

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Plymouth County, the fourth largest county in the state of Iowa, was established on January 15, 1851 and formally organized on October 12, 1858. It is named after the landing place of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower. The county was attached to Woodbury County for judicial and other reasons prior to 1858. Plymouth County began with two civil townships. The county now has 24 townships and covers 865 square miles.

The site of the first courthouse was in Melbourne. It was built in October of 1859 at a cost of \$2,000. In 1861 the building was insured, desks were purchased and an outhouse and steps were added. The courthouse in Melbourne had many uses, including winter quarters for soldiers for the federal government, as well as a grocery. The first public school was taught in Melbourne in December 1859. Records show that the school fund was \$470 and the number of students registered was 32.

In 1872, by a close vote, the county seat was moved to Le Mars. The town of Le Mars had been platted in 1869, and was named by using the initials of the names of ladies who visited the town with a group of realtors, a state legislator and a state registrar of deeds.

In 1874, residents voted to build a new courthouse and jail in Le Mars on Block 35. Three thousand dollars was approved by the voters and appropriated from the swamp land fund of Sioux City and the Iowa Falls Town Lot and Land Company donated the land.

In 1900, at the general election on November 6, a bond issue was passed to build a new courthouse, at a cost of no more than \$70,000. The building was designed by Kinney and Detweiler of Austin, MN and constructed by Emil Miller from 1901-1902. The fireproof building was built of Portage-entry red sandstone and was of the Renaissance style. It contained a tall portico, Corinthian columns and a central tower capped by a large dome. In 1913, the large tower was removed due to the strain it caused.

During the Depression of 1929, many Plymouth County farmers joined an organization calling itself the "Farmers Holiday Group". Their goal was to keep farm products off the market until the desired price was met.

Both the courthouse and the county seat gained national attention in the spring of 1933, when Judge C.C. Bradley was kidnapped by an angry mob of Farm Holiday men and was threatened with a hanging unless he stopped signing farm foreclosure notices. The judge refused to comply and although he was not hung, he was taken out into the country, smeared with oil and dirt and was left to find his own way home. The governor of Iowa ordered out the National Guard and Plymouth County was placed under martial law.

In 1997, a three-story addition was added to the south side of the original Courthouse, giving the county an additional 8,175 sq ft. It was constructed using materials to blend with the original structure at a cost of approximately \$850,000. In August 2003, a new 5.4 million dollar Law Enforcement Center / Communication Center complex opened. The old Law Enforcement Center / Jail was demolished in 2004. In 2011, a new two story Annex building was constructed and opened at a cost of approximately \$600,000 which contains 7,000 square feet on 2 stories along with a 2 stall garage. The Annex sits on the site of the previous Jail and the site of the original Courthouse that was built in 1874 on Block 35 of LeMars.

Plymouth County is chiefly an agricultural county. Its highest point in the county is in Sioux Township and has an elevation of 1501 feet. The average rainfall over a period of forty years has been between 26 and 28 inches, while the average temperature of the area is 52 degrees. There are 1,426 miles of roadway in Plymouth County. Paved roads make up 365 miles, gravel roads make up 1,018 miles and there are 43 miles of dirt roads.

Plymouth County is 863 square miles.

## **Board of Supervisors**

The Board of Supervisors hold regular meetings on the second secular day in January, the first Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in June, September and November and adjourned meetings every Tuesday.

## **County Offices**

The County offices are open from 8 AM to 5 PM, including the noon hour, Monday through Friday.

## **Aid for the Poor**

All applications for the relief of poor must be made to the Department of Human Services. Bills or claims for such relief must be presented to the director for approval before the payment of same will be made.

## **Motor Vehicle Licenses**

All motor vehicle licenses fees are due and payable during the month preceding the owner's birth month, the owner's birth month, and the month after the owner's birth month. The fees become delinquent on the first day of the second month after the owner's birth month, unless the last calendar day of a month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday. Then, the payment deadline is extended to include the first business day of the following month. A penalty of 5% is charged each month thereafter with a \$5.00 minimum.

## **Driver's License**

The driver's license department is open on Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Driver's license and non-operator identification cards are issued 30 days prior to the driver's birth-date and 60 days after. Handicap parking permits are also obtained from this department.

## **Claims**

All claims against the county must be itemized and sworn to and filed with the County Auditor no later than Friday, preceding the said board meetings. All claims are allowed in the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

## **Taxes**

The tax year begins on the first day of July and taxes are payable in two installments. The first installment becomes delinquent October 1st and the second installment becomes delinquent April 1st. However, if the last calendar day of a month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, that amount becomes delinquent on the second business day of the following month. Delinquent interest of 1 1/2 % each month is added.

## **Tax Sales**

The annual tax sale is held on the third Monday in June at 10 a.m.

## **Redemption**

For the redemption of taxes sold under the tax sale, interest is 2% per month. The tax sale runs three years before the purchaser is entitled to a tax deed, unless sold at scavenger sale after having previously advertised as delinquent for the two preceding years, in which case the time is one year only. State law requires that all property offered at scavenger sale must be bid in by the county if not sold for full amount of general taxes due. Persons redeeming from the tax sale must show interest in the property.

## **Exemptions**

Soldiers, sailors, marines or nurses who served full time active duty (other than active duty for training purposes) during one of the periods of war or conflict enumerated in Iowa law may file for a military tax exemption with the County Assessor. The claimant must have an honorable discharge or be separated from the military service. No further filing is required as long as the property is owned by the claimant or claimant's unmarried surviving spouse on July 1st of succeeding years.

## DUTIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

### Board of Supervisors



Term is four years; bond no less than \$500,000.

The Board of Supervisors consists of five members, serving four years each.

The Board of Supervisors is the legislative body of the county.

The following are some of their more important duties and powers:

- Approve bonds of county officials.

- Establish and vacate public highways.

- Levy taxes to raise revenue for county purposes.

- Allow claims against the county and order same to be paid.

- Fill vacancies in county offices, except of it's own body.

- Constitute a drainage board to the various districts of the county.

- Make official canvass of the votes of the county at the primary and general election.

Vacancies in the Board of Supervisors are filled by appointment made by the county auditor, county treasurer and county recorder.

### County Auditor



Term is four years; bond is \$500,000.

The Institute of Public Affairs has labeled the Auditor's office as the "Hub of County Government".

The Auditor is the:

- County Financial Officer

- Commissioner of Elections

- Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

- Human Resources Department

- Budget Director

- Overseer of the County Plats - Real Estate Records

- Custodian of the Courthouse and County Buildings

The Auditor has many responsibilities and works closely with all the County Departments.

Some of the specific tasks performed by the Auditor's office include:

- Keeps a record of all real estate transferred and current plats and plat maps.

- Keeps a record of highways established and vacated.

- Keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors and all signed documents

- Keeps a drainage record of all drainage districts of the county.

- Clerk of the official canvass of elections made by the Board of Supervisors.

- Issues all payroll warrants and maintains the payroll system and responsible for submitting payroll taxes.

- Maintain health insurance records and any employment benefits information and filings.

- Certifies submitted city, school, county, Assessor, E911, Ag. Extension and township budgets to the state.

- Prepares and submits county budget to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

- Issue warrants on the County Treasurer for claims allowed by the Board of Supervisors.

- Keeps a ledger account of revenues derived from all sources and disbursements made from various funds.

- Supervises printing and delivering to election board of official election ballots and custodian of ballots and

- poll books returned from voting precincts.

- Computes taxes on all taxable property in the county from levies made by the Board of Supervisors, certified by city and township officials, school districts, state executive council, county conference board and ag extension council.

- File and certify all homestead credit applications and military exemption applications.

- Prepares annual valuation reports of all values for all taxing authorities to use.

- Maintains TIF files and TIF state reporting requirements.

- Maintains insurance policies and surety bonds and is custodian of bonds of all county offices.

- Prepares and maintains licenses and permits for fireworks, cigarettes, beer and liquor for entities that apply.

- Maintains manure management plans and livestock confinement construction permits.

- Prepares reports required by the Bureau of Census, Bureau of Labor, OSHA and Workforce Development of Iowa.

- Maintains all voter registration records the county.

- Conducts all elections, staffs and trains election workers and maintains canvass materials of all elections

- Maintains the County's accounting system, records, chart of accounts and cash and accrual fund balances.

- Prepares and submits all financial reports to the State.

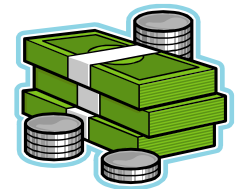


## County Assessor

Term is six years; bond is \$500,000.

Powers and duties of the Assessor:

- To assess and appraise all real estate except such as is exempt from taxation, or the assessment of which is otherwise provided by law.
- To have access to all public records of the county for the purpose of securing information pertaining to accurate listings of taxable property.
- To make up all Assessor's books & records as prescribed by Director of Revenue.
- To submit on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year the completed assessment rolls to the Plymouth County Board of Review for its examination.
- To furnish the Director of Revenue with information relative to the ownership of any property that may be assessable within the state, but not assessable or subject to being listed for taxation in the county.
- To turn over to the County Auditor the completed Assessor's books & records for preparation of the tax lists.
- To receive applications for homestead tax credits, military exemption, and other property tax credits. These are screened by the Assessor for allowance or disallowance.
- Annually submit to the Iowa Dept of Revenue an abstract of assessment of statistics compiled in the office.
- Keep and compile a record of all sales of property in the county and record in the office all changes in ownership of any kind of property where a transaction has taken place and has been recorded.



## County Treasurer

Term is four years; bond is \$500,000.

Powers and duties of the County Treasurer:

- To act as custodian of all county funds.
- To collect all taxes certified by the County Auditor and 1½% per month interest on any delinquent real estate taxes.
- To disburse monthly to each tax levying authority revenue received as taxes, special assessments and other moneys.
- To give receipt for all money collected by the office, or deposited with the office, and keep a record of such funds separately.
- To report monthly to the Auditor of State all taxes due for the general state revenue and pay same to the State Treasurer each month.
- To make semi-annual statement with the Board of Supervisors and report all fees collected.
- To pay all county warrants drawn on the Treasurer by the Auditor and to cancel and register same in a book provided for that purpose.
- To assess omitted real property, which has not been assessed by the Assessor, Board of Review or the Auditor.
- To offer for public sale, at the Treasurer's office, annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in June, all real estate taxes have not been fully paid, which sale shall include unpaid taxes, interest and costs.
- To issue redemption certificates of delinquent real estate taxes previously sold at tax sale.
- To issue, renew & replace lost or damaged non-operator identification cards and driver's licenses including commercial driver's license and collect associated fees.
- To issue parking permits to persons with disabilities.
- To collect registration fees and use tax on vehicles, issue number plates and receipts for same.

## County Recorder



Term is four years; bond is \$500,000.

Powers and duties of the County Recorder:

- To record all legal documents presented, consisting primarily of deeds, mortgages, contracts, affidavits and releases.
- To record newly platted additions, surveys, corner certificates and horizontal property regimes.
- To record state and federal tax liens, discharge papers of military personnel, fence partitions and articles of incorporation.
- To maintain an index of all recorded documents so that they may be located with ease and provide certified copies as requested.
- To collect the proper recording fees and auditor's fees on transfer of property; report such fees to the Supervisor's quarterly and pay all fees to the Treasurer of Plymouth County.
- To collect real estate transfer tax on conveyances of property, report and remit the state's share to State of Iowa Treasurer and remit the county's share to the Plymouth County Treasurer monthly.
- To perform federal and state tax lien searches.
- To make records available for genealogy research.
- To file financing statements and terminations and perform UCC searches.
- To register and title boats, snowmobiles and ATV's and submit monthly reports and remittance to the Department of Natural Resources.
- To collect state use tax on new boats, snowmobiles and ATV's purchased out-of-state and submit a monthly report and remittance to the State of Iowa Treasurer.
- To serve as the county's passport agent.
- To serve as the county's registrar of vital records (birth, death and marriage).

## County Attorney



Term is four years; bond is \$500,000.

Powers and duties of the County Attorney:

- To prosecute all crimes committed in the county.
- To defend the county in all action brought against it.
- To act as legal advisor for the Board of Supervisors and for all other county official matters.
- To collect money due on forfeited bonds and school fund bonds.

No one is eligible to this office who has not been admitted to the bar.

This office is different from other county offices in that it is created by the Constitution of the State whereas the others are created by the legislature.



### **County Sheriff**

Term is four years; bond is \$500,000.

The Sheriff is the principal peace officer of the county.

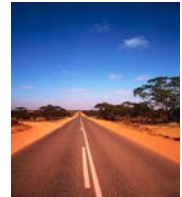
Powers and duties of the County Sheriff:

Summon grand and petit jurors.

Execute and return all writs and other legal processes issued to him by lawful authority.

Act as custodian of the county jail & is responsible for all prisoners committed until discharged by law.

Transport convicts to the penitentiary and patients to the state hospitals, upon commitment from the Clerk of District Court



### **County Engineer**

Required to be a licensed civil engineer in the State of Iowa.

Term of employment is set by the Board of Supervisors, not to exceed three years.

Bond is set a minimum for \$3,000.

Powers and duties of the County Engineer:

Direct all construction and maintenance work of the Secondary Road Department

Develop a Secondary Road Construction Program

Inspect all contracts to confirm they are executed according to specifications of the State of Iowa

Submit an annual report to the County and State of all road fund expenditures.



### **Clerk of District Court**

(State office)

Powers and duties of the Clerk of District Court:

Act as custodian of all court records in civil, criminal and probate proceedings.

Act as custodian of the Seal of the District Court.

Draw grand and petit juries, and talesmen.

Act as custodian of grand jury indictments, exhibits and reports.

Appoint when not contested, resident administrators and executors of estate and decedents and guardians of minors.

Approve the reports of administrators, executors and guardians except final reports.

Receive on deposit money due minors or heirs whose whereabouts are unknown.

Keep an index of all judgments and liens.

Issue executions on judgments of record in the office.

Approve appearance bonds of criminals.

Issue commitments for persons to be delivered to state institutions.

Keep a record of surety companies.

Other duties per code 602.8102.



## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

President of the United States  
Vice-President  
U.S. Senators from Iowa

Congressman from the Fourth District  
State Senators

Second District  
Third District

State Representatives  
Fifth District  
Third District

Donald Trump  
Mike Pence  
Charles E. Grassley  
Joni Ernst  
Steve King

Randy Feenstra  
William Anderson

Charles Holz  
Dan A. Huseman

## State Officials



Governor  
Lt. Governor  
Secretary of State  
Auditor of State  
Treasurer of State  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Attorney General  
Dept. of Education, Director  
Dept. of Management, Director  
Dept. of Human Services, Director

Terry Branstad  
Kim Reynolds  
Paul Pate  
Mary Mosiman  
Michael Fitzgerald  
Bill Northey  
Tom Miller  
Ryan Wise  
Dave Roederer  
Charles Palmer

## County Offices

County Auditor	Stacey Feldman
Deputies	Cheri Nitzschke
	Jan Hoffman
Clerk	Connie Pick
County Treasurer	Shelly Sitzmann
Deputies	Beverly Hultquist
	Keri Borchers
Clerks	Bobbi Kellen
	David Nielsen
	Val Pratt
	Sherri Skou
Driver's License Examiner	Chelsey Van Roekel
Driver's License Issuer	Terri Holzman
County Recorder	Jolynn Goodchild
Deputy	Shonden Frederes
Clerks	Kerri Ludwigs
	Jillayne Mousel
County Sheriff	Michael Van Otterloo
Chief Deputy	Craig Bartolozzi
Lieutenant	Jeff TeBrink
Sergeant	Rick Singer
Deputies	Scott Dorhout
	Paul Betsworth
	Aaron Leusink
	Jacob Wingert
	Matt Struve
	Brian Heidesch
	Pat Heissel
Administrative Assistant	Elizabeth Singer
Administrative Clerk	Gayle Walhof
Communication Center Supervisor	Kirk Hatting
Jail Supervisor	Lt. Tami Jorgensen
County Attorney	Darin Raymond
Assistant County Attorney	Amy Oetken
Paralegal	Amy Augustine
Paralegal	Jenna Hodgson
Victim Witness Coordinator	Heidi Tritz
Office Manager	Jessica Trobaugh



County Assessor	Jill Renken
Deputies	Erica Pepper
	Jameson Hauser
Clerk	Kerri Petersen
County Engineer	Thomas Rohe
Assistant County Engineer	Terry Marienau
Superintendent	Russ Hobson
Administrative Assistant	Trudy Seng
Information Tech. / GIS Director & E911 Coordinator	Shawn Olson
Information Technology Assistant	Cole Beitelspacher
Veteran Affairs Director	Wayne Thieman
Local Emergency Management Coordinator	Duane Walhof
Conservation Director	Nick Beeck
Ranger	Derek Christoffel
Resource Manager	Nick McKee
Naturalist	Victoria DeVos
Maintenance Tech	Mark Wilson
Community Relations Coordinator	Diana Dowhower
Weed Commissioner	Dennis Binneboese
Zoning Administrator	Alan Lucken
Environmental Health Director	Noel Ahmann
Mental Health/General Relief Director	Sharon Nieman
Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor	Lonnie Bohlke

### **State of Iowa Staff**

Clerk of Court	Peggy Frericks
	Kris DeRocher
	Sheila Kockler
	Natasha Ward
	Mark Sturgeon
	Val Stonesifer
Juvenile Court Officers	Pablo Ajpacaja
	Andrea Dreckman
Office Manager	Jennifer Poeckes



## BOARDS and COMMISSIONS

### Board of Supervisors

John Meis	District 1	716 4th Ave SE	LeMars	51031	546-9216
Mark Loutsch	District 2	100 9th Ave SE	LeMars	51031	786-1439
Don Kass	District 3	48138 190th St	Remsen	51050	786-2191
Craig Anderson	District 4	24999 Jade Ave	Merrill	51038	938-2493
Gary Horton	District 5	850 Hardy St	Akron	51001	568-3674

### Board of Review

Janet Schroeder	Remsen
Warren Thompson	Akron
Noelle Kneip	LeMars
Rochelle Lundy	Merrill
Steve Bunkers	Remsen

### Local Emergency Management Commission/Citizen Corp. Council

Mike Van Otterloo - Chairman	Le Mars
Michael Wise - Recording Secretary	Le Mars
Duane Walhof - Coordinator	Le Mars
Craig Anderson - Plymouth Co. Board Supervisor	Merrill
Rick Bohle	Kingsley
Sharon Frerichs	Akron
Steve Dickman	Brunsville
Barry Cornish	Craig
Gary Fischer	Hinton
Richard Husman	Merrill
Joel Fisch	Remsen
Joe Vollmecke	Struble
Michael Tadlock	Westfield
Dick Kirchoff	Le Mars
Randy Kellen	Oyens

### Veteran Affairs Commission

Wayne Schipper	LeMars
Curt Moodie	Kingsley
Brenda Miller	Hinton
Wayne Thieman, Director	LeMars

## County Conservation Board

Lisa Harris	Akron
Bob Schlessler	Le Mars
Chris Beeck	Hinton
Janet Schroeder	Remsen
David Klohs	Le Mars

## Deputy Sheriff Civil Service Commission

Doug McDougall - Chairman	Le Mars
Amy Oetken	Le Mars
Gene Collins	Kingsley
Stacey Feldman, Personnel Director	Le Mars

## E-911 Board

Chad Beck - Chairman	Hinton
Stu Dekkenga - Vice Chairman	Le Mars
Kevin Rollins	Remsen
Jacob Conley	Merrill
Kirk Hatting	Plymouth County
Steve Bolton	Oyens
JoEtte Hiemstra	Kingsley
Shane Coyle	Akron
Craig Anderson	Board of Supervisors

## County Compensation Commission

### Real Estate Brokers or Salesmen

Jim A. Klein Jr.	514 Celebrity Drive, Remsen
Jan Wagner	1844 Willow Run Blvd, LeMars
Connie Blake	820 County Club Dr., Akron
Daniel Pick	215 Jefferson St., Remsen
Bruce Brock	407 Greenwood Dr., Le Mars
Randy Stabe	32379 280th St., Merrill
Marilyn Hirsch	16 N. Hidden Acres Dr., Box 1048, Sioux City
Phyllis Van Evera	850 Springbrook Dr., Hinton

### Finance Officers

Mike Hohenstein	720 Dakota St, Akron
Roger Schmid	41135 310th St., Kingsley
Paul Jacobson	16542 Madison Ave, LeMars
Clark Schmitz	335 Prairie Rose Lane, Merrill
Micah Lang	26086 C38, Merrill
Matthew Ahlers	700 4th Ave SE LeMars

### Agricultural Land Owners

David Howe	31202 K49, Hinton
Gaylen Tapper	20727 160th, Akron
Bill Schroeder	39356 260th St, Kingsley
Dennis Schmid	41354 C-70, Kingsley
James Rohlfen	34 Prospect St., LeMars
Stanley Anderson	17394 Concord Ave., Akron

### City Land Owners

Rich Husman	601 Webster St., Merrill
Kim Sparr	121 W 3rd St., Remsen
Ron Schroeder	551 South St, Box 846 Akron
Jerry Scholten	25 6th St N.E., LeMars
Keith Bohle	221 Tilden St, Kingsley
Monte Hartman	412 Plymouth St SE, LeMars

## Planning and Zoning Commission

Jeff Gebauer	Sioux City
Jim Henrich	Akron
Richard Harpenau	Remsen
Ralph Klemme	Le Mars
Lowell Vos	Kingsley
Gregg Roepke	Kingsley
Peg Becker	Hinton
Bill Koopman	Le Mars
John Ahlers	LeMars

## Board of Adjustment

Dan Albert	LeMars
Shirley Benson	Remsen
James Dennison	Akron
Nancy Anderson	Merrill
Don Mathews	Sioux City

## Board of Health

Dr. Steven Meis	Le Mars
Deb Ahlers	Le Mars
Lorraine Sacino Murphy	Le Mars
Dr. Paul Schroeder	Le Mars
Wanda Delperdang	Le Mars
Tara Geddes - Secretary & Public Health Nurse	Le Mars
Medical Examiner - Family Medicine Clinics	Le Mars

## Plymouth County Parks and Conservation Areas

Southeast Wildwood Park	Kingsley
Big Sioux Park - River Corridor	Akron
Hillview Park	Hinton
Meadow Wildlife Area	Remsen
Millsite Access	Westfield
Five Ridge Prairie	Southwestern Plymouth County
O'Brien Prairie	LeMars
Ron Wilmot River Access	Akron
Loess Hills Scenic Byway	Western Plymouth County
Rufus B. Hatch Grassland	Remsen
Kohler Grassland	Remsen
Rivers Bend Wildlife Area	Akron
Boyd's Bend	Akron
Birkley's Bend	Westfield
Dorrenbos-Ford Area	Akron
E.C. Lippke Wetland	Westfield

## Official County Newspapers

Le Mars Daily Sentinel	PO Box 930	Le Mars, IA 51031	546-7031
Akron Hometowneer	PO Box 797	Akron, IA 51001	568-2208
Remsen Bell Enterprise	PO Box 10	Remsen, IA 51050	786-1196
The Record	PO Box 546	Moville, IA 51039	873-3141

## Third Judicial District Information



### County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Committee

Honorable Jeffrey A. Neary		Merrill
Chad Thompson		Kingsley
Michael P. Murphy		Le Mars
Chad Ericson		Akron
Gary Horton		Akron
Cheri A. Nitzschke		Remsen
Associate Juvenile Judges	Mary L. Timko	Le Mars

### Third Judicial Court Administration

Court Administrator	Leesa A. McNeil	Sioux City
Assistant Court Administrator	Pam Calhoun	Bronson

### Senior Judges

John P. Duffy	Storm Lake
James D. Scott	Orange City
Brian L. Michaelson	LeMars
Mary Jane Sokolovske	Sioux City

### District Judges

Duane E. Hoffmeyer, Chief Judge	Sioux City
Patrick M. Carr	Spencer
John D. Ackerman	Sioux City
Jeffrey L. Poulson	Sioux City
Patrick H. Tott	Sioux City
Carl J. Petersen	Lester
Steven J. Andreasen	Sioux City
David A. Lester	Estherville
Edward A. Jacobson	Ida Grove
Don E. Courtney	Algona
Jeffrey A. Neary	Merrill
Nancy L. Whittenburg	Spencer
Julie A. Schumacher	Denison

### District Associate Judges

Timothy Jarman	Sioux City
David C. Larson	Spirit Lake
Robert J. Dull	Le Mars
Ann Gales	Algona
John C. Nelson	Sioux City
Charles K. Borth	Spencer
Todd Hensley	Sioux City

## TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS



### America Township

Dennis Britt	18257 Nature Ave.	Trustee	LeMars
Roye Beene	18 Birch St.	Trustee	LeMars
Doug Langel	35713 C30	Trustee	LeMars
Dick Milne	1034 Central Ave. S.E.	Clerk	LeMars

### Elgin Township

Terry Olson	35201 2nd St. - Struble	Trustee	LeMars
Robert Becker	14287 Meadowlark Ave.	Trustee	LeMars
Lee Konz	14285 Meadowlark Ave.	Trustee	LeMars
Roger Hawkins	11373 Nature Ave.	Clerk	LeMars

### Elkhorn Township

Lamont Schmidt	40504 C-60	Trustee	Kingsley
Francis Uhl	42755 C-60	Trustee	Kingsley
Dennis Anstine	42303 300th St.	Trustee	Kingsley
Stan Krosch	39172 310th St.	Clerk	Kingsley

### Fredonia Township

Mike Detloff	38293 C16	Trustee	LeMars
Jerry Reuter	37647 150th St	Trustee	LeMars
Mike Schnepf	39618 140th St.	Trustee	LeMars
Wayne Pick	13424 Pioneer Ave.	Clerk	LeMars

### Garfield Township

James Lindgren	30648 Quest Ave.	Trustee	Kingsley
Floyd Pfaffle	308 Kurtz Dr.	Trustee	Kingsley
JoEtte Hiemstra	44087 300th St	Clerk	Kingsley

### Grant Township

Gerald Westhoff	11275 Jaguar Ave.	Trustee	LeMars
Darwin Lubben	27553 150th St.	Trustee	LeMars
Robert Plueger	13907 Key Ave.	Trustee	LeMars
Thomas Kruse	25748 C16	Clerk	LeMars

### Hancock Township

Harold Burcham	31234 K18	Trustee	Sioux City
Herbert Langley, Jr.	17378 C60	Trustee	Sioux City
Warren Mitchell	29772 Hwy 12	Trustee	Sioux City
Julie Ludwigs	30822 K18S	Clerk	Sioux City

### Henry Township

Jim Schroeder	25734 Sunset	Trustee	Remsen
Kenneth Maass	48495 230th St.	Trustee	Remsen
Ron Erickson	48332 220th St.	Trustee	Remsen
Vernon Letsche	23171 Almond Ave.	Clerk	Remsen

### Hungerford Township

Darrell Hageman	30606 C60	Trustee	Hinton
Byron Jauer	214 Pine Ave.	Trustee	Hinton
John Stoltze	29408 320th St.	Trustee	Hinton
Larry Hardersen	33599 Jade Ave	Clerk	Hinton

### Johnson Township

Fred Schiefen	24221 190th St.	Trustee	LeMars
Jerry Wendt	24912 Hwy 3	Trustee	LeMars
Clark Tindall	21935 Hwy 3	Trustee	LeMars
Jerome Haage	18452 Granite Ave.	Clerk	LeMars

### Liberty Township

Kyle Zellmer	21715 280th St.	Trustee	Hinton
Ralph Hecht	24095 Fir Ave.	Trustee	Merrill
Dennis Baldwin	20911 C43	Trustee	Merrill
Dacia Bolton Bates	21726 220th St	Clerk	Merrill

### Lincoln Township

Randy Riediger	35601 320th St.	Trustee	Hinton
Lanny Casper	32692 300th St.	Trustee	Hinton
Grant Howe	31202 K49	Trustee	Hinton
Justin Schoenrock	32458 K49	Clerk	Hinton

### Marion Township

William J. Tentinger	38724 C30	Trustee	LeMars
Tony Loutsch	19493 Quartz Ave	Trustee	Remsen
Terry Reuter	39029 190th St.	Trustee	LeMars
Roger Schroeder	19114 Pioneer Ave.	Clerk	LeMars

### Meadow Township

Randy (Pete) Galles	44787 110th St.	Trustee	Remsen
Magnus Treinen	14091 Sunset Ave.	Trustee	Remsen
Steve Plathe	15378 L14	Trustee	Remsen
Jim Krogman	45762 C16	Clerk	Remsen

### Perry Township

Tom Flannery, Jr.	22298 C60	Trustee	Hinton
Perry Pinkerton	28508 Fir Ave.	Trustee	Hinton
Larry Vondrak	21475 320th St.	Trustee	Sioux City
Carol Graham	33379 Fox Ave.	Clerk	Sioux City

### Plymouth Township

James Bogenrief	29041 270th St.	Trustee	Merrill
Allen Smith	26578 K42	Trustee	Merrill
Andrea Johnson	26401 Wren Rd.	Trustee	Hinton
Gerald Johnson	27665 260th St.	Clerk	Merrill

### Portland Township

Jason Rolfes	12253 K18	Trustee	Akron
Robert Frerichs	500 Main St.	Trustee	Akron
Jason Combs	211 Hardy St.	Trustee	Akron
Katie Harris	15731 K22	Clerk	Akron

### Preston Township

Fred Zenk	14747 Hedge Ave	Trustee	Akron
Terry Muth	20593 C12	Trustee	Hawarden
Lorvan Hawkins	23024 100th St.	Trustee	Ireton
Mark Borchers	14421 K22	Clerk	Akron

### Remsen Township

Luke Homan	47335 C38	Trustee	Remsen
Dean Mohning	45525 C38	Trustee	Remsen
Tim Miller	45048 180th St	Trustee	Remsen
Kory Kroeger	18238 Shamrock Ave	Clerk	Remsen

### Sioux Township

Ed Schoenfelder	24592 Hwy 12	Trustee	Westfield
Pat Dennison	26314 Hwy 12	Trustee	Westfield
Scott Moats	24764 Hwy 12	Trustee	Westfield
Debra Combs	25594 Elk Ave.	Clerk	Westfield

### Stanton Township

Paul Fischer	24587 Lake Ave.	Trustee	Merrill
John Ahlers	22558 K49	Trustee	Le Mars
Rodney Hodgson	24068 K49	Trustee	Le Mars
Leland Schultz	32273 250th St.	Clerk	Merrill



### Union Township

Rick Felts	25053 Pioneer Ave.	Trustee	LeMars
Mike Barnable	38352 230th St	Trustee	LeMars
Bob Bohnenkamp	39883 C44	Trustee	LeMars
Hallie Evans	38238 C44	Clerk	LeMars

### Washington Township

Mark Herzberg	21284 K30	Trustee	Merrill
Tom Lehner	29778 C38	Trustee	LeMars
William R. Renken, Jr.	28086 Jet Rd.	Trustee	LeMars
Bruce Hanno	17674 Kestrel Ave.	Clerk	LeMars

### Westfield Township

Kevin DeRocher	15169 Hwy 3	Trustee	Akron
Larry Moffatt	16262 180th St.	Trustee	Akron
Jim Harvey	18316 K13	Trustee	Akron
Brad Harvey	17771 K18N	Clerk	Akron

**CITY HALLS**



<b>TOWN</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>
Kingsley City Hall 222 Main St. Box 309 Kingsley, IA 51028	Ricky Bohle	Vicki Sitzmann	Dan Peters Keith Bohle David Dugan Ron Mathers Neal Rolling
Le Mars City Hall 40 Central Ave. SW PO Box 1130 Le Mars, IA 51031	Dick Kirchoff	Bev Langel	Ward 1 - Clark Goodchild Ward 2 - Steve Wick Ward 3 - Ken Nelson At Large - John Rexwinkel At Large - Rex Knapp
Remsen City Hall 205 Fulton St. Remsen, IA 51050	Joel Fisch	Paige List	Mindy Klein Dick Sievers Jeremy Bunkers Dave Sonnichsen Kim Phillips
Akron City Hall 220 Reed St. Akron, IA 51001	Sharon Frerichs	Melea Nielsen	Kasey Mitchell Jenell Lanning Denise Loutsch-Beitelspacher Gerry Stowers Alex Pick
Merrill City Hall 608 Main St. Merrill, IA 51038	Richard Husman	Margaret Marienau	Vicky Hemmelman Bruce Norgaard Daniel Pierson Roger Seiler Jacob Conley
Hinton City Hall 205 W. Main Hinton, IA 51024	Gary Fischer	Gerry Judd	Chris Kovarna Randy Roehrlich Jeffrey Johnson Kelly Kreber Mike Koopmans
Struble City Hall Struble, IA 51057	Joseph Vollmecke	Marilyn Vollmecke	Robert Hughes Troy Hughes Barry Jurgenson Michael Lloyd Vandermolen Kenneth Urban
Westfield 223 Union St. Westfield, IA 51062	Michael Tadlock	Angela Sorenson	James Feauto Don Dion Jenny Hartman-Mendoza Marcia Dewey Beth Terpstra

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Kelly Plueger  
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#### **CITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

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## SCHOOL OFFICIALS



### Akron-Westfield Community Schools

Nick Schoenfelder	President	Akron
Jodi Thompson	Vice-President	Akron
Mandy McCully	Secretary	Akron
Randy Collins	Superintendent	Akron
Directors		
Nick Schoenfelder	District 1	Akron
Phil Parks	District 2	Akron
Josh Martinsen	District 3	Akron
Cory Tucker	District 4	Akron
Jodi Thompson	District 5	Westfield
Deb Jordt	District 6	Westfield
Nick Mathistad	At Large	Akron

### Hinton Community Schools

John Reintzel	President	Merrill
Jim Binneboese	Vice-President	Hinton
Val Kovarna	Secretary	Hinton
Peter Stuerman	Superintendent	Hinton
Directors		
Kyle Hoefling	At Large	Hinton
James Binneboese	At Large	Merrill
Brett Stanley	At Large	Hinton
Ed Vondrak	At Large	Hinton
John Reintzel	At Large	Hinton

### Kingsley - Pierson Community Schools

Matt Bubke	President	Kingsley
Scott Bohle	Vice-President	Kingsley
Audrey Bollin	Secretary/Treasurer	Kingsley
Scott Bailey	Superintendent	Kingsley
Directors		
Blake Laddusaw	At Large	Kingsley
Matt Bubke	At Large	Pierson
Scott Bohle	At Large	Kingsley
Angela Hagan	At Large	Kingsley
Phillip Herbold	At Large	Kingsley

### **Le Mars Community Schools**

Patrick Murphy	President	Merrill
Todd Lancaster	Vice-President	Le Mars
Lisa Boehm	Secretary	Le Mars
Dr. Steven Webner	Superintendent	Le Mars
Directors		
Todd Lancaster	District 1	Le Mars
Scott Kommes	District 2	Le Mars
Cris Collins	District 3	Le Mars
Brenda Phelan	District 4	Le Mars
Fred Zenk	District 5	Akron
Patrick Murphy	At Large	Le Mars
Angela Catton	At Large	Le Mars

### **Remsen Union Community Schools**

Mike Sparr	President	Remsen
Robin Weiler	Vice-President	Remsen
Clint Leonard	Secretary/Treasurer	Remsen
Jan Brandhorst	Superintendent	Remsen
Directors		
Mike Sparr	At Large	Remsen
Sara Krier	At Large	Remsen
Robin Weiler	At Large	Remsen
Jim Miller	At Large	Remsen
Theresa Van Dam	At Large	Remsen

## CENSUS FIGURES

	1990	2000	2010
America Township	512	462	473
Elgin Township	385	410	370
Elkhorn Township	282	277	202
Fredonia Township	332	311	281
Garfield Township	189	181	143
Grant Township	412	403	391
Hancock Township	301	313	371
Henry Township	257	228	173
Hungerford Township	612	821	895
Johnson Township	291	271	244
Liberty Township	338	354	315
Lincoln Township	322	327	261
Marion Township *	383	324	300
Meadow Township	335	315	249
Perry Township	818	1105	1118
Plymouth Township	298	284	268
Portland Township	291	262	269
Preston Township	327	335	281
Remsen Township *	406	338	306
Sioux Township	348	333	298
Stanton Township	441	401	352
Union Township	281	245	189
Washington Township	376	317	335
Westfield Township	<u>288</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>274</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8825</b>	<b>8900</b>	<b>8358</b>
Akron	1450	1489	1486
Brunsville	137	146	151
Craig	116	102	89
Hinton	697	808	928
Kingsley	1129	1245	1411
Le Mars	8452	9237	9826
Merrill	729	754	755
Oyens	113	132	103
Remsen	1513	1762	1663
Sioux City			6
Struble	67	85	78
Westfield	<u>160</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>132</u>
	<b>14563</b>	<b>15949</b>	<b>16628</b>
<b>Total Population in Plymouth County</b>	<b>23388</b>	<b>24849</b>	<b>24986</b>

\* Population amounts are estimates. Official census breakdown of Remsen between Marion Township and Remsen Township is not available.

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD

Board of Supervisors	Don Kass, Chairman Craig Anderson John Meis Gary Horton Mark Loutsch	
Boards of Education	Akron-Westfield Hinton Kingsley-Pierson LeMars MMC Remsen-Union	Debra Jordt Ed Vondrak Blake Laddusaw Fred Zenk Vernon Letsche Theresa Van Dam
Mayors	Akron Brunsville Craig Hinton Kingsley LeMars Merrill Oyens Remsen Struble Westfield	Sharon Frerichs Steve Dickman Barry Cornish Gary Fischer Rick Bohle Dick Kirchoff Richard Husman Randy Kellen Joel Fisch Joseph Vollmecke Michael Tadlock

## COMPENSATION BOARD MEMBERS

Chad Thompson	Kingsley	Recorder's Representative
Bruce Brock	LeMars	Sheriff's Representative
Pam Floy	LeMars	Auditor's Representative
(to be appointed)		Attorney's Representative
Rick Kneip	LeMars	Treasurer's Representative
Larry Petersen	LeMars	Board of Supervisor's Representative
Don Konopasek	Remsen	Board of Supervisor's Representative