

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

Carol Schaefer, Chairman of the Scott County Board of Supervisors announced today that Scott County has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for Scott County's current FY03 Budget.

Scott County is *one of only two* Iowa counties (Scott and Linn County) to hold the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The County has received this award for the last thirteen consecutive years. Only 10 of the 1,488 governmental units in the State of Iowa currently hold this honor.

Mr. Schaefer stated that this award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the elected officials and management of Scott County and reflects their commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, Scott County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communication device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive this award.

Since the program's inception in 1984, only approximately 700 governmental entities have received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award nationwide. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide excellent examples for other governments throughout North America.

Carol Schaefer stated that the achievement of this certification is designated as a high priority by the Board. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ray Wierson, County Administrator and to the County's designated budget analysts and support staff for their work and professional guidance in helping the County to obtain this governmental budgeting honor.

The budget analysts and support staff members are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Larry Barker	Health Director
Pam Bennett	Office Manager, Sheriff's Department
Chris Berge	Administrative Assistant
Sue Brewer	First Deputy Recorder
Mary Dubert	Community Services Director
Patti Hoogerwerf	Clerk II/Support Services
Tim Huey	Planning & Development Director
Craig Hufford	Financial Management Supervisor, Treasurer's Office
Pat Reynolds	Budget Coordinator
Wes Rostenbach	Accounting Supervisor, Auditor's Office
Joan Russell	Office Administrator, Attorney's Office
Barb Schloemer	Clerk II/Support Services

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving over 12,650 government finance professionals throughout North America. GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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