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Our Story

Gilbert/Franklin Township Fire and Emergency Response Agency Recipient of \$300,000 USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant

By Drew Kamp, Director Story County Community Outreach—Ames Economic Development Commission

On his recent trip to Iowa, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack provided the Gilbert/Franklin Township Fire and Emergency Response Agency and seven Iowa municipalities some excellent news: together they will receive over \$4.5 million in USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant funds. The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program provides zero-interest loans and grants to rural utility providers, who act as intermediaries and invest in local development projects that create and retain employment in rural areas. The utility provider receives the funds from the USDA and distributes them via a revolving loan fund. The recipient repays the provider directly, who in turn makes the required payments to the USDA.

Midland Power Cooperative of Jefferson, in collaboration with Iowa Area Development Group and the Ames Economic Development Commission, partnered with the City of Gilbert and the Gilbert/Franklin Township Fire and Emergency Response Agency to secure this Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant funding.

The Gilbert/Franklin Township Fire and Emergency Response Agency is to receive a \$300,000 grant, which when coupled with Midland's 20% match, will provide \$360,000 in zero-interest financing to help fund the construction of a multi-purpose facility that will house their fire station, city hall, and community center. Construction began in late-May and is expected to be completed in October. The city worked diligently to fundraise for the project, raising approximately \$450,000 throughout the two year planning process, making this announcement a fitting reward for their perseverance and determination.

The Gilbert/Franklin Township Fire and Emergency Response Agency was also able to secure a \$1.5 million USDA Community Facilities Loan to assist in the construction of the facility, further illustrating their level of preparation and commitment to the project. Through the tireless efforts of several community and agency leaders, the City of Gilbert and Franklin Township will have a beautiful new facility that will serve them for years to come and allow them to continue to provide exemplary service to the citizens of Gilbert and Franklin Township.



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Property Taxes Due

Story County Treasurer, Renee M. Twedt, would like to remind Story County property owners that the first half of the fiscal 2014 - 2015 property taxes are due on or before September 30, 2014. Penalty of 1 ½% attaches October 1, 2014.

Property tax statements were mailed out in August 2014. By law, all property owners are mailed a tax statement - even if they pay taxes through an escrow account. Property owners who pay taxes through escrow accounts or other third party arrangements can consider the tax statement FYI. Anyone with doubts about their property tax obligation should check with their bank or mortgage company, or call our office at 515-382-7330.

Mailed payments must be post marked on or before September 30, 2014. Remember dropping it in the mail box does not guarantee a postmark. It is very important that the payment coupon from the property tax statement accompany all payments.

For the convenience of commuters and others unable to make it to our

office during normal business hours, the Story County Treasurer's Office will have extended hours on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. We will open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 6:00 p.m.

Our office now has an outdoor drop box outside the Administration Building at 900 6th Street-Nevada, Iowa, for your convenience. However, payments placed in this after September 30th will require penalty.

Anyone with questions can call the Treasurer's Office at 515-382-7330. or visit our websites at:

www.storycountyia.gov and
www.iowatreasurers.org.

***Paying online only
costs \$0.40 when
you pay by E-check!!
The cost is less than
a postage stamp!!***

We are pleased to offer payments by PayPal Card, Discover Card, MasterCard and Visa or debit card in our office as well as online at www.iowatreasurers.org. Additional fees will apply, but you know the fee before agreeing to the payment. Other websites with useful information for Story County property owners include www.storyassessor.org and www.storycountyia.gov.

And, did you know, **Monthly Direct Withdrawal Authorization** is an easy, convenient way to pay your real estate property taxes through monthly direct withdrawal. Contact the Treasurer's Office for the form to sign up for this safe and easy option at 382-7330.

County Attorney's Corner

By Stephen Holmes, Story County Attorney

The past three months have been extremely busy in the Story County Attorney's office. We have had 9 jury trials in that timeframe. One of those jury trials was a Murder in the First Degree case, State v. Cory. The Huxley Police Department and the Iowa DCI did an excellent job of evidence collection and preservation which made prosecution of the case possible. The remaining jury trials consisted of 4 OWI cases, 1 domestic assault case, 1 willful Injury case, 1 driving while barred case, and 1 possession of controlled substance case.

In addition, our office has been hosting quarterly law enforcement trainings and we would like to thank all of those who have participated. Our most recent training was held over the lunch hour on July 31, 2014 and featured training on cell phone search warrants and domestic violence cases. I would like to express a special thank you to the Story County Board of Supervisors for allowing my office to utilize their public meeting room for the training sessions.

All of us in the county attorney's office wish to express our thanks and state our continuing desire to be a leader in the administration of justice in Story County.



WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THE STORY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By Kris Purvis, Zearing, Iowa

I am a supervisor for Story and Boone County DHS. We work very closely with the Story County Attorney's office regarding our children who are in need of the court's assistance to keep them safe. The attorneys we deal with for juvenile court are always available to help us work through difficult situations with families. They are willing to come to meetings to make sure our staff feels supported by them and to make sure we are all on the same page with our cases. We have emergency situations come up where we need assistance immediately and the attorneys are always available and willing to help no matter the time of day. They care about the safety and well-being of the children we serve just like our workers do. We appreciate the support we receive from the Story County Attorney's office as we do this difficult job.

Department 101

Get to know...Story County Facilities Management

Facilities Management oversees the maintenance and custodial needs for Story County Administration building (47,417 sq. ft.), Community Life Administration building (24,744 sq. ft.), Engineer's office (3,500 sq. ft.), Group Homes (27,642 sq. ft.), Human Services Center (30,120 sq. ft.), and Justice Center (90,145 sq. ft.) for a total of 223,568 sq. ft.

The department started in the mid -80s and was called Property Management. At that time, J.R. Stolfus was the manager and Carrol Young assistant manager. The department also employed two Mechanic II: Larry Bates and Jerry Murrel; two Mechanic I: Rick Williams, Dan Sullivan and three Custodians: Edna Williams, Glenn Harris, and Russ DeYoung. Jane Olson, was the office coordinator and was shared with Veteran's Affairs. The buildings the department oversaw at that time were: Courthouse, old county care facility; and the Human Services Center located on South Duff.

The last quarter of 1990 brought many changes to the department. Al Hahn was hired to be the manager in the fall; Cal Pearson was hired that December to replace Jerry Murrel; the county home closed and the program was moved to Ames and became the Community Life Program, adding the CLP Administration building and three group homes to the department's responsibilities. The County lost the HSC building on South Duff after the floods of 1993 resulting in the tenants of that building requiring rental property until a new building could be built. In the mid-90s, the Engineers building was built, beginning a major building program to accommodate the growing space needs.

The new Human Services Center was built in 1997 and began the new era of energy efficient buildings including geothermal heating and cooling and energy efficient lighting. The department grew with the additional building. The next project was the Justice Center which was completed in 2002. We then undertook remodeling of what we now know as the Administration building. The department at its largest was 20 employees; we are now down to 17. Some of the former employees of the department (forgive us if we have left someone out): John Angle, Brenda Bowers, Mark DeJong, Nick Delayouse, Daryl Foster, Kay Gaard, Al Hahn, Don Hahn, Glenn Harris, Mark Harris, Sue McCaskey, Stephanie Memmer, Jeff Smith, Martha Wilson, and Norm Woods.

Because of Al Hahn's leadership, Facilities Management is what it is today. In 1996 he reorganized the department and changed the name to Facilities Management and added staff. Because of the growing needs of the department, a fulltime office coordinator, Terri Loneman, was hired. Cal Pearson was promoted to Assistant Manager in 1993 and Director April 2013. Jon Eickholt was promoted from Custodial/Maintenance Supervisor to Assistant Director June of 2013.

Our current staff and locations include:

- ◆ Administration Building: Cal Pearson, Director; Jon Eickholt, Assistant Director; Rick Carter, Maintenance Technician; Shelley Grimard, Custodial/Maintenance Assistant; Terri Loneman, Administrative Assistant;
- ◆ Community Life Building: Aaron Borton, Maintenance Technician; Joby Brogden, Maintenance Technician; Will LaPage, Custodial/Maintenance Assistant;
- ◆ Human Services Center: Chuck Bratland, Maintenance Technician; Todd Sullivan, Maintenance Technician; Daryl Taylor, Custodial/Maintenance Assistant; Ron Tjelmeland, Maintenance Technician; Kevin Winchell, Maintenance Technician;
- ◆ Justice Center: Jeff Hilsabeck, Maintenance Technician; Bob Oborny, Maintenance Technician; Laura Smith, Custodial/Maintenance Assistant; and Kevin Warren, Custodial/Maintenance Technician.



What's Going On...?

For more information on developments occurring in unincorporated Story County, please contact:

Planning and Development

900 6th Street
Nevada, Iowa 50201
515-382-7245
pzweb@storycounty.com

If you live in Franklin Township northwest of Ames, you may have noticed development taking place along the north side of Cameron School Road between Hickory Hills Subdivision and 505th Avenue. The final plat of the first phase of the Cameron Estates Subdivision, which includes thirty-one (31) new residential lots, was approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 1 of this year.



The property, which is owned by Cameron Farms, LLC, was purchased in October of 2013 with plans of developing residentially. Story County staff began working with the developers immediately on a plan that worked for the developers and met all Story County regulations.

The Story County Board of Supervisors approved a rezoning of the property from the A-1 Agricultural District to the A-R Agricultural Residential District on January 21, 2014, and approved the preliminary subdivision plat, or proposed subdivision layout, on February 11, 2014.



When fully built out, the development will have a total of forty-seven (47) residential lots, three (3) new interior roads, and various outlots used for stormwater management and open space.

Q: 505th Avenue is currently a gravel road; are there any plans to pave it?

A: The current five-year Story County Transportation Plan, which has programmed road/bridge construction projects through 2019, does not include the paving of 505th Avenue. However, as this area develops out, and traffic loads increase to the point where paving is necessary, it may be added.

Q: What are all the flagged off areas on this site for?

A: Those areas are where the wastewater treatment systems will be placed for each lot. Those areas have been flagged off to keep the soil from compacting by keeping construction traffic and stockpiles off the area.

Q: How do I inquire about lot availability?

A: Contact Friedrich Iowa Realty at (515) 232-6175 or visit their website at <http://www.greatiowahomes.com>



Development Signs

A Way to Keep the Public Informed

When most people think “development”, they think of a large subdivision of land for residential purposes. However, Story County defines “Development” as any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate including, but not limited to, building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations.

Most development that is being proposed in Story County requires some level of approval and permitting by your local government. For Story County, there are certain types of development that require application, review and/or approval by the Board of Supervisors, Board of Adjustment, or Planning and Zoning Commission in a meeting which is open to the public.

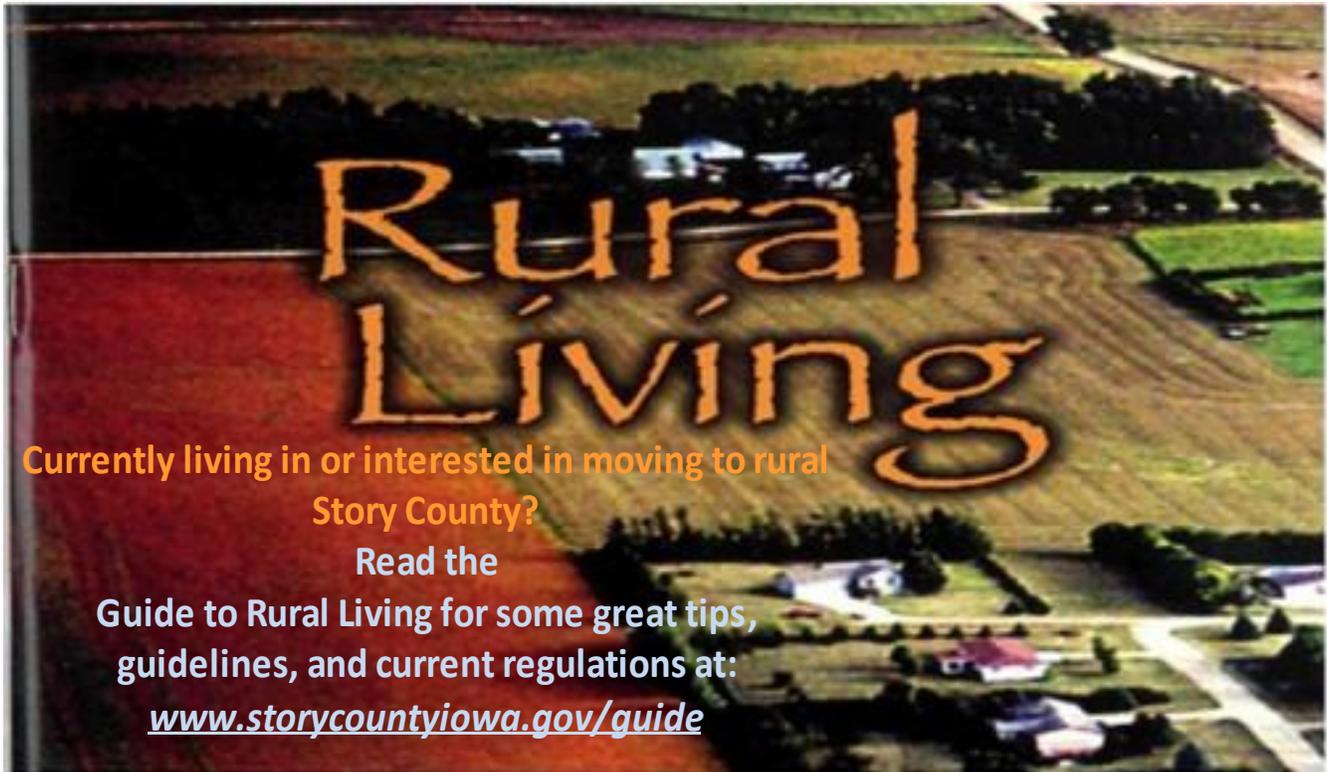
As Story County always encourages public input during the review process, we use many forms of notification, including development signs that are posted at the site of proposed development. If you notice one of these signs, you’re encouraged to call or e-mail the Story County Planning and Development Department to receive information on the pending



By the Numbers...

Monthly Permit Statistics (unincorporated Story County)

MAY-JUNE-JULY 2014 PERMIT REPORT					
TYPE	2014 AVERAGE APPROXIMATE	NUMBERS			
		2014	2013	2012	2011
Accessory Uses	\$24,074	30	28	32	26
Commercial/Industrial	\$1,084,658	8	3	5	3
Dwelling Additions	\$13,376	5	16	7	11
New Dwellings	\$254,607	10	15	9	4
Fence	\$12,336	1	2	2	1
Total Number of Permits		54	64	55	45



Story County Homeless Stand Down

On July 29th Story County Veterans Affairs, ISU Veterans Affairs hosted a stand down for homeless or close to becoming homeless for Story County. Local services were provide like MICA, ISU Vets Center along with haircuts, VA Benefits, VA Vets Center, VA Healthcare breakfast and lunch. Sleeping bag and clothes were handed out.

This is a picture of the volunteers plus a local dog that was brought home from Afghanistan.

Without the volunteers this just would not have been possible. The event was held at Brookside park from 9-5.

A big thank you to the US Army for stopping by to put up and take down the Army tent's.

We had 22 adults and 6 kids show up.

For more information on Story County Veteran's Affairs, please contact: Brett McLain—Director; 126 S. Kellogg Ave. Ste. 201 Ames, IA 50010



Ph: (515) 956-2625 Fax: (515) 956-2627 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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Drainage District Maintenance

For more information on Drainage Districts in Story County:

More information is available from the Drainage Clerk in the Auditor's Office at 515-382-7210.

To report an issue or problem concerning a drainage district, please contact the Story County Engineer's Office at 515-382-7355.

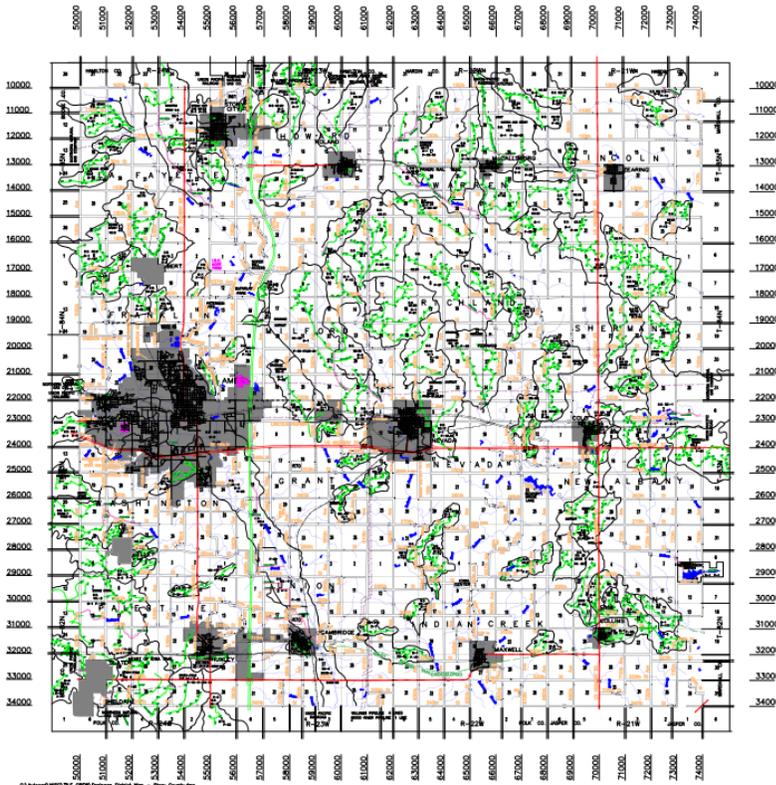
Drainage districts have been established for the drainage of surface waters from agricultural and other lands for the protection of said lands from overflow when said protection is a public benefit or is conducive to public health, convenience, and welfare (Section 468.2, State Code of Iowa).

There are 100 plus drainage districts within Story County. The property owners within a drainage district's boundaries are the actual owners and they are financially responsible for the tile and the ditches in the district. The Drainage District clerk is located in the Auditor's office and is responsible for taking minutes at drainage district meetings and maintaining the county's drainage district maps and records.

Story County performs ongoing maintenance work in the drainage district. This includes the removal of trees and shrubs to allow the drainage district to function as originally designed. More extensive repair and maintenance work may be completed by private contractors.



STORY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAP





STORY COUNTY FREEDOM FLIGHT SEND-OFF

Sunday, October 5th, 2014

The Story County Freedom Flight Committee would like to invite all residents and supporters to attend the send-off ceremony that will be held in honor of the Story County War-time Veterans that will be making the trip to Washington D.C. on October 7th, 2014.



The Patriot Guard Riders, Legion Riders and ABATE of Iowa will lead the motorcycle escort starting from ISU Parking Lot D4 (South of Hilton Coliseum), go west to Beach, north to Lincoln Way, west to the ISU Memorial Union, north to Union, east on Wallace through Iowa State Campus to University Blvd, go east to 6th & go east past the park then right onto Northwestern which turns into Main St. Main St. to Douglas then left on Douglas and then left onto 6th St. (by the Library) to Clark. Left on Clark to 5th St. Right on 5th to City Hall Parking and then disembark to the Auditorium. Supporters interested in riding their motorcycles in honor of the vets need to be assembled at ISU Parking Lot D4 at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 5th, 2014. The motorcycle escort will leave ISU approximately 1:15 p.m. led by the Patriot Guard Riders, Legion Riders, ABATE riders and any other assembled motorcyclists then followed by City of Ames PD, Story County Sheriff, Ames Fire followed by the buses carrying the veterans to the city hall for the send-off festivities.

Supporters are encouraged to line the procession route to wave flags and display signs of support. Upon arrival at the City Auditorium, the vets will make their way through a flag line. Once inside, the vets will make their way to a separate room and the guests and family members can go inside and take a seat in the city auditorium. The send-off ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. All former Honor Flight participants are encouraged to wear their yellow Honor Flight shirts to the day's activities. All veterans in the Auditorium will be recognized during the ceremony. The ceremony will conclude by 3:00 p.m. There will be a short meet and greet session where the public can greet and thank the assembled vets. If you have any questions please email storycountyfreedomflight@gmail.com.

The Story County Freedom Flight Committee would like to thank American Legion Post #59, The Ames Tribune, Zylstra Cycles of Ames, Ames Parks & Recreation Department for free use of the auditorium and all the citizens & businesses of Story County for making this trip possible for our war-time veterans.

IRVM—Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management

In 1987, the Story County Board of Supervisors, in cooperation with the Story County Engineer and Story County Conservation, decided to take a new approach to roadside maintenance.

The Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program (IRVM) was developed to provide a cost-effective, environmentally safe management alternative to conventional chemical and mechanical management practices. IRVM maintains a safe travel environment on the county right-of-ways, controls noxious weeds and soil erosion, sustains water quality, improves wildlife habitat, and provides the public with aesthetically pleasing roadsides.



Prairie Preservation

Prairie once covered 85% of Iowa. Today, only 1/100 of 1% of Iowa is protected and managed as prairie. Iowa's native roadsides help prevent soil erosion and provide important habitat while promoting the use of prairie statewide.



Native prairie seeds for future plantings



For more information on IRVM, contact:

Joe Kooiker, Roadside Biologist | 837 N Avenue | Nevada, Iowa 50201 | 515-382-7367 | cell: 515-460-

IRVM is also available to provide technical advice for every aspect of prairie management. Our private lands program can help you with everything you need; from preparing your land for native species to advice on species selection. In addition, several different pieces of equipment are available for rent.

Weed Control

The IRVM office is also responsible for upholding the Iowa Weed Law (Chapter 317, code of Iowa) within Story County. Historically invasive species have always been a problem in the roadside, but the county Weed Commissioner oversees the control of noxious weeds on all public and private property.

Central Iowa Community Services Update

For more information on the Central Iowa Community Services Region, please contact:

Deb Schildroth



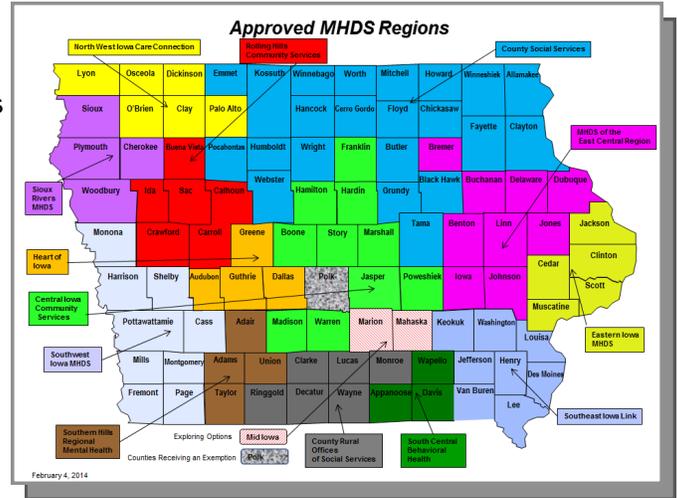
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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

You may recall the article in February’s newsletter about the development of mental health/disability services regions across the state. The full implementation of these regions went into effect July 1, 2014. Click on this link to the Iowa Department of Human Services website and you will find information about the regions.

<https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds-providers/providers-regions/regions>



Story County is a member of a 10 county region called Central Iowa Community Services (Boone, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jasper, Madison, Marshall, Poweshiek, Story, and Warren) and the total population of the region is approximately 320,000. The Central Iowa Community Services Governing Board meets monthly in the public meeting room at the Story County Administration Building. These are open meetings and agendas are currently posted on the Story County website. The region also has formed an Advisory Board that includes members who utilize services, provide services, or other interested stakeholders. The Advisory Board meetings are held quarterly at the Story County Community Life Program Administration Building. These meetings, too, are open meetings and the agenda is made available through the Story County website.

Since the February article, several changes have occurred. I’ve moved into the role of the Regional Administrator/CEO and Jody Eaton from Jasper County is the Vice Chair. Last spring, the region initiated a region-wide Request for Proposal for supported employment services. Four contracts have been awarded to date and efforts have started in about half of the member counties. The Regional Governing Board has been involved with the review of services and structure of the Story County Community Life Program. The region contracted with behavioral health consultants, Parker Dennison and Associates, to conduct the review and provide a set of recommendations. The full Parker Dennison report is available on the Community Services webpage. Lastly, our Case Management program that serves adults and children with mental health, intellectual disabilities, and developmental disabilities partnered with the Case Management programs in Franklin and Hardin counties to form Central Iowa Case Management. This organization is formed through a 28E Agreement and will also provide services in Marshall County. The Case Management Director is Linn Adams, Hardin County, and the Case Management Supervisors are Erin Rewerts, Story County, and Robin McKee, Franklin County. Members of the 28E Board for Central Iowa Case Management are Russell Wood, Franklin County; Ronn Rickles, Hardin County; and myself.

If anyone has questions about the Central Iowa Community Services region, Central Iowa Case Management, or MH/DS redesign as a whole, please feel free to contact me.

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