

**SCOTT COUNTY  
NEWS RELEASE**

August 6, 2009

**Scott County Administrator's Office is recognized by the Board of Supervisors as it marks its 30<sup>th</sup> year**

In 1979, the Board of Supervisors adopted the legal framework to hire a County Administrator to provide professional management in pursuit of efficient and effective delivery of county services. The County Administrator provides the link between the political leadership and program execution. The Administrator has the primary duty of preparing the annual budget and responsible for the development of public policy alternatives and recommendation for consideration by the Board.

Glen Erickson, County Administrator, from 1981-2001 expressed his views on the relationship and opportunities an Administrator's Office provides a County when reflecting on his tenure. "County government in Iowa, by its very nature is fragmented, with a separate elected board of supervisors, elected officeholders, appointed department heads, independent boards and commissions, and outside service agencies. A full-time county administrator can go a long way in coordinating the services these various entities provide to citizens of the County. The County Administrator, by assisting in the provision of the day-to-day county services can free up the board of supervisors to devote more time and effort to important strategic planning activities. Increasingly, problems and opportunities facing the County are inter-governmental nature and the county administrator can assist in developing and implementing programs with other public and private bodies."

Currently, Scott County is the only county in Iowa with a professional Administrator; however, city administrators and managers are in numerous communities in the state and is the common form of government in the larger cities.

Four administrators have served Scott County in the past 30 years. There have been many young professionals that have worked or interned with the county that have gone on to become administrators in cities and counties throughout the country.

The Board of Supervisors will recognize the anniversary at its August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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