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American Rescue Plan Act: A Basic Overview

Since March 11, 2021, when the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law, ISAC has strived to provide members with the most accurate and timely information on what has been an evolving endeavor.

Background

Of the \$65.1 billion that was provided directly in aid to the nation's counties through ARPA, Iowa's eligible share was a little over \$612 million, and all of Iowa's 99 counties elected to participate in the program. Depending on the timing of the county applying through the portal, most counties received their first half of the funding starting in the summer of 2021, with some going into the fall. All counties are eligible to receive their second half of funding, one calendar year after they received their first, and many counties are going through that process now. In terms of the major deadlines for the funding, all received ARPA funds must be obligated by the end of calendar year 2024 and expended by the end of 2026.



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Eligible ARPA Project Areas

The first common question was over what type of projects would be eligible. They are covered in four major areas:

- **Public Sector Revenue Loss:** This was later amended in the Final Rule for counties to take a one-time allowance of up to \$10 million of their award to be considered revenue loss automatically and could be used for any basic government service. This award amount covers a majority of counties in Iowa and many elected to go this route.
- **Public Health and Economic Response:** This covers a of myriad of projects. Iowa counties are investing in distribution of the vaccine, construction of a new county public health building, and courthouse COVID-19 mitigation renovations, when addressing "public health". In terms of "economic response", counties have invested in small business relief, tourism, and other quality of life needs brought on by the pandemic.
- **Premium Pay for Essential Workers:** Some Iowa counties did elect to provide compensation for non-elected county employees as a result of pandemic response.
- **Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure:** Some Iowa counties are using this funding specifically to expand high-speed broadband to underserved areas and are also looking at providing assistance to "unsewered communities."

ISAC Assistance

As additional guidance has become known from the U.S. Treasury, we have tried to provide a variety of resources to members as they navigate the process. We have made available webinars, public forums such as Basecamp, Zoom meetings, panel discussions at ISAC conferences, emails, and individual calls. As counties now move to the second round of funding, please continue to reach out to us with any questions you might have.

Affordable Housing in Story County

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds provide opportunities for cities and counties to address needs that were exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Story County was the recipient of over \$18 million dollars under this Act. The Board sought feedback internally and externally and accepted applications for use of county ARPA funds.

We held several work sessions and reviewed all applications to determine which ones met the criteria allowed under ARPA, which ones to fund, and at what funding level. We received 16 internal and 42 external applications. Among other topics, applications addressed childcare, housing, storm sewer, wastewater treatment, nutrient reduction, broadband, food insecurity, COVID testing, upgrading HVAC system, permanent counter barriers, video upgrade for public meeting room, recorder back-scanning, and digitizing minutes. After weeks of holding public work sessions to review the applications and request additional information when necessary, we voted at our board meetings on which projects to fund.



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In 2019, Story County contracted for the completion of a comprehensive housing study. The study included all of the county, except for Ames, as the city had just completed its own. The results of the study showed where growth could occur, what type of housing is needed, and at what level growth should occur in each community. Recognizing it had been over 20 years since a similar study was completed and much had changed in the county, the Board wanted to identify existing and future housing stock as well as develop useful strategies to ensure housing opportunities at all income levels. Each aforementioned community and incorporated area were studied to identify several issues to overcome and opportunities to leverage.

The availability of ARPA funds offered a chance to address a longstanding affordable housing need. Consequently, applicants that tackled this need and met Treasury criteria were considered and later preliminarily approved. Two such applications were from area nonprofits, Home Allies and The Bridge Home, that focus on homeless and/or housing insecure individuals and families. The Board also awarded funding to the City of Colo and the Story County Housing Trust (SCHT) to advance additional noteworthy projects.

Home Allies (HA) is a new nonprofit that plans to use ARPA funds to build an eight-plex to provide subsidized housing for individuals at or below 50% of Story County's Average Medium Income to assist individuals or families that are often deemed high risk tenants to obtain affordable housing and stability.

HA also secured funding from the Story County Trust Fund, City of Ames, and donations. Additionally, HA has several pending grants and is seeking a loan to finalize and move forward with the project.

The Bridge Home (TBH) provides street outreach, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and connects clients to community resources to help address other needs. In fiscal year 21, TBH served a total of 2,474 clients through its various programs in the Two River Region, of which 75% of those served were from Story County. TBH's application to Story County was for the purchase of an eight-plex to further address the immediate housing needs of the clients it serves. In addition to ARPA funds, TBH receives funding through ASSET (Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team).

While the City of Colo experienced stagnated growth for years, the housing study demonstrated the need for additional affordable housing units within the community. Colo applied to Story County for ARPA funding to use for the development of 12-14 affordable lots located on two pieces of city-owned property. Along with the

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funding awarded by Story County towards the project, Colo is using its ARPA funds to cover the infrastructure costs associated with the development so that the lot costs can be minimized, helping maintain affordability.

SCHT's ARPA project includes funding to address affordable housing with three approaches: provide funding to first time home buyers who utilize IFA's existing home buyer assistance program; provide a stipend for direct care staff as a recruitment tool to help fill a huge void of needed professionals in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; and work with a local community within Story County to purchase, site, and sell a Homes for Iowa house. The households targeted for these must be at or below 100% of the area median income as defined by HUD. The purchase and sale of a Homes for Iowa house will contribute to providing additional housing at an affordable price, with proceeds being used to continue purchasing and selling Homes for Iowa houses in Story County.

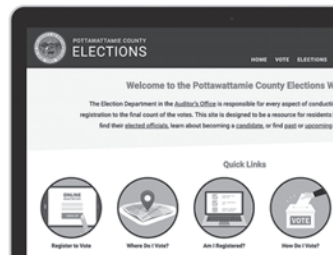
Using ARPA funds in a manner consistent with Treasury criteria for affordable housing enables the Board to support new housing options for low income residents. It also provides opportunities to start new partnerships and dialogues and to build on current initiatives to find solutions to tackle the greatest needs.



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Growing a Better Field of Dreams with ARPA in Dubuque County

Iowa's Field of Dreams is a magical place — ghosts of baseball hopefuls who missed their chance emerge from cornfields to play again, and the love of baseball reunites father and son across death's great divide.

We've kept the magic alive for 33 years at the Dyersville farm where the movie of that name was filmed, bringing millions of visitors. Using ARPA funds as a catalyst, we are now supporting a bold project to establish it as one of Iowa's most visited attractions for generations.

Plans to expand the Field of Dreams solidified after a successful Major League Baseball game was held in August 2021 in a temporary stadium. Details were incomplete when Dubuque County's ARPA funding requests were due the next month, so our Board of Supervisors left some of our \$18.9 million allocation of federal ARPA funds uncommitted.

Go the Distance Baseball LLC, which owns the 190-acre Field of Dreams site, announced plans this spring under its new majority owner for a \$80-million, 100-acre expansion project. With an emphasis on youth baseball and softball, Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Frank Thomas plans a nine-field complex, boutique hotel, RV park, player dormitories, and other destination amenities.

Central to these plans is a 8,000-capacity stadium — 3,000 permanent seats and 5,000 addible for large events. Designed to Major League Baseball standards, it will permit future MLB games without building temporary stadiums. A year-round exhibition hall and other features will highlight Iowa's agrarian roots and baseball lore.

Dubuque County and the city of Dubuque committed \$5 million and \$1 million from ARPA respectively.

Unlike Ray Kinsella in the movie, we didn't take a chance because we heard voices. We've seen the market. In 2021 and again last month, MLB games at the Field of Dreams sold out. The 2021 Chicago White Sox-New York Yankees game drew the biggest regular season baseball audience on Fox in 16 years and glistened with Field of Dreams magic. I heard some say they had never been so proud to be an Iowan.



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In 2021, the Field of Dreams attracted over 300,000 visits. When the expansion is complete in a few years, more than 500,000 annual visitors will help fill hotels across Northeast Iowa.

Visitors will come for 35-70 annual baseball and softball events, from major league games, down to high school championships, and even concerts. They'll stay to see our museums, casinos, and other attractions. A local nonprofit, This is Iowa Ballpark, will own and oversee the facility.

Growing a Better Field of Dreams with ARPA in Dubuque County

I call this “the gift that will keep on giving” because it creates a perpetual stream of events, visitor spending, and youth development. Dyersville City Administrator Mick Michel envisions “generational change” in tourism, employment, and tax revenue. Travel Dubuque CEO Keith Rahe sees it restoring our hospitality industry from the COVID-19 pandemic and buffering it against economic slowdowns.

Dyersville, a city of 4,131 on the west side of Dubuque County, lost half of its restaurants and bars to the pandemic, according to Dyersville Economic Development Corporation. CEO Jacque Rahe. She views this project as a unifying force for Dubuque County and ARPA as its funding catalyst. ARPA provides a local match for a \$12.5 million Destination Iowa grant to the City of Dyersville announced on August 9. Private fundraising will still be necessary for the \$50 million project.

An \$11 million Water Infrastructure Fund grant was also announced in April to help Dyersville extend water and sewer to the site, a visionary move that will pay long-term dividends and bring a large area into Dyersville for commercial and residential development.

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2022 Golden Eagle Award

Melvyn Houser, Pottawattamie County Auditor, was honored with the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Golden Eagle on August 24 in Des Moines. The prestigious Golden Eagle was presented to Melvyn during the ISAC Annual Conference General Session.

Melvyn Houser served as Pottawattamie County Supervisor from 2001-2017. Since that time, he has served as Pottawattamie County Auditor. He has been actively engaged in ISAC and NACo and has gone above and beyond for both organizations for many years. He has been a mainstay on the Boards of both organizations. He has served on the ISAC Board since 2009, on the NACo Board since 2013, and served as ISAC President in 2015. He has served on countless statewide boards and committees related directly to ISAC, including, but not limited to:

- ICTS Advisory Committee
- Iowa State Association of County Auditors
- Iowa State Association of County Supervisors
- Case Management and Mental Health and Disability Services

At the federal level, Melvyn has been a member of the Rural Action Caucus (RAC), the Membership Committee, the Arts & Culture Commission, the Finance Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee, the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee, and much more. He has been an enthusiastic proponent and successful recruiter for NACo membership, participation, and event attendance.

He currently lives in Carson with his wife LaRue. They have three grown sons.

The Golden Eagle is given to commend extraordinary public service to ISAC and county government. The honor was created to recognize elected or appointed county officials, business or civic leaders, persons rendering assistance to counties as trainers, consultants or advisors, and former members of ISAC staff also are eligible. The ISAC Board of Directors selected Houser as the Golden Eagle, an honor that has been given annually since 2010 on the basis of service rendered to county government generally, including leadership in ISAC, ISAC-affiliated boards, service on state or national boards or commissions, service to the National Association of Counties (NACo), service to counties in training, education and development of local leadership, advocating for counties and good local government, and providing exceptional professional assistance and support to counties.



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2022 ISAC Excellence in Action Award

The ISAC Excellence in Action Award is a competitive awards program that seeks to identify and recognize innovative county government employees, programs, and ISAC affiliates. This year's awards were presented to two recipients at the ISAC Annual Conference last month: Clinton County Resource Center and Grow Solar Linn + Johnson Counties. The nominations for this year's recipients undoubtedly displayed the following attributes the selection committee was looking for: creativity and innovation, leadership, replication, cost savings, efficiency, cooperation, and perseverance.

Clinton County Resource Center

During the grand opening of the Clinton County Resource Center in June 2021, Sheriff Bill Greenwalt expressed, "We think it's better to be focusing on ways to provide treatment and resources and prevent these individuals from coming to jail for mental health issues and get them the treatment that they need so that we can prevent filling our jail up with primarily mental health issues." These sentiments were the vision for the resource center and today serve as the mission.

Nearly 50 resource providers within Clinton County have come together to develop and administer a one-stop shop to assist justice-involved individuals with complex and unmet needs identify available resources and services. Many are unaware of the resources available or simply need the guidance or push to seek them out. The Clinton County Resource Center and its partners understand that the best way to reduce or prevent incarceration or recidivism in these cases is to help the individuals find the most appropriate care for their circumstances.

The organizing group determined that a permanent location would best serve the community. Multiple Clinton County departments worked together to make a courthouse office just down the hall from the new justice center the new home of the Clinton County Resource Center. The office is staffed by volunteers from the nearly 50 participating organizations and coordinated by the sheriff's office. Since opening last year, the resource center has assisted over 500 individuals connect with resources including: mental and physical health; substance abuse; medication; benefits; employment; housing/shelter; transportation; and more. The next step for continued success is to add a full-time employee to ensure continuity of services and to promote the resources available throughout the county.

Grow Solar Linn + Johnson Counties

Collaboration has been the cornerstone of the Grow Solar Linn + Johnson Counties program since its inception in 2021. The counties had individually provided education and group buys for solar energy projects, but they knew that efficiency, cost-savings, and broader awareness could be found by building a partnership among the counties, cities, organizations, businesses, other stakeholders, and the public in Linn and Johnson Counties. The program helps educate the public about solar energy and makes adding clean energy arrays more affordable to homeowners through group buys.

The new educational and group buy efforts have resulted in nearly 450 individuals from both rural and urban areas participating in Solar Power Hour learning opportunities and 64 property owners added a total of 557 kW of solar power. According to the project's nomination, the average system size installed was around 9 kW, with projected annual utility savings of 10,300 kWh or around \$775 for a home. In addition to the individual benefit, the project has also used a locally based installer.



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In addition to the various county departments engaging in this project, the group received guidance and assistance from the Midwest Renewable Energy Association and partnered with cities and organizations like the local NAACP, Farm Bureau, AmeriCorps, and the Nature Conservancy in Iowa. The project shows the power of coordination and collaboration across county lines to address community needs and desires. Grow Solar Linn + Johnson Counties also serves as a replicable model for other counties looking to work together to provide solar energy education and purchase opportunities efficiently and cost-effectively to their constituents.



Congratulations to the 2022 ISAC Excellence in Action Award recipients Clinton County Resource Center and Grow Solar Linn + Johnson Counties. Keep up the great work!



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The deadline for applications is December 2, 2022.



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2022 NACo Annual Conference

"I believe that sooner or later...somewhere...somehow...we must settle with the world and make payment for what we have taken."
Article 8: The Lone Ranger's Creed

NACo's Annual Conference was held in Adams County, Colorado in July. The offerings of meetings and workshops were overwhelming, so I will try to hit some of the high points. The first morning I attended the new attendee's breakfast; not as a new attendee, but as an "old timer" chatting with some of the over 250 new comers. That number is a record breaker for newbies. Also, I've said this before and probably won't say it again, NACo membership is at an all-time high of 2,591, which is 85% of the nation's counties, and has an unheard of retention rate of 99.6%.



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At the Finance, Pension, and Intergovernmental Affairs' Steering Committee Meeting, Grant Veeder introduced a panel who talked about threats to election officials. (I've written about this before, but probably won't again.) One of the presenters was formerly a homicide detective in the Atlanta, Georgia area. He later worked for the Secretary of State as a fraud investigator, then as the head of the Election Division there. He's had plenty of death threats, not as a homicide detective, but as an election official. Crazy! Surveys say that one in six election officials gets threats, mostly over the phone or in person. The main take away from the panel is that we need to partner with our local law enforcement officials and to report these threats to our regional FBI Office.

During the Intergovernmental Affairs portion of the meeting, we heard from a panel of county officials and tribal leaders. The issue revolved around the tribe's wishes to rename two Colorado mountain peaks. A gentleman from the Arapahoe Tribal Council appreciated the cooperation they got from the county officials. The supervisors had to work with their constituents, the state government, and the federal agencies to accomplish the renaming task. That sort of cooperation wasn't always so. One supervisor gave us a history lesson on the way intergovernmental affairs used to be. The Territorial Governor of Colorado declared that if any white man felt threatened by a Native American, he could shoot him and collect any of the personal belongings of the deceased as a payment for his trouble of killing the Native American. Several hundred of the tribe were relocated to a "safe" encampment and were told that if anyone came, they were to wave a white flag. The flag didn't do any good. Over 350 women and children were killed during the Sand Creek Massacre. Thankfully, intergovernmental relations have been improving over the last 200 years.

At the Board of Directors Forum, Kristen Thomasgard, Program Director for the Department of Defense (DOD) told us that DOD is treating our climate crisis as a national security issue. At its military bases it is dealing with environmental issues in the surrounding areas of the bases, like noise, wildlife, and land uses such as wind turbines or other infrastructure. The Chairman of NACo's Veterans and Military Service Committee introduced us to Operation Green Light, which was later endorsed by the Board of Directors at its business meeting. The Operation is asking all of us, counties, businesses, and private citizens to place green lights in their windows, front porches or entrances during the week of Veterans Day. It is intended to not only



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highlight appreciation for their military service but to remind them of the services and benefits that their counties provide through the county's Veteran Commissions.

The General Session speakers were excellent, as always. Heather McGhee, author of the book, "The Sum of Us," spoke about the financial cost of racism. An example is what she calls "drained pool politics." During the depression there were public works projects funded by the federal administration, among those projects were city swimming pools. There was a big boom of new pools built across the country, but in many cities, they were segregated. In the 60's, the Civil Rights Act established that people of color had a right to use the pools, but city leaders then decided it would be better to close the pools than to desegregate. They filled them in and sodded them over. So nobody got to take a dip. Why can't people just be nice?

Other than endorsing Operation Green Light, the Board of Directors approved the audit and membership committee reports and the financial report. Chief Government Affairs Officer Mark Ritacco reported on legislation happenings on the Hill. He forewarned us of several policy and resolution proposals coming out of some of NACo's steering committees. After board approval they would then be forwarded to the general membership's business meeting the following day. One of them was called America the Beautiful resolution. It has something to do with conservation easements on private property. I think some were concerned that it would be a federal takeover of more lands. Others to keep a lookout for were WOTUS, gun violence as a public health issue, and a resolution regarding qualified immunity. As it turned out, no amendments were offered, nor was there any discussion about these issues at the general membership business meeting.

So, what does the Lone Ranger have to do with all of this? Well....nothing really. I just thought it was a really cool quote. I can't imagine the Lone Ranger having any concerns about the future of our planet. Maybe Tonto and some Native American teachings had an influence on him. I happened to run across The Lone Ranger's Creed while I was looking for Gene Autry's Cowboy Code. Stay with me here. So, a NACo buddy, Cathy, and I were talking to Vance from Minnesota. Vance had a lapel pin that simply said "Be Kind." Cathy said "Yes! And if you can't be kind, then be nice." With all the political mistrust, disgust, mis/disinformation, threats, antagonism, discord, etc. going on these days, I thought maybe I should put forth a resolution stating that all government officials should abide by Gene Autry's Cowboy Code. It's pretty simple stuff. Here are a few of his commandments: one must always tell the truth. One must not advocate or possess racially or religiously intolerant ideas. One must help people in distress. One must respect all people and one's nation's laws.

You may have noticed within this article that I stated I wouldn't mention something again. That is because it is my last article as ISAC's appointee to the NACO Board of Directors. I have termed out after three, three year stints. Mills County Supervisor Richard Crouch will be ISAC's representative on the NACo Board. I'm sure Richard will do a bang up job and find the experience as enjoyable and as interesting as I did. I will still be attending some of the conferences, and, as a member of the Membership Committee, I will still be asking those non-member counties to become members of NACo and encouraging individuals to attend a conference. I guarantee you won't regret it. Well, that's all folks. My time is up. I hope you've enjoyed my ramblings over the last nine years. I've certainly enjoyed my struggles writing them.

Happy Trails to you. Until we meet again!

The IPAIT Advantage

Rising rates and how to capitalize for your County

On May 11, I presented to the Iowa State County Treasurers Association at their annual meeting at the Honey Creek Resort in Moravia. On that day, the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust (IPAIT) rate was 0.34%. On May 11, 2021, a year to the day, prior to the conference, the IPAIT rate was 0.01%. Let that sink in for a while...the rate had increased 34 times since I presented at their 2021 conference in Cedar Rapids a year earlier.

In addition to the IPAIT daily fund, fixed term investments are offered through its FTA program. We contact Iowa banks throughout the state to get the best certificate of deposit rates possible for the FTA program. With the amount of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds flooding the banks, bank certificate of deposit rates have been difficult to find these past nine to 12 months. Although we were able to find some Iowa banks offering a competitive rate, many times, banks did not want the funds.

With the Federal Reserve's second consecutive 0.75% increase on July 27, it has taken its benchmark overnight borrowing rate to a range of 2.25%-2.50%. Those rate hikes have positively affected the IPAIT daily rate, as reflected in the August 5 rate of 1.65%. Again, a way to look at that, its 163 times what it was just a few short months ago. We have also seen fixed term rates, both CDs and treasury bills, improve sometimes as much as one and a half to two times what we were getting in mid-May as evidenced with a six-month t-bill rate of 2.85% and a 12-month t-bill rate of 3.19% as of August 5.

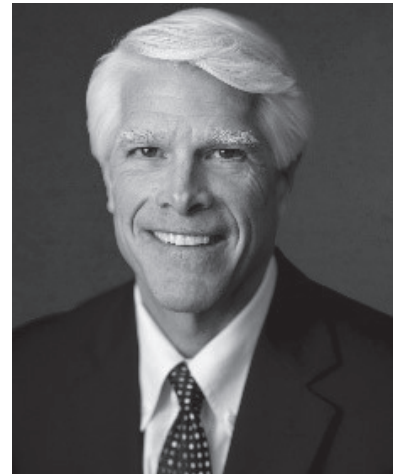
I have visited with several Iowa county treasurers as they are receiving their second tranche of their ARPA funds this past month or so. When they received their first tranche, the interest, for the most part, did not make a material difference, as 0.01% on \$1 million annualized amounted to \$100, but with today's rate, depending on how far you invest out, over the same one-year period could provide \$30,000 and more, assuming a 3% or more return. ARPA funding must be obligated by the end of calendar year 2024, but they don't have to be spent until 2026 and the eligible uses are as follows:

- Revenue replacement for government services to the extent of reduction in revenue due to COVID-19, relative to the most recent fiscal year
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Small businesses, households, hard-hit industries, and economic recovery
- Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Now might be the time to consider looking at investment options within IPAIT. Whether it is keeping the funds liquid, or you have a project in mind that may take several months, or even out to the end of 2026.

The IPAIT fund is managed daily, and the rate does change. If interested in the daily rate, go to www.ipait.org or if you would like fixed term quotes, contact me at pkruise@pmanetwork.com.

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Introducing the ISAC Technology Service Bureau

Hi Everyone!

My name is Joel Rohne, and I am excited to start my new job as the Program Manager for the ISAC Technology Service Bureau!

I have been the IT/GIS Director for Worth County for the last 17 years, and it is a job that was very hard to say goodbye to. I grew up as a farm kid outside of Northwood and for me to come back to my hometown and be the county computer guy was so cool! I was the first IT/GIS person for our county, and I have had so much fun over the years in county government and getting to know so many amazing people in Iowa. Working with my departments as we adopted and implemented new programs and projects has been very challenging but very rewarding.

I very much want to bring that same rewarding experience to all of the counties across the state of Iowa, and the ITSB (ISAC Technology Service Bureau) will be the program that we can use to accomplish that goal and many others.

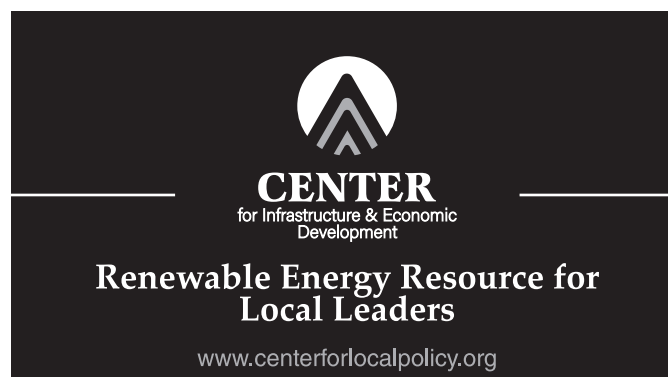


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The focus of the TSB is to provide technology resources for all of the counties in Iowa and be a one-stop shop for anyone that is dealing with issues or concerns. ITSB can also be a liaison for counties and our state/federal partners. Keeping those communication channels open is important.

The ISAC Technology Service Bureau is just beginning, and I am looking forward to meeting with lots of county folks and brainstorming on how we can create an entity that can fulfill the needs of counties now and as we progress into the future.

Please reach out to chat with me! (And I promise I will not say the word technology as much as I did in this article.)



August Board Minutes Summary

Summary of ISAC Board Minutes – August 3-4

ISAC President Richard Crouch called the meeting to order, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, and all attendees introduced themselves. The June 29, 2022, meeting minutes of the ISAC Board of Directors were approved.

Brad Holtan gave highlights and the Board approved the year-end ISAC financials dated June 30, 2022. The Board also approved the ISAC credit card resolution.

Kristi Harshbarger reported on several legal matters. The Board accepted the report.

President Crouch swore in new board member Micah Van Maanen, Sioux County IT Director.

Richard Crouch and Carol Robertson, Mills County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, presented the story of the 2019 Mills County floods. They provided drone footage video and described the county's role in the recovery.

Tammy Norman provided a detailed update on the Iowa Precinct Atlas Consortium (IPAC). She provided a history of IPAC, transition to ISAC's management, and the future software redesign. Tammy also gave a demo of the software.

Jamie Cashman and Lucas Beenken gave a preview of the 2023 Legislative Policy Committee Activities. Rachel Bennett provided an update on voting procedures for approving the 2023 ISAC Legislative Priorities. Jamie reported on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) related activities.

President Crouch recessed the ISAC Board of Directors meeting for the day. He reconvened the meeting on August 4 and again led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Matt Cosgrove, Webster County Conservation, highlighted conservation projects in his county, discussed how they were funded, and gave details of the region's future vision for conservation.

Brad Holtan gave an overview of the 2022 ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser. The fundraiser netted around \$14,000 for the ISAC Education Foundation.

Kelsey Sebern reviewed the 2022 ISAC Annual Conference board scenario. Jacy Ripperger highlighted exhibitor and sponsor registrations for the Conference.

Rachel Bennett reviewed the history of the ISAC Golden Eagle including the criteria for perspective honorees. She presented the selection committee's recommendation, and Melvyn Houser was named the 2022 ISAC Golden Eagle.

President Crouch adjourned the meeting following reports, comments, and discussion.



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September 2022

20-23 ISSDA Fall Jail School
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October 2022

9-12 Assessors Fall School
(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)

November 2022

10 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting
(Hilton Downtown Des Moines)

December 2022

13-16 ISSDA Winter School
(Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport)
14-16 ICEA Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

January 2023

18-19 New County Officer's School
(Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel)

February 2023

2 Statewide Supervisors Meeting
(Embassy Suites Des Moines Downtown)

March 2023

9-10 ISAC Spring Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

August 2023

23-25 ISAC Annual Conference
(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit
Union Convention Center, 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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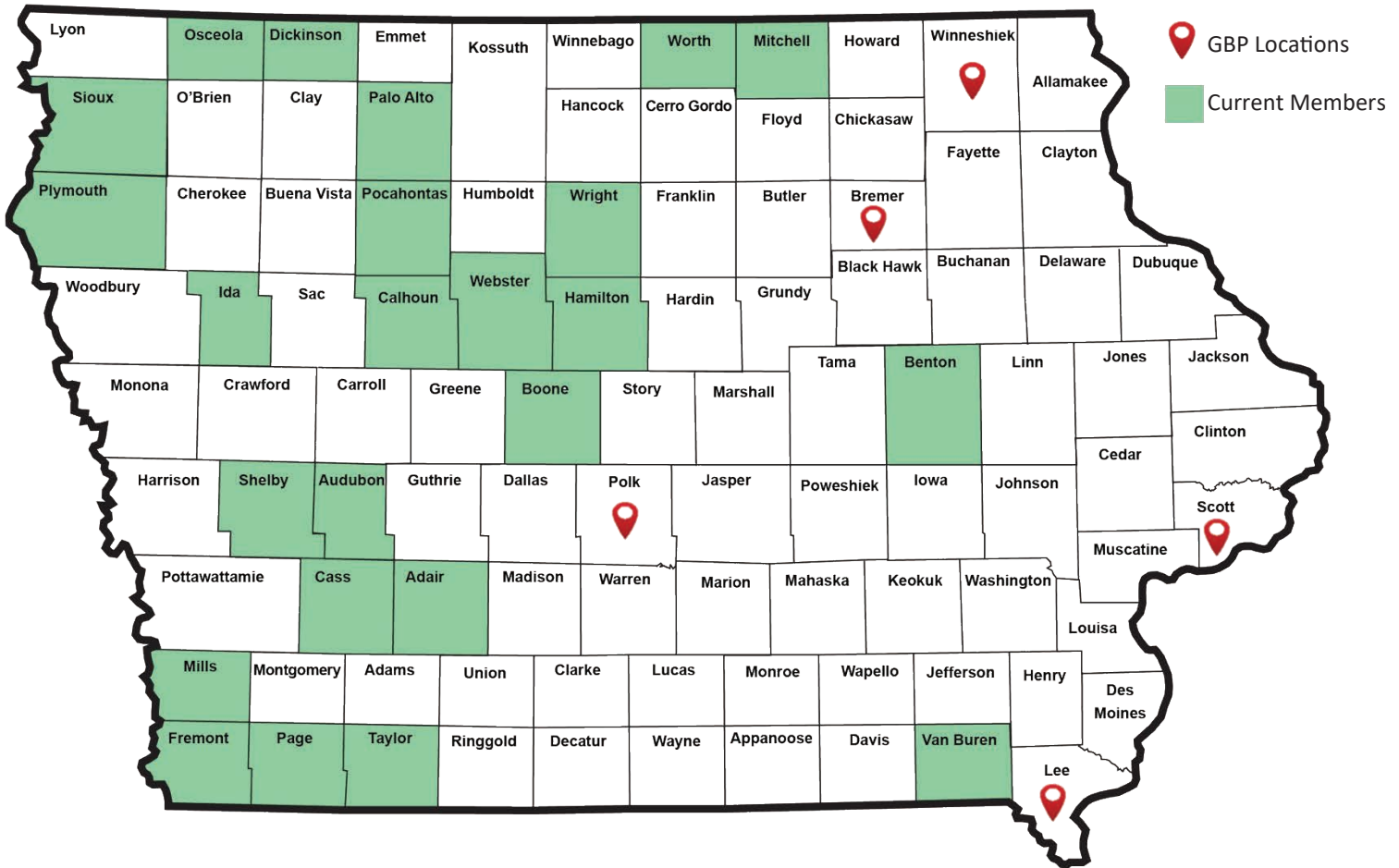
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