

Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter March 2013

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Employee Spotlight! Let's get to know our County employees!



The February Newsletter featured the picture of the little boy to the left. He is Travis Johnson, recently hired as Assistant County Attorney for Dickinson County. Travis was an Assistant County Attorney for Story County from Aug. 2005 until June 2011. From Story County he went on to become an Assistant Attorney General until October 30, 2012, when he came to work for Dickinson County.

Below is a little personal information supplied by Travis.

Travis Johnson – Dickinson County Assistant County Attorney

Start date with Dickinson County

October 31, 2012

Where born: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Places Lived: I am an Army brat and lived in the following places. Colorado, Georgia, Oklahoma, Arizona, Germany – 9 yrs, and Iowa

Hobbies, talents, special interests:

I play drums, make djembe drums, play racquetball, run and read

Favorite Travel Spots:

Black Hills and Buffalo River, Arkansas

Favorite Food:

Mexican and/or Indian food

Least Favorite Food:

I like everything

If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things):

The three things I would want to bring would be my family, a lighter and some fishing gear

Something Few Know About Me:

I, at one time, sported dreadlocks

I can do the worm

Favorite thing to do in Dickinson County:

Eat at the Taco House

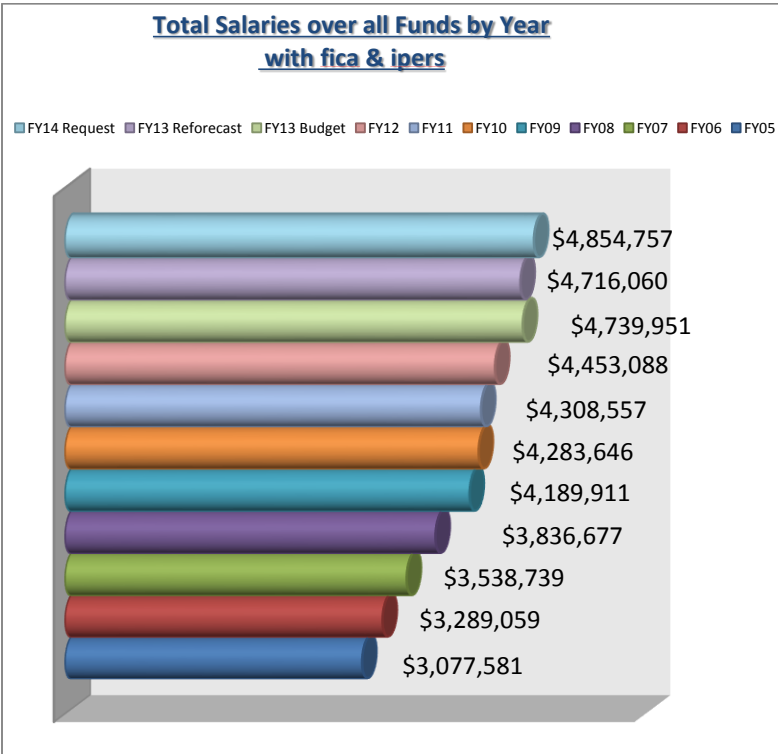
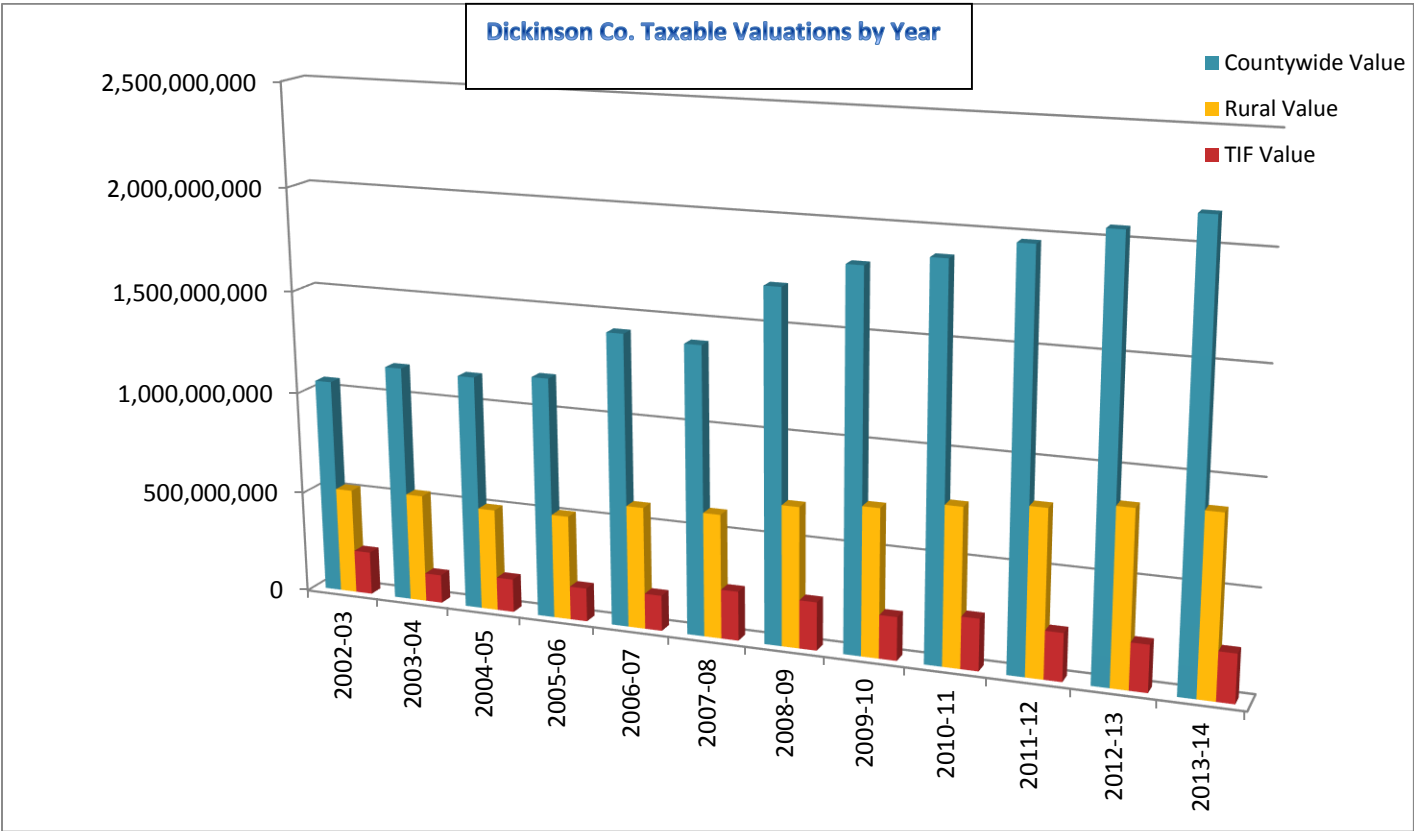
Dickinson County Treasurer's Office News:

Dickinson County Treasurer Kris Rowley was recognized by the Iowa State Association of County Treasurers on November 29, 2012, with a pin and a certificate for graduating with the first class of the Certified Treasurer Program approved by the Iowa State County Treasurers Association and the Education Committee of the Iowa State County Treasurers Association. The program began in October of 2009. The Certified Treasurer Program provides county treasurers with educational training to improve and enhance management skills and knowledge to better serve their constituents. Some of the course work completed included: Investing Public Funds, Human Resources and Communication, Budget and Local Government Training, Iowa Code Training, Communications with the Media and the Legislative Process.

Dickinson County Supervisors' News:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, the County Supervisors held the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014 budget. With only 2 present in the audience and no comments, the budget was passed unanimously by the Board. The following is some of the information presented during the public hearing:

- Net increased Taxable Valuations by \$89,395,528 for FY14 tax levies
- Net increased Taxable Valuations include \$10,758,800 from wind turbine revaluations
- 2014 General Fund budgeted to spend \$508,000 more than revenues collected
- Additional fees related to the new health care act – adding 30+ hrs. part-time employees – also a 5% increase in rates – fee for each person on a policy.
- Unknown impact of the Mental Health Reform and Regionalization



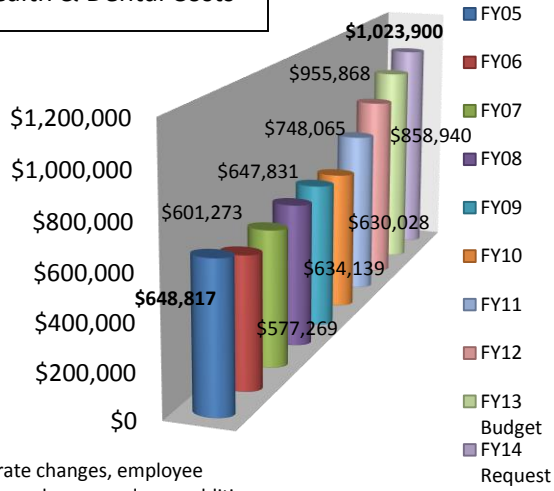
FY 2004 \$s levied Countywide = \$3,853,726
 FY 2005 \$s levied Countywide = \$4,960,351
 FY 2006 \$s levied Countywide = \$5,345,247
 FY 2007 \$s levied Countywide = \$5,358,765
 FY 2008 \$s levied Countywide = \$4,990,446
 FY 2009 \$s levied Countywide = \$5,005,896
 FY 2010 \$s levied Countywide = \$5,372,106
 FY 2011 \$s levied Countywide = \$6,195,899
 FY 2012 \$s levied Countywide = \$6,133,194
 FY 2013 \$s levied Countywide = \$6,624,871
 FY 2014 \$s levied Countywide = \$6,997,656

In addition to other taxing authorities like Schools, those in the incorporated areas will have cities taxes, while those in unincorporated areas will have Rural taxes.

FY 2004 \$s levied for Rural fund = \$889,026
 FY2014 \$s levied for Rural fund = \$1,600,017

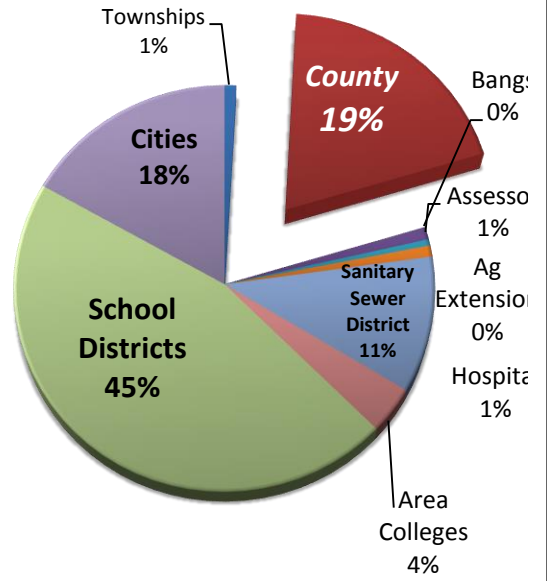
- ### Levy Rate Results for FY'14
- ✓ General fund levy rate will remain 2.45135 for FY2014.
 - ✓ Mental Health's levy rate will decrease by 0.01 cents = 0.19291 for FY2014.
 - ✓ Rural Services levy rate will remain 1.84 for FY2014.
 - ✓ Debt Service's levy rate will increase 0.006 cents to 0.55289 for FY2014.

Group Health & Dental Costs



Costs include rate changes, employee switching plans and new employee additions.

Your County Piece of the Pie:



Dickinson County Goals & Mission

- To provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Dickinson County.
- To provide better, safer roads, bridges and culverts.
- To prepare for the present and future through technical improvements to better serve the residents of Dickinson Co.
- To plan for the future land-use and infrastructure in Dickinson County.
- To maintain the Court House facility for future use by generations to come.
- To prepare, plan and provide through effective and efficient budgeting.
- To prepare for the future of Dickinson County.

The FY14 Budget Presentation is 50 pages of charts and information related to the completion of the Budget. You can find it posted on the Dickinson County website.

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Find out more about this Dickinson County employee in the April issue. In the meantime, can you guess who this is?

