cashman and Lucas Beenken gave an overview of the 2019 election results and the outlook for the legislative session. Rachel Bennett reviewed the ISAC online voting results including legislative objectives, policy statements, and top priorities. Jamie and Lucas discussed that the ISAC membership, Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), and ISAC staff recommend the same three top priorities: Mental Health and Disability Services (MH/DS); Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Backfill; and Water Quality, Natural Resources, and Outdoor Recreation. Jamie, Lucas, and Rachel discussed plans for social media and video campaigns regarding the MH/DS and backfill top priorities as well as a video related to the county's role in property assessments.

Lonny Pulkrabek reported that the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association is against the IPERS Status for Emergency Management Personnel policy statement.

The 2019 ISAC legislative objectives, policy statements, and top priorities were approved unanimously.

Brad Holtan reviewed the highlights of, and the Board accepted the financial statements and the quarterly investment report dated October 31, 2018.

Brad reviewed and recommended changes to the ISAC staff credit card allocations. The changes were unanimously approved.

Bill Peterson presented, and the Board unanimously approved an ISAC Emergency Succession Plan that sets up several scenarios based on absences of the executive director for different time frames including a permanent absence.

Bill reported that the ICTS Board of Directors discussed the consulting agreement for justice involved services. The statement of work and contract of services for the predictive services model/justice involved services was unanimously approved.

Carla Becker and Brad Holtan gave an update on the Iowa Precinct Atlas Consortium related to changes that have been made to the system, how it fared during the midterm election, and upcoming changes. Overall, things went much more smoothly than with the June 2018 Primary. The Board discussed remaining problems and ongoing concerns.

Rachel reported that the 2018 Iowa Stepping Up Summit was a success and reviewed a breakdown of conference attendees and survey responses. Jamie also gave good reviews of the Iowa Summit and a NACo Stepping Up Peer Exchange that took place in Des Moines the following week.

Kelsey Sebern reviewed the 2019 ISAC Board of Directors meeting schedule.

Kelsey reviewed the agenda for the 2019 ISAC New County Officers School which is being held at the Sheraton West Des Moines on January 16-17, 2018, and Rachel gave an overview of efforts to gain increased and continued involvement of newly elected county officials.

Kelsey recommended, and the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the 2019 ISAC Spring Conference which is being held March 14-15 at the Veterans' Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines.

Wayne Reisetter reported that ISAC has been asked to participate in a friend of the court brief related to Godfrey claims. Participation as recommended was unanimously approved.

Kristi Harshbarger discussed data requests related to CSN.

Jacy Ripperger gave an overview of work that has been done to increase overall income from corporate opportunities and compared numbers over the last two years. There has been an increase in overall income from preferred vendors and exhibitors. Jacy further discussed the 2019 ISAC Marketing Guide and the addition of an online vendor directory that will be available to ISAC members.

President Pulkrabek adjourned the meeting following reports and inquiries from board members.

2019 calendar

January

- 16-17 ISAC New County Officers School
(Sheraton West Des Moines)
- 18 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(ISAC Office)
- 31 Statewide Supervisors Meeting
(Embassy Suites Des Moines Downtown)

February

- 7 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(ISAC Office)

March

- 2-5 NACo Legislative Conference
(Washington, D.C.)
- 13 County Day at the Capitol
(Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines)
- 14-15 ISAC Spring Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

April

- 14-17 ISSDA Civil School
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)
- 23-24 Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)
- 25 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(ISAC Office)

May

- 7-10 Treasurers Conference
(Ameristar Holiday Inn, Council Bluffs)
- 15-19 NACo WIR Conference
(Spokane, Washington)

June

- 5-7 Records Summer School
(Council Bluffs)
- 12 ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser
(Toad Valley Golf Course, Pleasant Hill)
- 18-21 ITAG Conference
(Sheraton, West Des Moines)
- 26 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(ISAC Office)

July

- 11-15 NACo Annual Conference
(Las Vegas, Nevada)
- 17-19 Auditors Annual Conference
(Burlington)

August

- 21-23 ISAC Annual Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

September

- 15-18 ISSDA Jail School
(Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines)
- 18-20 ISAC Board of Directors Retreat
(Dubuque County)

October

- 6-9 Assessors Fall Conference
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)

November

- 20-21 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(ISAC Office)

December

- 8-10 ISSDA Winter School
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)

If you have any questions about the meetings listed above or would like to add an affiliate meeting to the ISAC calendar, please contact Kelsey Sebern at ksebern@iowacounties.org.

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