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Legal Briefs

Last session, the Iowa Legislature passed SF 342, informally known as the “Back the Blue” bill. As the name suggests, this bill is largely related to law enforcement and public safety activities. Two portions of the bill, however, impact county recorders and county assessors as it relates to electronic records on an internet site.

There are two main areas of the bill that deal with electronic records – the first section falls under Iowa Code Chapter 9E (Iowa’s Safe at Home Program) and the second section falls under Iowa Code Chapter 331 (where the general statutes governing counties are found).

I will first discuss the provisions of the bill under Iowa’s Safe at Home Program. Iowa’s Safe at Home Program was originally an address protection program for victims of various crimes and is administered by the Iowa Secretary of State’s office. This bill added to the list of persons eligible to participate in the program to include:

- Active or retired state or local judicial officers and federal judges;
- Active or retired state or local prosecuting attorneys;
- Active or retired peace officers (as defined in Iowa Code §801.4);
- Civilian employees of a law enforcement agency; and
- The spouse or child of the above categories of people.

Additionally, the bill added protections under the Safe at Home Program to require “upon request by a program participant, the assessor or the assessor’s staff shall redact the requestor’s name contained in the electronic documents that are displayed for public access through an internet site.”

The bill also requires the assessor to implement and maintain processes for such requests, and fees cannot be charged for these requests. It is important to note that any determination for eligibility for the Safe At Home program will continue be made through the Iowa Secretary of State.

The Chapter 331 portion of the bill is similar, but with a few significant differences.

First, the Chapter 331 portion of the bill applies to a slightly different group of people, which are the following:

- State or federal judicial officers;
- State or federal prosecutors;
- Peace officers (as defined in 801.4 of the Code) or civilian employees of a law enforcement agency;
- Former peace officers (as defined in 801.4 of the Code) or former civilian employees of a law enforcement agency but only upon the presentation of “evidence that a compelling safety interest is served by doing so.” (this is different than the Safe at Home portion of the bill);
- Spouses and children are not included; and
- Does not apply to anyone holding or seeking public office.

This portion of the bill similarly requires the redaction of “the requestor’s name contained in electronic documents that are displayed for public access through an internet site.” This section again applies to assessors, but also includes county recorders. As with the Safe at Home provisions of the bill, no fees can be charged for these requests and the bill requires assessors and recorders to come up with processes to handle the requests.

After this legislation was passed, counties immediately got to work on how to handle the requests and came up with the processes that the bill requires of assessors and recorders. We at ISAC started fielding questions on this topic, and as a result of having a couple of meetings on the topic, an informal work group was created. And when I say workgroup, it was truly a broad intersection of our members – assessors, recorders, county attorneys, and county information technology officials were



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Lonny Pulkrabek, Retired Johnson County Sheriff, Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies' Association (ISSDA) Past President, and ISAC Past President, is the 2021 ISAC Golden Eagle. He was nominated by Marion County Sheriff Jason Sandholt, Retired Linn County Second Deputy Major John Godar, and Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner. Sheriff Gardner had the honor of presenting former Sheriff Pulkrabek with the Golden Eagle during the ISAC Annual Conference General Session on August 25.

Lonny Pulkrabek became interested in law enforcement at a young age, after befriending police officers in his hometown of La Porte City. He attended Kirkwood Community College and received an AA in Law Enforcement and then attended Mount Mercy College, earning his BA in Business Administration. From 1983 to 1985, Lonny volunteered as a Reserve Deputy with the Linn County Sheriff's Office, until he was hired as a full-time Deputy at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office in July of 1985. He worked as a Deputy for 19 years in the Jail and Patrol Divisions before he began serving as Sheriff in 2005. He served four terms as the Johnson County Sheriff before retiring at the end of last year.



Lonny Pulkrabek
2021 ISAC Golden Eagle
Retired Johnson County Sheriff
ISAC Past President

In his role as Sheriff, he worked diligently on improvements within the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. Some of the Office's accomplishments under Lonny's leadership include: remodeling to maximize the use of limited available jail and office space; expanding the jail's work release program; establishing a Mental Health Diversion and Jail Alternatives Program; and implementing Crisis Intervention Training for his employees. Sheriff Pulkrabek worked with other elected officials to create the Johnson County Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, an integrated community-based and law enforcement friendly clinic where people receive psychiatric care, substance abuse services, general health care, and transitional housing assistance.

Sheriff Pulkrabek served as the President of ISSDA in 2017, where their mission is to promote the positive role of law enforcement throughout the state of Iowa. During his tenure, he worked closely on legislative issues that impact public safety, including enhancing texting and distracted driving laws and prioritizing funding for 911 answering points so that they are able to utilize current technology to more quickly dispatch first responders to emergencies. Lonny was also a long-time member of the ISAC Board of Directors and served as the ISAC President in 2018.

We think that those who nominated Lonny capture why he is the epitome of an ISAC Golden Eagle:

"For me, the main reason I think Lonny Pulkrabek is so deserving of the ISAC Golden Eagle Award is because he is such a great people person. Lonny cares about people and he wants to get to know them, no matter what their background. I believe ISAC is such a great organization because of the people who are a part of it. Whether it is the ISAC staff or the Association members across the state, their desire to do good things and to serve the public is what makes ISAC so strong. We all have our passions, whether it is the authoritative Sheriff, the detail-oriented Recorder, or the number crunching Auditor, we all want what is best for our constituents and sometimes we get into our own little silos and we don't see the big picture. What Lonny does best is that he breaks down these silos and brings us all together for the common good. During my tenure as Sheriff, I can't count the number of people Lonny has introduced me to from all aspects of county government across the state. These friendships have helped me develop a list of subject matter experts who I rely on daily. Lonny served as President of ISSDA in 2017 and ISAC in 2018. He truly is an Ambassador for both associations and is certainly most deserving of this award."

Sheriff Jason Sandholt, Marion County, IA, ISSDA Board of Directors

"Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek was an excellent resource for providing positive and effective communication and cooperation between ISSDA and ISAC. He worked hard for the betterment of both associations and understood the importance of cooperation within all aspects of county government. Lonny had long advocated for the betterment of both the ISSDA and ISAC, having had the unique distinction of serving as President of both associations. This is a testament to his dedication to county government and willingness to work with others in a positive manner, for the betterment of all. I greatly enjoyed working with Lonny over the years and have learned a great deal from him."

Major John Godar – Second Deputy, retired, Linn County, IA, ISSDA Past President

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all engaged on this topic. Most meetings had close to 100 or more participants (made possible by the fact we have all been forced to get comfortable with virtual meetings over the last year and half). The assessors affiliate and the recorders affiliate worked through each of their own internal processes to develop sample forms to be used for these requests, and the larger workgroup came together to review the samples and discover paths for consistency and improvement. I think this has been a great example of how working together can benefit and add value to the final results.

While it may be a bit optimistic to call the sample forms final (tweaks may certainly be needed as they get tested through real world requests), both the assessors and recorders organizations have reached a point where the forms are ready to be shared and put into practice in the counties. On August 13, ISAC hosted a webinar to discuss the sample forms and representatives from the assessors and Iowa Land Records described the rationale for the structure and various details in their forms. The recording of this webinar and the sample forms are available on ISAC's website: <https://www.iowacounties.org/meetings-and-events/webinars/>.

I want to thank the multitude of county officials that have helped us get to this point. We have had input from recorders, assessors, county attorneys, and IT officials from across the state, and the forms that have come out of that process are better as a result. Consistency will be important with these requests, but it's also important to remember that you should discuss these forms with your county attorney and make sure they fit your county's specific circumstances. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions or comments on the forms or how to handle requests under SF 342.

Golden Eagle Cont...

"I have known Lonny Pulkrabek since he started as a Special Deputy Sheriff with the Linn County Sheriff's Office in 1983. Throughout our relationship, I have found him to be fiercely loyal in his commitment to public safety, doing so with a very high level of ethics and integrity. Throughout his employment with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and specifically during his four terms as Sheriff, Lonny's dependability, initiative, and nobility earned him the respect of both the citizens whom he served and other law enforcement professionals across the state. From his first day of serving on the ISAC Board of Directors, Lonny was a strong proponent and cheerleader for the Association, encouraging county employees across the state to participate in ISAC functions and fundraising efforts. He also encouraged me to serve on the ISAC Board of Directors and Executive Board. I can think of no one more deserving of the Golden Eagle, and I am honored to nominate him for the award."

Sheriff Brian Gardner, Linn County, IA, ISSDA Past President, ISAC 2nd Vice President

Simply put, wherever Lonny is, he makes it immeasurably better. He cares deeply about people and finds ways to bring them together for the greater good. This was true in his county, law enforcement, ISSDA, ISAC, and beyond.

Lonny humbly states that he has received much more than what he has given to ISAC and ISSDA, but those who nominated him, his fellow sheriffs and deputies from across the state, the ISAC Board of Directors, and the ISAC staff STRONGLY disagree. We can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

If you know a potential Golden Eagle, please find the qualifications for nominees and more information on the ISAC website, www.iowacounties.org. Nominations will open in early 2022.

2021 ISAC Excellence in Action Award

Webster County Conservation Board Tiny House Project

The Webster County Conservation Board Tiny House Project is the recipient of the 2021 ISAC Excellence in Action Award. The project to-date has seen the placement of three tiny houses available for overnight lodging at Gypsum City Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park, the state's largest OHV recreation destination.

The Webster County Conservation Board partnered with Iowa Central Community College and the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility (FDCF) to construct the three tiny houses through a pilot program funded by the federal Second Chance Pell Grant program. The federal funding was used to offer college-level classes in carpentry and other trades to inmates at FDCF, who used their skills to construct the tiny houses at the facility and later deliver them to the OHV park upon completion.

The conservation board invested around \$12,000 per house for materials, supplies, equipment, and delivery, and another \$5,000 for interior furnishings and exterior decking which was completed by conservation department staff. The finished tiny houses include sleeping areas for two to four guests, as well as a kitchen and restroom. They also have air conditioning, water/sewer, electric, and a microwave and dorm-sized refrigerator. The three tiny houses have different floorplans and themes including The Bunk House, The Mill House, and The Hunting Cabin. For more information and photos, visit mycountyparks.com and search for Gypsum City OHV Park to find the listings.

The tiny houses were very popular in 2020 during the pandemic as people displayed an increased interest in outdoor recreation. The tiny houses generated over \$15,000 in revenue, leading to projections that they could be paid off in less than four years. The additional revenue generated will be re-invested in the campground and the conservation board is considering adding more tiny houses and cabins to the park.

The WCCB Tiny House Project was described as a “win-win-win-win” for the conservation board, community college, correctional facility, and inmates. Besides the principal participants, the taxpayers of Webster County and the public from around the state and beyond are also winners as this innovative project has created a new stream of revenue to be used for re-investment in the park and provides a cost-effective lodging option for those enjoying the OHV park or just looking to get away.

Congratulations to the Webster County Conservation Board Tiny House Project, the recipient of the 2021 ISAC Excellence in Action Award.



Member Years of Service Spotlight

Crawford County employee celebrates 50 years in job on September 1 “I’ve had a good run”

James W. Hoffmeier, known as Buck, had spent the summer before he turned 18 doing odds and ends jobs for Crawford County. He worked for a few weeks with the oiling crew, then to the bridge crew, and by September 1, he had a full-time job as a maintenance laborer with the county.

He’s been working there ever since, and on September 1, 2021, he will celebrate 50 years on the job.

“I just liked the work that we do, because I’ve had different jobs with the county. I was on the bridge crew, then for a while I drove a small truck, then I ran a scraper for a while. Now, I run a maintainer,” Hoffmeier said. “I just liked the variety. There’s always different things to do.”

Hoffmeier, who was born in Denison and raised south of there in Buck Grove. He said he didn’t necessarily intend to continue with the county for his entire career, and calls it more of a coincidence of circumstances.

Still, he only considered leaving for a different job one time. He took military leave to serve as a Navy Seabee from 1973–1975 during the Vietnam War, and he thought he might take that experience to the city. By the time he made it back home, Hoffmeier decided to stick with the county and see where things went.

“Next thing I knew, I’ve been here so many years,” Hoffmeier said. “I’ve had a good run.”

Crawford County Engineer Paul Assman, who has worked with Hoffmeier for 21 of those 50 years, said Hoffmeier’s years have proven his dedication to his county and maintaining Iowa’s secondary roads.

“For someone to commit 50 years of their life to an organization, I think it speaks a lot to that person’s dedication,” Assman said. “Buck’s been a great employee. I’ve known him and worked with him for 21 years. He’s always done a good job. He’s reliable, dedicated, and takes pride and ownership in what he does.”



Assman said Crawford County has had several long-time employees—which he credits to a mix of job satisfaction, a good work-life balance, and a good community—but he’s only worked with one other aside from Hoffmeier who’ve stuck with their career for 50 years.

“It’s somewhat uncommon for us to have someone start working for us and switch careers under my tenure. Not very many have moved on,” he said, adding, “Ask yourself how many people do you know with 50-year careers in one place. I know of two, and they both worked here.”

For Hoffmeier, his job satisfaction came in part from the variety of his work. However, there were other changes happening in Hoffmeier’s life as well after his military service. He married his wife Kim in 1978, and they had 3 children. In 1983, the family moved to Charter Oak where they’ve been since.

Though the children have since grown and moved away, they—and Hoffmeier’s three grandchildren—are all little more than an hour from Charter Oak.

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SEAT Program Update

SEAT Level II Training

The State Election Administrators Training (SEAT) Board and Curriculum Committee hosted SEAT Level II training on August 4 - 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn in West Des Moines. The three day training was well attended by many new employees and auditors. The SEAT Curriculum Committee members, auditors, and election staff presented at the training. It was extremely important for this training to be held due to many elections law changes that occurred in this year's legislative session.

Day One of the training, featured an overview of the different elections: School and City, Primary, General, and Specials. Day Two consisted of breakout sessions that covered Absentee Voting by Mail, Tools of the Trade, Voter Registration II, Reviewing and Accepting Nomination Papers, and ended the day with an evening dinner. The evening event featured election directors from St. Louis and Boone County, Missouri who host a podcast focusing on elections. Day Three training covered Vacancies, Absentee Voting in Person, Voter Registration III, and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). The attendees were required to attend all sessions to complete the SEAT Level II training, the attendees will need to assist with a county wide election and complete the SEAT Level II Certification application to become SEAT Level II certified. Once certified, they will be required to attend SEAT educational trainings and obtain 12 SEAT CEUs to renew their certification every four years.



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SEAT CE Trainings

SEAT CE trainings were held in April and will be held again in September. The SEAT CE trainings are scheduled to be held on September 22 in Denison and in Cedar Rapids on September 24. The trainings will focus on the School and City elections and election law changes. These trainings will offer six SEAT CEUs that can be applied to an attendee's SEAT Level II recertification if they are certified.

SEAT Level III Training

Plans have been made to host the SEAT Level III training in November in conjunction with the ISACA Fall Conference. SEAT Level III will be an intense training specifically for auditors and election deputies. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding the SEAT program, please contact Lucy Martin, Story County Auditor and SEAT Board Chairperson, or Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County Auditor and SEAT Curriculum Chairperson.

Member Service Cont...

As Hoffmeier's 68th birthday approaches—just days before his work anniversary—he said he is starting to think about retirement, though he still feels good on the job. For the most part.

"The only thing is now that I'm getting older, I don't like the snow near as well," he said, adding, "I think that goes for everybody."

No retirement date has been set, but he said he's thinking about it and expects it will be before next spring.

"At times, it seems like 50 years is a long time; other times, it seems like it went by really fast. I don't know how to explain it," Hoffmeier said. "I look back and say, 'Where did the 50 years go?'"

**QUESTIONS?
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3. The candidates must be seniors in high school.
4. This is a one (1) year scholarship and can be received only once by an individual.
5. The scholarship can be awarded to anyone who will be a full-time student of any accredited continuing education program (including, but not limited to: community colleges, trade schools, public or private colleges, etc.)
6. The scholarship monies will be paid directly to the college; one-half for the first semester, one-half for the second semester.
7. The candidates must provide personal reference statements from three (3) individuals other than family members, complete an application, and submit to an interview.
8. The criteria used in awarding the scholarship will be scholastic achievement, financial need, participation in extracurricular/community activities and overall character.
9. The scholarship committee shall award all scholarships and the decision of the selection committee shall be final.
10. The scholarship committee shall consist of seven (7) members, to be appointed by the ISAC President. The selection committee shall consist of one (1) representative from each ISAC district, plus one (1) member of the ISAC Board of Directors.
11. ISAC reserves the right to verify any information provided on any application.
12. Scholarships will be announced at the ISAC Spring Conference in March.
13. Scholarship winners have two years to use their award. During the two years, they may apply to the scholarship committee for an extension of the time limit. The scholarship committee shall make a recommendation to the ISAC Board of Directors whether to allow the extension of the time limit.
14. It is a requirement of the finalists for this scholarship to come in and participate in a personal interview (early February) with a panel of judges or you may be disqualified for the award.
15. Applications must be submitted online at this URL: <https://forms.gle/HShXKbZ4PHCeYPUW8>.
16. References and transcripts must be submitted via mail or email:
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Applications must be submitted by December 3, 2021.

2021 NACo Annual Conference Report

"I'm Baaaack!"

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jack Nicholson, Randy Quaid, et al.

Last year Grant Veeder asked me if I was going to the NACo Board meeting. I said, "Yes. I'm going from my comfy chair in one room to the comfy chair in the other room." Last year was a blur. With all of the NACo, ISAC, and ISACA meetings held in my living room, it is hard to distinguish between them, because I wasn't going anywhere. Of course we attended to all necessary business, but it wasn't the same, as you all well know. Ergo, my negligence in writing articles for this publication.

Planning a big conference is usually a three-year endeavor. This year's was to be in Austin, Texas but was cancelled. Last Spring as folks were getting jabs and the pandemic seemed to be subsiding, NACo staff put together a hybrid conference in three months. Remarkable. Needless to say, it was great to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and get some handshakes and hugs in between workshops and meetings. I started off in the Finance, Pensions, and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee, where we heard from folks from the Brookings Institute and the Government Finance Officers Association regarding investment of ARPA funds. There was also a panel of Election Commissioners discussing Federal Election reform. We also approved several policy proposals. Among them was this:

Resolution on Federal Government Nonpayment of Special District Fees

Issue: The federal government refuses to pay its fair share, arguing it is a tax rather than a fee.

Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports federal regulatory and legislative efforts to ensure the federal government pays its fair share of special district fees.

Several years ago I introduced a similar resolution to the committee. The goal was to force Fish and Wildlife and any other federal entity that owned land in a drainage district to pay its share of drainage assessments. They insist it is a tax and the Federal Government does not pay taxes to local governments. The committee did not approve it. This time Wright County Supervisor Dean Kluss offered it up, it was unanimously approved by the committee, and finally by the general membership at the business meeting. Good work, Dean! If you are from a drainage county and happen to run into Senator Grassley, Senator Ernst, or your congressperson, advocate for this proposal, please. According to Dean, Congress doesn't need to pass any new law but to merely pass a congressional waiver.

Many other policy proposals were summarily approved by the General Session except for one that created quite a bit of discussion. The Health Committee put forward a resolution declaring gun violence as a public health crisis. The membership voted, by a narrow margin, to set it aside from the package to discuss as a single item. One person speaking against said it wasn't a national problem because her small rural county didn't have any gun violence. It was an urban issue, she said. The next speaker said that doesn't count because NACo supports PILT, forestry management, and other issues that don't affect urban areas. It



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was very interesting listening to the perspectives of many folks on the issue. Finally, after some proposed amendments and after everyone said their piece, it was narrowly approved as presented. That is one cool thing about NACo conferences. You get to work with people with varying perspectives from all over the country.

In a previous session we heard from Vice President Kamala Harris. She talked a lot about the need for funding infrastructure. And NACo Vice President Larry Johnson had a Q&A with House Speaker Pelosi. We also heard from Transportation Secretary Buttigieg. Other speakers talked about ARPA funding and all it will do for the country. Did you know that it was NACo's efforts on the Hill that insured that counties would receive 50% of the money going to local government? If you remember, the CARES ACT dollars were distributed via some HUD CDBG formula. Most of the money went to cities and a few large counties. So, if it wasn't for NACo, The Voice of America's Counties, we wouldn't have the funds we are getting now. On top of that, it is NACo who is working closely with the Department of Treasury on guidance on how those funds should be spent. And, if you watched any of the webinars, that was all NACo. As a member of NACo's Membership Committee, I get reports of Iowa Counties that are becoming NACo members. That's great! I presume that they are realizing the value of being a member and all the good NACo is on doing on behalf of counties.

Obviously, I take NACo very seriously and work at it the best I can. But, if you know me, I also like to enjoy the conferences and the people there. I also like to laugh, even if I and others are laughing at me. The final piece of business at the General Session was the election of officers. The first and second VPs moved on up to President and First Vice President respectively with unanimous votes. Larry Johnson from Georgia and Denise Winfrey from Illinois. The fun and interesting bit is the casting votes for the new second VP. This year was a bit different since it was a hybrid conference with some attendees voting remotely. Well, we all voted via the app to keep it consistent. Regardless, as each state is drawn from the tumbler, that states representative goes to the nearest microphone and reads their state's vote totals. This is their chance to brag about their state, like the Ohio State buckeyes or how many beans are raised in North Dakota or how many National Parks are in their state or how many ski resorts they have, or how the wind comes sweeping down the plain in Oklahoma. Get my drift? So I'm talking to Grant and Bill Peterson about what wonderful things I could say about the great state of Iowa. John Wayne, Johnny Carson, Chloris Leachman, and Frau Blucher, the State Fair, Andy Williams, or how the corn in Iowa grows higher than an elephant's eye. By the time Iowa was called, people were getting antsy to get it over with. Everyone was trying to top the others with their lengthy orations. When it is my turn I say "The state of Iowa, where we are very proud of our... brevity..." The whole general assembly then bursts out laughing. After the laughter subsides, I cast our votes. I think it is fine that people brag on their states and communities. It is just very difficult to mention all the great things about Iowa and not leave out something.

The two best parts of the day was when President Johnson named his committee chairs and his 10 appointments to the Board of Directors. This year he created a new position for Grant Veeder as Limericist Laureate. We certainly can't end a board meeting without one or two of Grant's fine limericks. The other best thing was when all votes were counted. My good friend from Ramsey County, Minnesota, Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire, won the race for NACo 2nd Vice President. I expect she will be visiting an ISAC Conference in the future. Then we can show her where Cloris Leachman was raised!

I hope to see many of you at the next Legislative Conference in D.C. next February.

ISAC Brief

Summary of Minutes – ISAC Board of Directors: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

ISAC President Carla Becker called the meeting to order virtually and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting minutes of the April 29, 2021, ISAC Board of Directors were approved as written.

Rachel Bennett reported that the ISAC Golden Eagle Nominating Committee met on June 29. It reviewed many nominations and recommended that Lonny Pulkrabek, retired Johnson County Sheriff and ISAC Past President, be honored as the 2021 ISAC Golden Eagle. The Board approved the recommendation.

Brad Holtan gave highlights from the financial report dated May 31, 2021. He gave an update on the status of the audit and reported a lot of new interest in the ISAC Group Health and Dental Programs. The financial report was accepted as presented.

Wendy Moran and Jose Garcia, McGowen, Hurst, Clark & Smith, P.C., discussed issues related to the FY 2021 audit with the ISAC Board. They gave the Board the opportunity to raise any issues of concern prior to the start of the audit scheduled for August 2021.

Kristi Harshbarger reported that the Student Loan Repayment Plan has been put on hold as new law changes may be passed that would affect its implementation. A Basecamp Data Retention Policy was created that includes language stating that posts are records of the counties. ISAC will assist with the collection of records and notification of impacted counties. The Board amply discussed the policy, public records, adding terms and conditions, and data retention. The policy was approved as presented.

Updates have been made to the Employee Handbook related to the ISAC office reentry plan. It was shared with the Board for informational purposes.

Kristi reported that two Drake University Law Students have begun working part-time for ISAC as law clerks. Elijah Tornow will work primarily on the American Rescue Plan, and Justin Putney as a generalist.

Lastly, an update was given on the Department of Revenue Sales Tax dispute. A hearing was held, and briefs will be due in the next couple months.

Rachel gave details of reorganization and improvement of positions within the member relations team. Katie Cook, formerly the Office Coordinator, has accepted the position of Member Support Coordinator. Courtney Biere was hired as the Office Support Coordinator.

Kelsey Sebern and Jacy Ripperger gave an update on the ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser being held on July 29, 2021, at Toad Valley Golf Course in Pleasant Hill.

They reported great registration, housing, and vendor numbers for the 2021 ISAC Annual Conference. ISAC Casino Night will be held on the evening of Thursday, August 26. Kelsey reviewed the board scenario.

Rachel gave schedule highlights and important information for the upcoming NACo Annual Conference.

Jamie Cashman and Lucas Beenken gave a final report for the 2021 Legislative Session, an overview of the upcoming special session, and reviewed plans for the 2022 ISAC policy process. Jamie reported on the activities of ISAC and NACo related to the American Rescue Plan.

Josh Nichols and Beau Hupke highlighted recent and upcoming County Risk Management Services (CRMS), Inc. activities. They thanked ISAC for its partnership.

Grant Veeder commended the ISAC staff for its help on a recent conference the Iowa State Association of County Auditors (ISACA) held related to recent election law changes.

The meeting was adjourned following an update by Bill Peterson on the reopening of the ISAC office and staff schedules.



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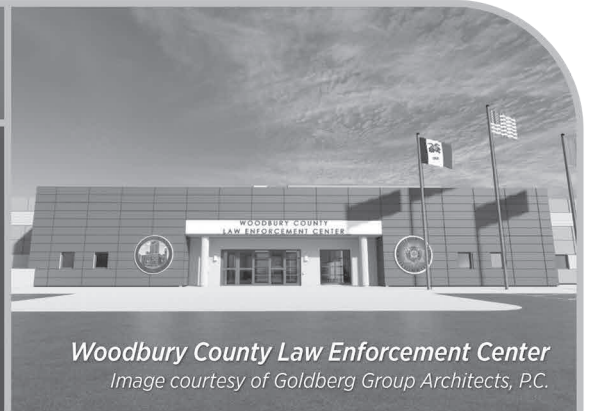
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September 2021

- 12-15 ISSDA Fall Jail School
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)
- 15-17 ISAC Board of Directors Retreat
(Delaware County)
- 23 ISAC LPC Meeting
(Polk County River Place, Des Moines)

October 2021

- 10-13 Assessors Fall School
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)
- 12-14 Records Annual School
(Dubuque)
- 28-29 Treasurers Leadership Conference
(Emmetsburg)

November 2021

- 9-10 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(Clay County)
- 17-19 ISACA Conference
(TBD)

December 2021

- 15-17 ICEA Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, Des Moines)
- 5-8 ISSDA Winter School
(Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport)

2022

- January 19-20 ISAC University (West Des Moines)
- February 12-16 NACo Legislative Conference
(Washington, D.C.)
- March 9 ISAC County Day at the Capitol
(Des Moines)
- March 10-11 ISAC Spring Conference (Des Moines)
- July 21-24 NACo Annual Conference
(Adams County, CO)
- August 24-26 ISAC Annual Conference (Des Moines)
- October 9-12 Assessors Fall School (Des Moines)

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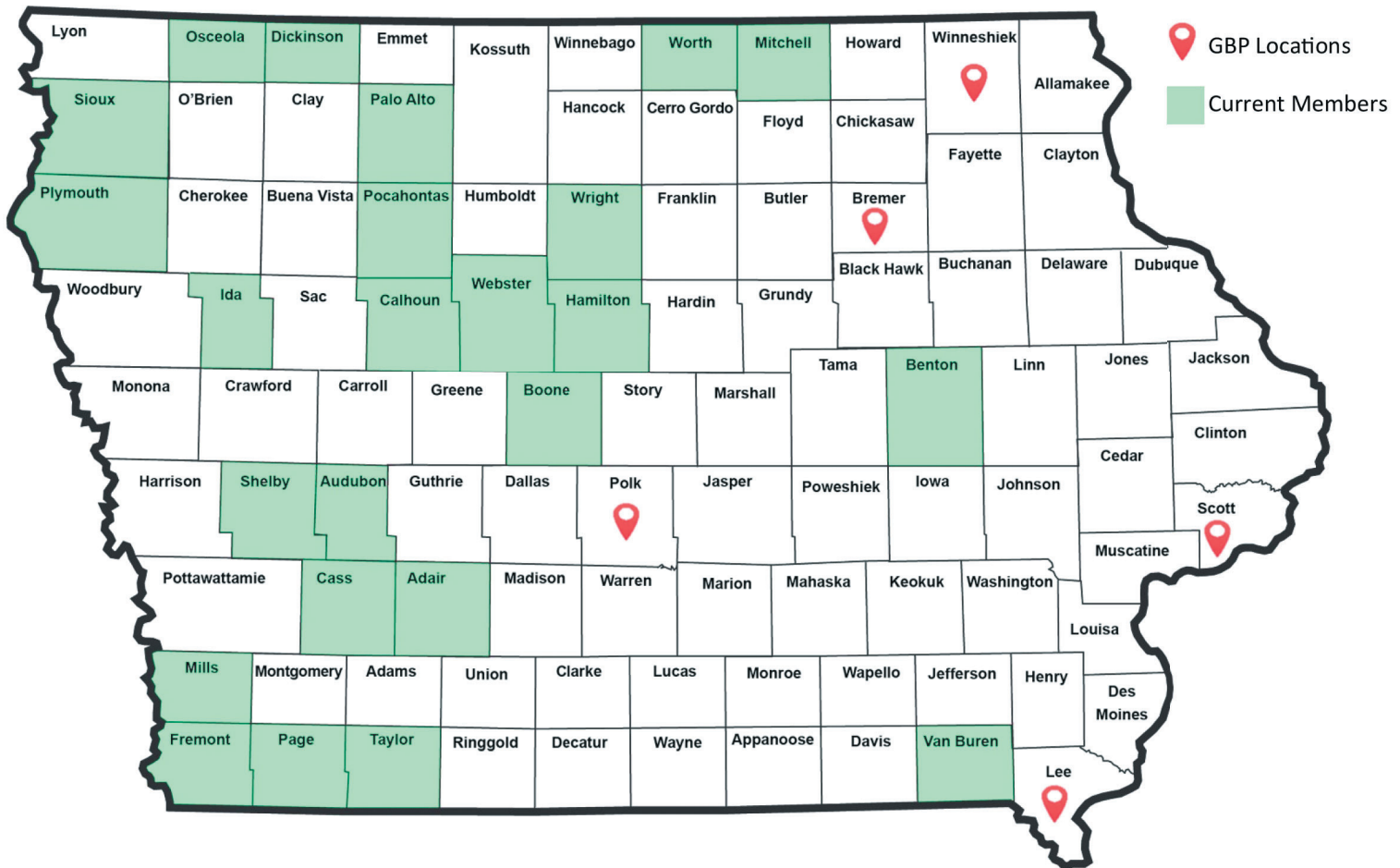
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