

NEWS RELEASE
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**SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA IS GIVEN
HIGHEST AWARDS IN FINANCIAL BUDGETING**

Ken Beck, Chair of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, announced today that Scott County has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for Scott County's current FY25 Budget.

Scott County is one of only three Iowa counties (Scott, Johnson, and Linn County) to hold the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The County has received this award for the last thirty (30) consecutive years. During the previous year only 16 of the 1,553 governmental units in the State of Iowa currently hold this honor.

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

In order to receive the award, Scott County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as 1) A policy document 2) A financial plan 3) An operations guide 4) A communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive this award.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, David Farmer, CPA, MPA Director of Budget and Administrative Services, 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 that developed the 2025 budget are listed below:

David Farmer	Director of Budget and Administrative Services
Amanda Orr	ERP/ECM Budget Analyst
Pam Brown	Office Administrator, Sheriff's Department
Wes Rostenbach	Accounting and Business Manager, Auditor's Office
Lori Elam	Mental Health Region CEO, Community Services
Deborah Dierkes	Executive Assistant, Administration
Amy Thoreson	Health Director, Health Department
Sara Skelton	Operations Administrator, Recorder's Office
Amber Sullivan	Senior Administrative Assistant, Conservation Department
Megan Petersen	Finance Manager, Treasurer's Office
Kathy Walsh	Office Administrator, Attorney's Office

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 22,500 government finance professionals. The association produces a variety of technical publications in various fields of governmental finance, and represents the public finance community in Chicago, IL, and Washington D.C.

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