

NEWS RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

**SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA IS GIVEN
HIGHEST AWARDS IN FINANCIAL REPORTING AND BUDGETING**

John Maxwell, Chair of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, Kerri Tompkins, County Auditor, and Tony Knobbe, County Treasurer, jointly announced today that Scott County has been recognized for awards in presenting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Fiscal Year 2025) and the Popular Financial Report (Fiscal Year 2025). Additionally, the County qualified as a Triple Crown winner for the fiscal year 2025 by receiving recognition for budgeting and financial reporting programs for the same fiscal year. This is the 10th year Scott County has been awarded "Triple Crown" status. Scott County is 1 of 5 governments in Iowa and 1 of 441 organizations in the nation to be recognized as a Triple Crown winner for 2024. Data for 2025 is not available yet.

Additionally, the County was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for Scott County's current FY 2027 Budget. The County's budget is a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. The County has received this award for the last thirty-seven (37) consecutive years.

- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2025
 - Link: [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2025](#)

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for Scott County's FY 25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) **is awarded for the thirty-ninth (39th) year in a row**. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

As of August 14, 2026, only 21 of the 1,553 governmental units in the State of Iowa qualified for this honor in 2025.

The ACFR report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstration of a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the ACFR.

The Board of Supervisors has designated the continued achievement of this certification as a priority. The Board, County Treasurer, and County Auditor expressed their appreciation to David Farmer, CPA, MPA, Director of Budget and Administrative Services in Administration; Jennifer Garcia, Financial Manager in the Treasurer's Office; Megan Petersen, CPA, Accounting and Business Manager in the Auditor's Office; Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator; all of the departments and staff of the County; and the County's auditing firm of Baker Tilly US, LLP for their work and professional guidance in helping the County to obtain this financial reporting honor.

- Popular Annual Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2025
 - Link: [Popular Annual Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2025](#)

Scott County is one of the first Iowa governments to hold the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) for 2025. The County has received this award for the last **ten (10) consecutive years**. Only 9 of the 1,553 governmental units in the State of Iowa currently hold this honor for 2024. Data for 2025 is not available yet.

John Maxwell stated that this award is the highest form of recognition in governmental reporting and represents the County's best efforts for our community. 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 reporting.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government is evaluated on information presented, reader appeal, understandability, distribution, and other elements including the government's type, size, creativity, and usefulness of the report. The County must also publish an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and receive a Certificate of Achievement in that program, as well.

The PAFR report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the PAFR.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator; David Farmer, CPA, MPA, Director of Budget and Administrative Services; Courtney Chandler, ERP / ECM Budget Analyst; Jenny Burke, ERP / ECM Budget Analyst; Deborah Dierkes, Executive Assistant; and all the staff for their work and professional guidance in helping the County to obtain this governmental honor.

- Annual Budget – Fiscal Year 2027
 - Link: [Annual Budget - Fiscal Year 2027](#)

Scott County is one of first Iowa counties to hold the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2027. The County has received this award for the last **thirty-seven (37) consecutive years**. During the previous year, only 15 of the 1,553 governmental units in the State of Iowa received this honor.

John Maxwell 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, and 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 2027 budget are listed below:

Jenny Burke	ERP/ECM Budget Analyst
Courtney Chandler	ERP/ECM Budget Analyst
Pam Brown	Office Administrator, Sheriff's Office
Megan Petersen	Accounting and Business Manager, Auditor's Office
Lori Elam	Community Services Director, 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
Jennifer Garcia	Finance Manager, Treasurer's Office
Kathy Walsh	Office Administrator, Attorney's Office
Greg Schaapveld	Planning & Development Director, Planning & Development

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 30,000 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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