

City Assessor's 2011-2012 Annual Report To the Ames City Conference Board



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Ames City Assessor's Budget Proposal for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year
For the Conference Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 25, 2011

The following report outlines the structure, programs, duties and activities of the Ames City Assessor's Office.

The Mini Conference Board met January 5, 2011, to review the Assessor's budget proposal. Members present were Jami Larson, Ames City Council; Francis Todey, Ames School Board of Directors; Rick Sanders, Story County Board of Supervisors; and Greg Lynch, Ames City Assessor. Also present were Dawn Tank (City Assessor), Paul Overton (City Assessor), Brenda Swaim (City Assessor) and Doug Marek (City Attorney).

For Conference Board Members, minutes from the Mini Conference Board meeting were included with the *2011-2012 Annual Report*. The public may view the minutes by visiting the Ames City Assessor's Office in City Hall.

CONFERENCE BOARD

Iowa assessment laws can be found in Chapter 441 of the *Iowa Code*. Other chapters affect the process and there are numerous administrative rules. The *Code* creates a Conference Board for each county. City Assessors are optional for cities with populations over 10,000. City Assessors are created by ordinance and a Conference Board is automatically created. The City Conference Board includes the City Council, School Board of Directors and County Board of Supervisors. The Mayor is chairperson. The Conference Board votes as three voting units, with a majority of the members present for each unit determining the unit's vote. At least two members of a voting unit must be present in order to vote.

The Conference Board must meet annually to propose a budget for publication. The Board must meet again to hold a budget hearing and approve a budget. The Ames City Conference Board has used a subcommittee called the Mini Conference Board to facilitate the budget discussion. Each of the three voting bodies appoints one member to the Mini Board to conduct a preliminary meeting to discuss budget proposals with the Assessor and report back to their full body. The Mini Board has also been used to draft a personnel policy handbook and advise the Assessor on policy issues.

The Conference Board appoints the Assessor, Examining Board and Board of Review. The Examining Board is activated when the Assessor position is vacant, or in the unlikely event of a Deputy Assessor appealing a termination or disciplinary action.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Ames Board of Review has five members. Members are appointed for staggered six-year terms. The *Code* requires members to have different occupations, and that at least one is experienced in real estate or construction. The Board of Review meets annually in a limited time frame to hear appeals. Most decisions from the Assessor can be appealed; for example, values, classification and exemptions. The expiration date for each member is:

Vacant	12/31/2015	Lowell Greimann	12/31/2013
Roy Zingg	12/31/2011	Thomas Jackson	12/31/2014
Joan Burrell	12/31/2012		

Cindy Jorgensen who fulfilled Mary Jane Clithero's term, which expired December 31, 2010, has informed us that she will not seek reappointment. I wish to thank Cindy for her year of service on the Board. The Conference Board will need to appoint someone to fill this position.

ASSESSOR

The Conference Board appoints, or reappoints, an assessor for a six-year term. Iowa assessors are required to pass a comprehensive examination before being eligible to be appointed. In order to be reappointed, 150 hours of state-approved continuing education, of which at least 90 hours must be tested courses, are required during the six-year term.

The main duties of the Assessor are to classify and value all taxable property in the assessment jurisdiction. Iowa law requires reassessment in odd-numbered years and notification of changes of value in even-numbered years. Even-numbered year changes are typically new construction or renovation of existing structures. In odd-numbered years, the Ames office recalculates values and sends notices to property owners.

In addition, the Assessor administers multiple exemption programs. The most common is the homestead credit and military service exemption. Less common, but more problematic, are exemption claims for religious and charitable organizations.

In the course of classifying and valuing property in Ames, extensive property-related information is acquired. Public information laws require, and common sense dictates, that most of this information be readily available for review. This often involves considerable time and effort, but it is an essential part of the operation.

It is also important for the Conference Board members to fully understand what the Assessor does not do:

- o Does not calculate or collect taxes.
- o Does not set the level of value – the Assessor measures the level of value, as indicated by sales of real property in Ames.
- o Does not make the laws and rules for assessments.

The most visible function of the office tends to be providing information to the public via the Internet or through requests in the office. However, the first priority and the primary effort of the

office is discovering changes in real property; such as new construction, and maintaining the classification and values for the entire tax base of Ames.

In summary, the Assessor has a variety of duties and functions and is an integral component of local government operations.

VALUATION

The tax base changes from 2009 to 2010 were as follows:

Ames Taxable Valuations by Class 100% Assessed Values (in Thousands of Dollars)				
Class	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	Difference 2009 to 2010	% change
Ag Land & Outbuildings	\$2,094	\$2,069	-\$25	-1.2%
Residential & Ag Dwellings	\$2,442,888	\$2,479,463	\$36,575	1.5%
Commercial	\$834,383	\$821,428	-\$12,955	-1.6%
Industrial	\$132,671	\$129,708	-\$2,963	-2.2%
Railroads & Utilities minus Gas & Elec	\$10,169	\$10,816	\$647	6.4%
Total except gas & electric	\$3,422,204	\$3,443,484	\$21,280	0.6%
Gas & Electric valuation	\$5,856	\$5,825	-\$31	-0.5%
100% Values Total	\$3,428,061	\$3,449,309	\$21,248	0.6%
T.I.F value not included	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Source: Iowa Department of Management Report for Story County December 28, 2010.

Ames Taxable Valuations by Class - Rolled back or Taxable Values (in Thousands of Dollars)				
Class	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	Difference 2009 to 2010	% change
Ag Land & Outbuildings	\$1,387	\$1,428	\$40	2.9%
Residential & Ag Dwellings	\$1,145,944	\$1,203,281	\$57,337	5.0%
Commercial	\$834,383	\$821,428	-\$12,955	-1.6%
Industrial	\$132,671	\$129,708	-\$2,963	-2.2%
Railroads & Utilities minus Gas & Elec	\$10,169	\$10,816	\$647	6.4%
Total	\$2,124,555	\$2,166,661	\$42,106	2.0%
Military Exemptions	-\$2,849	-\$2,164	\$685	-24.1%
Taxable total except gas & electric	\$2,121,705	\$2,164,497	\$42,792	2.0%
Gas & Electric valuation	\$5,856	\$5,825	-\$31	-0.5%
Taxable Values Total	\$2,127,561	\$2,170,322	\$42,760	2.0%
T.I.F value not included	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Source: Iowa Department of Management Report for Story County December 28, 2010.

Agricultural values increased primarily due to an increase in the rollback. 66.2715% of the assessed value was taxed for 2009 (taxes payable fall of 2010 and spring of 2011). The 2010 rollback factor is 69.0152%. The net result is an increase of 2.9% of taxable value for 2010.

Residential assessed values increased 1.5% overall (shown on first table on this page under Residential & Ag Dwellings). This was mainly due to new construction and permit work. The table on the following page explains the change in taxable value by category. 46.9094% of the assessed

value was taxed for 2009 (taxes payable fall of 2010 and spring of 2011). The 2010 factor is 48.5299%. The net change in taxable value is an increase of 5.0% (shown on the second table on the previous page under Residential & Ag Dwellings) from 2009 to 2010.

Commercial assessed values experienced a net decrease of about 1.6% overall (shown on the previous page) and of that number 1.4% was due to court case reductions. The continued conversion of apartments to either condominiums or cooperative housing caused a 1.0% reduction (shown on the table on this page). The rollback did not change, and remains at 100%.

Industrial assessed values decreased slightly by 2.2%.

A more detailed description of the reasons for the value changes for each class is illustrated in the following chart:

Class	2009 Taxable Value (in Thousands)	2010 Taxable Value (in Thousands)	Change from Revalue of Existing Property	Change from Class Transfers & Annexation	New Construction & Buildings Removed Net Change	Change from Rollback Percentage	Change from New & Expiring Exemptions, TIF, Court Reductions, Equalization	Total Change 2009 to 2010 (in Thousands)
Residential	\$1,145,944	\$1,203,281	\$1,975	\$4,704	\$14,945	\$40,180	-\$4,466	\$57,337
% Changes			0.2%	0.4%	1.3%	3.5%	-0.4%	5.0%
Commercial	\$834,383	\$821,428	-\$6,257	-\$8,611	\$13,761	\$0	-\$11,847	-\$12,955
% Changes			-0.7%	-1.0%	1.6%	0.0%	-1.4%	-1.6%
Industrial	\$132,671	\$129,708	\$0	-\$1,103	\$1,345	\$0	-\$3,205	-\$2,963
% Changes			0.0%	-0.8%	1.0%	0.0%	-2.4%	-2.2%
Agricultural	\$1,387	\$1,428	\$0	-\$25	\$0	\$57	\$9	\$41
% Changes			0.0%	-1.8%	0.0%	4.1%	0.6%	2.9%
Totals	\$2,114,385	\$2,155,845	-\$4,282	-\$5,035	\$30,050	\$40,236	-\$19,510	\$41,460
% Changes			-0.2%	-0.2%	1.4%	1.9%	-0.9%	2.0%
<i>Note: Does not include state-assessed property</i>								

Sources: 2010 Abstract of Assessment; 2010 Reconciliation Report.

The overall change for the upcoming fiscal year is 2.0% more taxable value.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Revaluation of existing properties is continuous. Staff has been busy this fall and winter measuring, listing and valuing new construction and remodeled properties. The staff is constantly engaged in acquiring information about building changes, construction costs, selling prices and terms, and numerous other items that affect market value. Sales information is reviewed and investigated through letters and inspections. Due to the efforts of the entire staff, the Ames City Assessor's Office consistently ranks among the most uniform and equitable assessments in the state.

The new construction segment of the residential market demonstrated a slight recovery during 2010. The table on **Attachment "E"** shows the quarterly sales activity. This report does indicate that the overall sales volume for new homes has increased 15% from 26 in 2009 to 30 in 2010; reversing a two year downward trend. The price per square foot is the most reliable indication of price increase. Annual percentage changes and cumulative changes since 1995 are the right two columns. The report shows that the sales price for new homes continues to increase. The average new home price

is up approximately 7.9% as compared to 2009 (shown in the row heading “New construction sales”).

The overall sales volume for existing homes continued a downward trend. There were 462 sales in 2010 compared to 587 in 2009. This indicates that the overall sales volume for existing homes declined 21%. The average sale price per square foot had a negligible decrease of 1%, from \$122.97 in 2009 to \$121.80 in 2010 (shown in the row heading “Existing houses”). This coupled with a median sales ratio of 97.9 % for sales that are included in the Iowa Department of Revenue’s sale ratio analysis for equalization leads me to the conclusion that residential revaluation for January 2011 isn’t necessary.

In regards to our commercial properties, based on information provided by the Iowa Department of Revenue on January 5, 2011, our median sales ratio is 102.8%. This is down from a year ago when it was 104%, and under the 105% guideline that would result in an equalization order. All indications are that the economy will continue to strengthen which should produce upward movement in occupancies, resulting in a slight increase in values. Because of this, it is my belief that the median ratio will move closer to 100% during 2011, without any city wide revaluation.

ProVal, our new CAMA software, has been installed. Our commercial data, including sketches, has been available on our website since July 2008. Currently, we are working on configuring the ProVal tables in order to perform a smooth transfer of residential data from MicroSolve CAMA software into ProVal. This process has taken much longer than anticipated due to the inflexibility of the new software system, however once the tables are ready we plan on hiring three interns to assist us with the data entry. (This is discussed later in the report under “Budget Proposal: Salaries.”)

Development of the website (www.amesassessor.org) continues. This continues to be our most active method of communication with the public. The data files created for the website are the backbone of real property information for several city and county departments. Map files are uploaded regularly from the Story County Auditor’s files and data files are uploaded nightly from the county’s real estate system and both assessors’ offices. Digital photos for most properties are available on our website, but continue to require ongoing maintenance. We now have new color aerial photography (both ortho and oblique) available on our website.

STAFF

The full-time employees of the City Assessor's Office and their starting dates as full-time employees with the Assessor’s office are:

▪ Gregory P. Lynch, City Assessor	February	2006
▪ W. Paul Overton, Chief Deputy Assessor	May	1999
▪ Brenda M. Swaim, Deputy Assessor	December	1996
▪ Mitchel K. Friedow, Appraiser II	October	1998
▪ Dawn M. Tank, Office Assistant II	January	2004
▪ Judy K. Heimerman, Office Assistant I	January	1990

The current City Assessor’s term expires December 31, 2014.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

At the Mini Conference Board meeting on January 5, 2011, I presented the budget as shown in **Attachments “A1”/”A2”, “B1”/”B2” and “C1”/”C2.”** All of the attachments with a “2” at the end are similar to the ones with a “1” except for the Maps Budget funding. The Maps Budget as shown in **Attachment “C1”** is what was decided upon by the Conference Board on August 24, 2010. The Maps Budget as shown in **Attachment “C2”** reflects the funding arrangement if the Memorandum of Understanding (see **Attachment “C3”** and **Attachment “C4”**) as proposed by the County was accepted. This topic is discussed in detail later in the report under the **GIS AND MAPPING** section. **Attachments “A,” “B” and “D”** are based upon which **Attachment “C”** is chosen.

Attachment “A1”/”A2” is a budget expense proposal. Explanations for various line item expenses follow:

Salaries: The expense items for the Assessor and all other staff are budgeted with a 2.00% cost of living increase and a 1.00% merit pool, for a total of 3.00%. (As always, exact salaries for staff will be based upon individual evaluations.)

Board of Review salaries will be raised from \$15.00 per hour to \$17.50. The last time their wage was increased was in 2006. The Board is paid only for the time they are actually in session or reviewing appeals. There is also a clerk to take the minutes. For budgeting purposes, we estimate that the clerk will need to put in 1.5 times the hours of the Board. I am raising the clerk’s pay rate from \$12.50 per hour to \$15.00.

During 2011-2012, we will need to employ three interns to assist us with entering the data from the residential cards into ProVal. I have estimated this expense to be \$33,000 and it’s included in the “Staff” line item.

Taxable Fringe Benefits: This line includes mileage allowance for three of the full-time employees who use their private auto for work purposes. Employees must provide a copy of their insurance card and driver’s license annually. In return for maintaining liability insurance and a dependable vehicle that is available to the employee during working hours, each full-time employee is paid monthly as follows (less mileage reimbursement *):

Assessor	\$100
Deputies (2)	\$90

Additionally, this line includes a monthly cell phone allowance for the four full-time staff who have regular duties outside the office. The allowance is paid if the employee has a cell phone available for office use during work hours. I am proposing to increase the rate from \$15.00 a month to \$25.00 a month.

Health Insurance: The amount budgeted last year was based on our current staffing and use levels. I received notice that we could expect a 5% increase in health insurance costs for the upcoming fiscal year. I also adjusted the budget by \$7,800 to account for Dawn Tank switching from single coverage to family.

This includes a pro-rated amount of the group workers’ compensation insurance for the fiscal year.

Life and Disability Insurance: This line represents life and disability insurance from the city for all full-time employees.

Board of Review Expenses: This line represents payment of the Board's mileage, postage and supplies.

Supplies, Telephone, Etc.: These amounts are mostly self-explanatory. Most are based on past experience and the city's estimate of charges for next year.

* **Mileage:** This line represents reimbursement to employees who use their personal auto for work purposes. It is paid at the current IRS rate. (As of January 1, 2011, the rate is \$0.51 per mile.)

Mitch Friedow, appraiser, has been using a pool vehicle provided by the city whenever possible. The rate for it is \$0.45 per mile.

Data Processing & Software: This line typically includes the maintenance on existing software and upgrades as well as payments to the City's Information Services Department (IS) for use of the network within City Hall. It also now includes the cost of using the City IT for all of our needs. The following is a listing its major components:

City information services – network, Lotus Notes, IT Needs	\$19,810
Estimated CAMA software & ongoing support costs	\$11,000
HP Server 1 Yr. Maintenance (Two Servers)	\$ 2,000
Scanning Property Record Cards	\$ 2,500
<u>Consulting (Miscellaneous IT Issues)</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total of Major Components (Rounded)	\$45,310

Tyler Technology: The County Assessor, the Auditor's Real Estate division and our office are using an abstract and reconciliation program named Incode which is designed and maintained by Tyler Technologies.

We have implemented the main portion of this software on a server located in the Story County Administration Building. We also have a portion of it on a server in City Hall. We are in the process of using it for our January 1, 2011 values. We continue to work out issues with this new program, but this was anticipated. The annual maintenance fee is \$5,100.

Assessment Appeals:

Property Assessment Appeal Board

For 2010, 153 cases were filed with the Property Assessment Appeal Board. 148 are residential condominium units located in six complexes. One is a single family dwelling located at 2618 Cottonwood Rd.

There are four commercial cases, 205 SE 5th Street, which is a vacant land parcel; the new Wal-Mart located at 534 S. Duff; the GrandStay Hotel & Old Chicago restaurant located at 1606 Kellogg Ave; and the Barilla plant located at 3311 E. Lincoln Way.

District Court

There were four cases appealed to District Court in 2010. They are the new Hilton Garden Inn Hotel at 1325 Dickinson, and three adjacent vacant land parcels. An agreement has been reached on all of these and a stipulation for settlement will be submitted to the Court soon.

There are still three unresolved 2009 cases. Both Hy Vee Stores (Lincoln West and Lincoln Center) have been appealed in District Court and are scheduled for trials this May. Kmart located at 1405 Buckeye had a hearing and an order from the Property Assessment Appeal Board, but this order is being appealed by us to District Court.

Contingency: This line is used for recurring and non-recurring expenses that do not fit a regular category. We estimate this at \$1,500.

GIS AND MAPPING

The MAPS Committee is an ongoing project currently funded through the special appraiser's fund. Since 1993, the Ames City Assessor's Office has paid 50% and the Story County Assessor's Office has paid the other 50% of the operating expenses. The County Auditor's Office provides a map technician who is responsible for maintaining Story County's base map, including parcels, centerlines and all annotation.

At a special Conference Board meeting on August 24, 2010, it was agreed that the City Assessor would fund 5% of the County GIS Coordinator's salary and 50% of the expenses incurred by the map technician for the ongoing maintenance of the base map. This is shown as **Attachment "C1."**

Based upon a memorandum of understanding proposed by a sub-committee of the Story County Conference Board (**Attachment "C4"**) and a letter from Wayne Schwickerath (**Attachment "C3"**), our funding for MAPS would consist of 50% of Schneider's Beacon web site maintenance and 50% of Schneider's Basic System Support. The total funding from our office would equate to \$6,100 (see **Attachment "C2"**). Proposals other than the funding are contained in the memorandum and letter and are under review at this time.

Because of changes to the funding arrangement, the existing 28E agreement requires that the Ames Conference Board serves written notice of termination or modification at least 90 days prior to July 1, 2011.

As directed by the Mini Conference Board at their January 5, 2011, meeting, our office is to meet with representatives from Story County to discuss amending the 28E Agreement. This meeting is scheduled for Monday January 17, 2011.

SOURCES OF FUNDS AND BALANCES

Attachment "B1"/Attachment "B2" is an explanation of the funds and balances used and proposed. The projected ending balance is about 24.2% of the annual budget for **Attachment "B1"** and 24.5% for **Attachment "B2."** We feel this amount of reserves is adequate.

A copy of the official budget detail form to be published is **Attachment "D1"/Attachment "D2"**.

CITIZEN SURVEY & EVALUATION

The Conference Board requires an annual survey of citizens and an evaluation of the Assessor by the Conference Board.

In February 2010, we posted the Citizen Survey in our office and on our homepage at www.cityofames.org. Since we only received 2 surveys back by December, we mailed out 100 forms. 32 of those forms were returned to us. **Attachment “F”** lists the results and comments from all 34 surveys. In addition, material concerning the use of the Assessor’s website (www.amesassessor.org) has been included.

Submitted January 14, 2011, by Gregory P. Lynch, Ames City Assessor.

AMES CITY ASSESSOR

2011-2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL PER CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 24, 2010

Item	FY 09-10 Actual	FY 10-11 Budget	FY 10-11 Actual Expenses for the First 6 Months	FY 10-11 Projected Expenses for the Year	FY 11-12 Proposed Budget	% of Change Between Proposed & Current
Assessor	\$ 107,276	\$ 110,550	\$ 55,250	\$ 110,550	\$ 113,938	3.1%
Deputies	86,021	154,685	77,659	155,318	160,022	3.5%
Staff	235,181	187,802	87,233	184,294	192,008	2.2%
GIS Coordinator	32,550	33,527	16,764	33,527	3,453	-89.7%
Board of Review	1,016	5,500	240	3,000	6,600	20.0%
Taxable Fringe Benefits	2,681	3,360	1,611	3,250	4,560	35.7%
Employer's Flex Benefits	3,313	3,550	3,353	3,500	580	-83.7%
F.I.C.A. @ 7.65% *	34,667	38,172	17,894	37,748	36,808	-3.6%
I.P.E.R.S. @ 8.07% **	30,574	34,679	16,447	34,294	38,829	12.0%
Health Insurance & Workers' Comp	58,724	71,200	34,795	69,500	82,925	16.5%
Unemployment Compensation	-	500	-	-	500	0.0%
Life and Disability Insurance	3,505	4,000	1,741	3,600	4,000	0.0%
Total Staff & Related Expenses	\$ 595,508	\$ 647,525	\$ 312,987	\$ 638,581	\$ 644,223	-0.5%
Board of Review Expense	\$ 127	\$ 750	\$ 182	\$ 350	\$ 750	0.0%
Office Supplies	3,951	5,000	1,783	4,000	5,000	0.0%
Postage & Mailing	695	8,250	131	2,500	8,250	0.0%
Employee Mileage	2,904	5,640	1,074	3,250	5,640	0.0%
Telephone / Communication	8,621	9,000	4,114	8,500	9,000	0.0%
Data Processing / Software	42,264	56,700	31,225	56,700	62,500	10.2%
Tyler Technology		52,435	28,926	37,500	5,100	-90.3%
Education / Training / Certification	23,022	20,000	15,231	20,000	20,000	0.0%
Office Maintenance (City Hall)	15,154	17,825	7,252	17,500	17,825	0.0%
Equipment (includes maintenance)	12,496	18,000	12,935	16,500	9,000	-50.0%
Assessment Appeals / Court Costs	22,973	30,000	11,100	28,000	30,000	0.0%
Contingency	1,015	1,500	660	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Total Office Expenses	\$ 133,222	\$ 225,100	\$ 114,613	\$ 196,300	\$ 174,565	-22.5%
MAPS & GIS Project	\$ 29,377	\$ 24,150	\$ 7,049	\$ 24,150	\$ 7,943	-67.1%
Total Special Projects	\$ 29,377	\$ 24,150	\$ 7,049	\$ 24,150	\$ 7,943	-67.1%
Total Expenses	\$ 758,107	\$ 896,775	\$ 434,649	\$ 859,031	\$ 826,731	-7.8%

* Starting with FY 10-11 and moving forward, "Taxable Fringe Benefits" will be its own line item. Previously, the amount was added to "Employee Mileage."

** Starting with FY 10-11 and moving forward, "Employer's Flex Benefits" will be its own line item. Previously, the amount was added to "Health Insurance & Workers' Comp."

AMES CITY ASSESSOR

2011–2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL PER PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Total Expenses	\$ 758,107	\$ 896,775	\$ 434,649	\$ 859,031	\$ 820,223	-8.5%

* Starting with FY 10-11 and moving forward, "Taxable Fringe Benefits" will be its own line item. Previously, the amount was added to "Employee Mileage."

** Starting with FY 10-11 and moving forward, "Employer's Flex Benefits" will be its own line item. Previously, the amount was added to "Health Insurance & Workers' Comp."

AMES CITY ASSESSOR

2011-2012 PROJECTED SOURCE OF FUNDS AND BALANCES PER CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 24, 2010

Item	Assessment Expense Fund	Special Appraiser Fund	Total Combined
Beginning Balance 7-1-2010	\$ 137,193	\$ 98,250	\$ 235,443
Estimated Property Taxes	572,415	314,140	886,555
Other Income (Misc, Credits, Etc.)	1,585	860	2,445
Transfers In	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Available Resources	\$ 711,193	\$ 413,250	\$ 1,124,443
Expenses	(567,569)	(291,462)	(859,031)
Estimated Ending Balance 6-30-2011	\$ 143,624	\$ 121,788	\$ 265,412
 Estimated Beginning Balance 7-1-2011	 \$ 143,624	 \$ 121,788	 \$ 265,412
Property Tax Levy Proposed	474,730	284,245	758,975
Other Income (Misc, Credits, Etc.)	1,270	755	2,025
Transfers In	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Available Resources	\$ 619,624	\$ 406,788	\$ 1,026,412
Expenses	(499,973)	(326,761)	(826,734)
Estimated Ending Balance 6-30-2012	\$ 119,651	\$ 80,027	\$ 199,678

Modified by Assessor after 01-05-2011 Mini Conference Board Meeting

2011-2012 EXPENSES TO BE PAID VIA THE SPECIAL APPRAISERS FUND	
Chief Deputy/Appraiser/Property Review Personnel	\$ 185,454
GIS Coordinator Salary	3,453
Flex Benefit/Insurance (GIS Coordinator)	580
Taxable Fringe Benefits (Chief Deputy/Appraiser/GIS Coordinator)	1,680
FICA (Chief Deputy/Appraiser/Property Review Personnel and GIS Coordinator)	14,624
IPERS (Chief Deputy/Appraiser/Property Review Personnel and GIS Coordinator)	15,427
Data Processing	67,600
Assessment Appeals/Legal Services	30,000
GIS MAPS Projects Total	7,943
Total Expenses for Special Appraisers Fund	\$ 326,761

AMES CITY ASSESSOR

2011–2012 PROJECTED SOURCE OF FUNDS AND BALANCES PER PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Item	Assessment Expense Fund	Special Appraiser Fund	Total Combined
Beginning Balance 7-1-2010	\$ 137,193	\$ 98,250	\$ 235,443
Estimated Property Taxes	572,415	314,140	886,555
Other Income (Misc, Credits, Etc.)	1,585	860	2,445
Transfers In	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Available Resources	\$ 711,193	\$ 413,250	\$ 1,124,443
Expenses	(567,569)	(291,462)	(859,031)
Estimated Ending Balance 6-30-2011	\$ 143,624	\$ 121,788	\$ 265,412
 Estimated Beginning Balance 7-1-2011	 \$ 143,624	 \$ 121,788	 \$ 265,412
Property Tax Levy Proposed	474,730	279,247	753,977
Other Income (Misc, Credits, Etc.)	1,270	753	2,023
Transfers In	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Available Resources	\$ 619,624	\$ 401,788	\$ 1,021,412
Expenses	(499,973)	(320,252)	(820,225)
Estimated Ending Balance 6-30-2012	\$ 119,651	\$ 81,536	\$ 201,187

Modified by Assessor after 01-05-2011 Mini Conference Board Meeting

2011–2012 EXPENSES TO BE PAID VIA THE SPECIAL APPRAISERS FUND

Chief Deputy/Appraiser/Property Review Personnel	\$ 185,454
Taxable Fringe Benefits (Chief Deputy/Appraiser)	1,680
FICA (Chief Deputy/Appraiser/Property Review Personnel)	14,316
IPERS (Chief Deputy/Appraiser/Property Review Personnel)	15,102
Data Processing	67,600
Assessment Appeals/Legal Services	30,000
GIS MAPS Projects Total	6,100
Total Expenses for Special Appraisers Fund	\$ 320,252

M.A.P.S. Committee
2011-2012 Budget Proposal per Conference Board Meeting on August 24, 2010

MAPS Budget Item Description	FY 10-11 Adopted Amount	FY 11-12 Proposed Amount	Ames City Assessor %	Ames City Assessor \$	Story County Assessor %	Story County Assessor \$
Hardware/Software						
Repairs/upgrades	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 5,000
Equipment (PC/Workstation) /Accessories	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
SDE Server (Hardware)	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Large Format Plotters	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Hardware/Software Total	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000
Maintenance & Support						
ArcInfo (ESRI) 1st License (GIS Coordinator)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	5%	\$ 150	95%	\$ 2,850
ArcInfo (ESRI) 2nd License (Parcel Maint)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	50%	\$ 600	50%	\$ 600
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for COGO (Auditor)	\$ 500	\$ 500	50%	\$ 250	50%	\$ 250
Maintenance(ESRI) Support for Spatial Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for Publisher	\$ 500	\$ 500	50%	\$ 250	50%	\$ 250
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for Network Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for 3D Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Arc SDE (ESRI)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	5%	\$ 150	95%	\$ 2,850
SQL SDE Server -(Microsoft licenses/maintenance/back up)	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	5%	\$ 260	95%	\$ 4,940
Basic System Support (Schneider)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	50%	\$ 1,000	50%	\$ 1,000
Software Maintenance - GeoGear (Schneider)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	5%	\$ 100	95%	\$ 1,900
Web Site Maintenance (monthly) (Schneider)	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200	50%	\$ 5,100	50%	\$ 5,100
Add. Windows Server 2003 License (EDN Machine)	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Maintenance & Support Total	\$ 29,100	\$ 29,100		\$ 7,860		\$ 21,240
Operations						
Black Ink Cartridges	\$ 400	\$ 400	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 400
Color Ink Cartridges	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 1,300
Plotter/Epson Paper	\$ 800	\$ 800	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 800
Print Heads	\$ 300	\$ 300	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 300
Epson Ink	\$ 600	\$ 600	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 600
Operations Total	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400		\$ -		\$ 3,400
Applications Development						
CAMA/GIS connection	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Web Site Modifications & Interface to CMS Software (Schneider)	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
ISU Intern	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Applications Development Total	\$ 3,000	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Training						
ESRI - Conference expenses	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,650	5%	\$ 83	95%	\$ 1,567
Other conferences and training	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 3,000
Training Total	\$ 6,300	\$ 4,650		\$ 83		\$ 4,567
Aerial Photography						
Digital Orthophotography - Completion	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Composite Urban/Rural photography base	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Aerial Photography Total	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Total GIS MAPS Projects	\$ 48,300	\$ 42,150		\$ 7,943		\$ 34,207
GIS Coordinator Salary & Benefits						
GIS Coordinator	\$ 67,055	\$ 69,067	5%	\$ 3,453	95%	\$ 65,614
FICA - employer share @ \$7.65%	\$ 5,130	\$ 5,284	5%	\$ 264	95%	\$ 5,020
IPERS - employer share @ 8.07%	\$ 4,660	\$ 5,574	5%	\$ 279	95%	\$ 5,295
Flex	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	5%	\$ 330	95%	\$ 6,270
GIS Coordinator Salary & Benefits Total	\$ 83,445	\$ 86,525		\$ 4,326		\$ 82,199
GRAND TOTAL GIS MAPS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$ 131,745	\$ 128,675		\$ 12,269		\$ 116,406

M.A.P.S. Committee
2011-2012 Budget Proposal per Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

MAPS Budget Item Description	FY 10-11 Adopted Amount	FY 11-12 Proposed Amount	Ames City Assessor	Ames City Assessor \$	Story County Assessor	Story County Assessor \$
Hardware/Software						
Repairs/upgrades	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 5,000
Equipment (PC/Workstation) /Accessories	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
SDE Server (Hardware)	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Large Format Plotters	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Hardware/Software Total	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000
Maintenance & Support						
ArcInfo (ESRI) 1st License (GIS Coordinator)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 3,000
ArcInfo (ESRI) 2nd License (Parcel Maint)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 1,200
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for COGO (Auditor)	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Maintenance(ESRI) Support for Spatial Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for Publisher	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for Network Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for 3D Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 500
Arc SDE (ESRI)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 3,000
SQL SDE Server -(Microsoft licenses/maintenance/back up)	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 5,200
Basic System Support (Schneider)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	50%	\$ 1,000	50%	\$ 1,000
Software Maintenance - GeoGear (Schneider)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 2,000
Web Site Maintenance (monthly) (Schneider)	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200	50%	\$ 5,100	50%	\$ 5,100
Add. Windows Server 2003 License (EDN Machine)	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Maintenance & Support Total	\$ 29,100	\$ 29,100		\$ 6,100		\$ 23,000
Operations						
Black Ink Cartridges	\$ 400	\$ 400	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 400
Color Ink Cartridges	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 1,300
Plotter/Epson Paper	\$ 800	\$ 800	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 800
Print Heads	\$ 300	\$ 300	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 300
Epson Ink	\$ 600	\$ 600	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 600
Operations Total	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400		\$ -		\$ 3,400
Applications Development						
CAMA/GIS connection	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Web Site Modifications & Interface to CMS Software (Schneider)	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
ISU Intern	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Applications Development Total	\$ 3,000	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Training						
ESRI - Conference expenses	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,650	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 1,650
Other conferences and training	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 3,000
Training Total	\$ 6,300	\$ 4,650		\$ -		\$ 4,650
Aerial Photography						
Digital Orthophotography - Completion	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Composite Urban/Rural photography base	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Aerial Photography Total	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Total GIS MAPS Projects	\$ 48,300	\$ 42,150		\$ 6,100		\$ 36,050
GIS Coordinator Salary & Benefits						
GIS Coordinator	\$ 67,055	\$ 69,067	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 69,067
FICA - employer share @ \$7.65%	\$ 5,130	\$ 5,284	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 5,284
IPERS - employer share @ 8.07%	\$ 4,660	\$ 5,574	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 5,574
Flex	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	0%	\$ -	100%	\$ 6,600
GIS Coordinator Salary & Benefits Total	\$ 83,445	\$ 86,525		\$ -		\$ 86,525
GRAND TOTAL GIS MAPS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$ 131,745	\$ 128,675		\$ 6,100		\$ 122,575



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December 17, 2010

Greg Lynch
Ames City Assessor
515 Clark Street
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Dear Greg:

I have forwarded your MAPS 2011-2012 budget proposal to a sub-committee which was formed by the Story County Conference Board. This sub-committee has studied this funding issue over the past year. The sub-committee has decided to propose to eliminate all expenses associated with the auditor's office plus budgeted for only two items to be partially paid by the Ames City Assessor. They budgeted for the expenses associated with the "Beacon Web Site" and the "Basic System Support" to be split 50/50 between both assessors. The current cost of the Beacon web site cost is \$10,200 and the basic system support is \$2,000 and both assessors would contribute \$6,100 each toward these costs.

The GIS costs (education & software maintenance) associated with the auditor's office mapping technician will be absorbed by the county auditor's office and county IT department. All other GIS related expenses in the proposed MAPS budget will be paid equally between the Story County Assessor and Story County. It was felt that since you are planning to transfer all your GIS data and software to the city starting July 1, 2011, there is no need for you to partially fund these items. This method will make the funding issues of these items a smoother transition between all departments.

As of July 1, 2011, access to the Story County SDE Server from departments outside of the Story County network will be limited to the City of Ames Public Works SDE Server. No personal computer (PC) outside of the Story County network will have direct access to the Story County SDE Server. Story County GIS data approved by the MAPS Committee voting members (e.g. parcel data and other vector cadastral data) will be pulled from the Story SDE Server by the Ames SDE Server. City of Ames staff will be responsible for supporting the processes involved in this data transfer. Any assistance required by Story County GIS for the Ames City Assessor or for the City of Ames will be a billable expense if determined by the MAPS Committee.



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The current 28E agreement states that each assessor contributes equally for the current 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. Due to the fact your funding request is less than the 50/50 agreement; it would indicate that the current agreement would need to be modified. The Story County Conference Board GIS sub-committee is requesting that the 28E agreement be replaced with a "Memorandum of Understanding" which will address the funding changes and the make-up and procedures utilized by the MAPS committee as of July 1, 2011. This will ensure that the current GIS related data will continue to be made available to the public and citizens of Story County. It is the desire of Story County that the same excellent service for GIS will continue to be maintained and enhanced.

In conclusion, please find attached a file which shows the proposed funding which will be shared by the Story County Assessor, Story County and by the Ames Assessor. The Story County Conference Board GIS sub-committee supports the proposal which is addressed in this letter. This proposal is expected to be approved by the Story County Conference Board and by Story County for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The percentage breakdown of the proposed funding is as follows: (Story County Assessor—50.00%, Story County 45.17%, Ames Assessor 4.83%) The chart below list the dollar and percentage numbers of the proposed budget.

Story County Assessor-----	\$63,195	(50.00%)
Story County (General Basic Fund)-----	\$57,095	(45.17%)
Ames City Assessor-----	<u>\$ 6,100</u>	(4.83%)
Total 2011-2012 MAPS Budget-----	\$126,390	

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Wayne Schwickerath
Story County Assessor

GIS-M.A.P.S. Committee Proposed Budget for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

MAPS Budget Item Description	Adopted (2008-2009)	Adopted (2009-2010)	Adopted (2010-2011)	Proposed (2011-2012) Budget	Story Assessor Share Proposed (2011-2012)	Story County Share Proposed (2011-2012)	Ames Assessor Share (2011-2012)
1. Hardware/Software							
Repairs/upgrades	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
Equipment (PC/Workstation) /Accessories	\$ 5,100	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -
SDE Server (Hardware)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Large Format Plotter	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Section subtotal	\$ 17,600	\$ 28,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ -
2. Maintenance & Support							
ArcInfo (ESRI) 1st License (GIS Coord)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
ArcInfo (ESRI) 2nd License (Parcel Maint)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for COGO (Auditor)	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for Spatial Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for Publisher	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for Network Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
Maintenance (ESRI) Support for 3D Analyst	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
Arc SDE (ESRI)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
SQL SDE Server -(Microsoft licenses/maintenance/back up)	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Basic System Support (Schneider)	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Software Maintenance - GeoGear (Schneider)	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Web Site Maintenance (monthly) (Schneider)	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200	\$ 5,100	\$ -	\$ 5,100
Add. Windows Server 2003 License (EDN Machine)	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Section subtotal	\$ 30,400	\$ 29,100	\$ 29,100	\$ 27,400	\$ 13,700	\$ 7,600	\$ 6,100
3. Operations							
Printer Ink	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Printer paper	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
Black Ink Cartridges	\$ 420	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Color Ink Cartridges	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plotter/Epson Paper	\$ 700	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Print Heads	\$ 280	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Epson Ink	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Section subtotal	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
4. Applications Development							
CAMA/GIS connection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interface to CMS Software (Schneider)	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ISU Intern	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Section subtotal	\$ 5,700	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5. Training							
ESRI - Conference expenses	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,650	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ -
Other conferences and training	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
Section subtotal	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,300	\$ 4,650	\$ 2,325	\$ 2,325	\$ -
6. Aerial Photography							
Digital Orthophotography - Completion	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Composite Urban/Rural photography base	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Section subtotal	\$ 72,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total GIS MAPS Project in assessor budgets (1-6)	\$ 135,100	\$ 69,800	\$ 48,300	\$ 39,550	\$ 19,775	\$ 13,675	\$ 6,100
7. Budgeted with salary line items on assessor budgets:							
GIS Coordinator	\$ 65,100	\$ 65,100	\$ 67,055	\$ 69,070	\$ 34,535	\$ 34,535	\$ -
FICA - employer share @ \$7.65%	\$ 4,980	\$ 4,980	\$ 5,130	\$ 5,290	\$ 2,645	\$ 2,645	\$ -
IPERS - employer share @ 8.07%	\$ 4,134	\$ 4,329	\$ 4,660	\$ 5,580	\$ 2,790	\$ 2,790	\$ -
Flex	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,900	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,450	\$ -
Total Salary items allocated to MAPS, included in GIS Assessors' salary items	\$ 80,814	\$ 81,009	\$ 83,445	\$ 86,840	\$ 43,420	\$ 43,420	\$ -
Grand Total GIS MAPS Budget for Fiscal Year:	\$ 215,914	\$ 150,809	\$ 131,745	\$ 126,390	\$ 63,195	\$ 57,095	\$ 6,100
Percentage of Budget Total					50.00%	45.17%	4.83%

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between**

**Story County
AND
Story County Assessor's Conference Board
AND
City of Ames Assessor's Conference Board**

The purpose of this agreement is to specify the terms and conditions under which the Story County Assessor's Conference Board (hereinafter referred to as "the County Conference Board"), Story County Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as "Story County"), and the City of Ames Assessor's Conference Board (hereinafter referred to as "the City Conference Board") which are designated public agencies of the State of Iowa, shall fund the acquisition of, maintenance of, and enhancement of the county-wide geographic information system (hereafter 'GIS'). The name of the entity responsible for GIS activities is the "Mapping and Policy Support Committee," hereinafter referred to as "MAPS" or "The MAPS Committee."

PURPOSE

The purpose of MAPS is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its member organizations through the coordinated development of geographic information systems (GIS) technology and data. The intended beneficiaries of this consortium are the citizens, taxpayers and consumer/owners of the member organizations. The expected benefits are improved products and services delivered at the lowest reasonable cost. When developed in a coordinated fashion, GIS affords many opportunities and benefits including: Capture of the available economies of scale in the initial investment and maintenance of systems; Risk sharing and minimization; Elimination of needless duplication of effort through coordination and custodianship; and Enhanced tools to support decision making and operations in carrying out the public's business.

Now, therefore, this agreement made and entered into by the County Conference Board, Story County and the City Conference Board for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereunto contained.

MEMBERSHIP

The MAPS Committee consists of representatives from the following offices:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ▪ Story County Assessor | ▪ Story County Conservation |
| ▪ Story County Auditor | ▪ Story County Sheriff |
| ▪ Story County Engineering | ▪ Story County Emergency |
| ▪ Story County Information Services | Management |
| ▪ Story County Planning and Zoning | ▪ City of Ames Assessor |
| ▪ Story County Recorder | ▪ City of Ames Planning and Housing |
| ▪ Story County Health Department | ▪ City of Ames Public Works |
| ▪ Story County Treasurer | ▪ City of Ames Electric Department |
| | ▪ City of Nevada |

MAPS Technical Committee--- the purpose of this committee is to review and decide procedures on special tasks and projects. The membership of this committee is as follows: Story County GIS Coordinator, Story County Mapping Technician or designee, Story County Assessor designee, Story County IT designee, Story County Planning & Zoning designee, Ames City Assessor designee, Ames Planning & Housing designee, Ames GIS Coordinator, and Ames City IT designee. Any recommendations/projects shall be taken back to the MAPS voting membership for approval. The Story County GIS Coordinator shall serve as the chairperson of this committee.

MEETINGS

The Story County GIS Coordinator will act as the Chairperson for the MAPS Committee. The Chairperson will schedule no less than four (4) meetings a year. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson and held at any time or place as needed. All members must be notified of all meetings.

Printed or electronically generated agenda of scheduled meetings, containing order of business and proper information pertaining to items listed in said order of business should be mailed to all members prior to the meeting. However, failure to receive same does not affect the validity of any election held or actions taken at such Meetings.

All meetings of MAPS shall be open to the public and are subject to the State of Iowa Open Meetings law.

VOTING

Every voting member in attendance at either a regular or special meeting of this organization shall be entitled to one vote on any question or resolution during the meeting.

The Story County Assessor's Office will have two voting members, Story County will have two voting members and the Ames City Assessor's Office will have one voting member. A quorum will consist of 3 voting members. If there are not enough votes to make a decision, then the meeting will need to be rescheduled. Voting members will be determined at the beginning of each meeting.

TASKS

The Story County GIS Coordinator answers directly to the Story County Assessor and is an employee of the Story County Assessor.

Projects and tasks performed by the GIS Coordinator will be determined by him/her with guidance from the entire MAPS Committee. If necessary, these items will be voted on by the MAPS Voting Members at a meeting or via phone or email.

The MAPS Chairperson shall have the authority to accept, receive, and expend funds,

grants and services from the Federal Government or its agencies, instrumentalities of state and local governments, private persons or organizations, including businesses or nonprofit corporations.

FUNDING

A budget developed by the Chairperson will be presented to MAPS each December. A three-fifths (3/5) majority is necessary to pass the budget and allow the budget to be passed on to the County Conference Board, Story County and the City Conference Board for further approval. Each entity is obligated to fund their portion of the next fiscal year's budget, even if they cast a dissenting vote.

The Story County GIS Coordinator shall have the authority to enter into agreements and contracts upon approval of the MAPS Voting Members.

The following expenses shall be shared or adhered to as follows:

- A. Beacon Website webhosting fee is invoiced separately by the Schneider Corporation to the Story County Assessor and the Ames City Assessor. The current 2011-2012 annual fee is \$10,200 and is subject to change in subsequent years. This expense will be paid equally by each assessor.
- B. Basic System Support agreement is invoiced separately by the Schneider Corporation to the Story County Assessor and the Ames City Assessor. The current 2011-2012 annual fee is \$2,000 and is subject to change in subsequent years. This expense will be paid equally by each assessor.
- C. All GIS related expenses provided to the Story County GIS Coordinator such as hardware and software purchases, hardware and software maintenance, operations and supplies, applications development, training and education, aerial photography and the Story County GIS Coordinator's wage/benefits will be shared equally between the Story County Assessor and Story County. (This includes only expenses included in the annual GIS-MAPS budget. Under special circumstances the cost of future aerial photography may be shared by other Story County and City of Ames Departments.)
- D. All software and hardware maintenance and hardware purchases plus educational expenses are the responsibility of the respective Story County department budgets, not the MAPS budget. (This would include any GIS related expense which is outside the realm of the MAPS budget)
- E. The financial liability of any GIS software or hardware products purchased by the Ames City Assessor and or the City of Ames shall be their responsibility.

- F. Any GIS related services which are provided by the Story County GIS Coordinator to the Ames City Assessor or to the City of Ames shall be a billable expense at the rate of \$75.00 per hour. All billable expenses shall be decided by the voting members of the MAPS Committee.

DATA SHARING

- A. Every attempt will be made to coordinate the same time schedule between Story County and the City of Ames for any new aerial photography acquisition. Each jurisdiction is entitled to copies of each other flights at no additional cost.
- B. As of July 1, 2011, access to the Story County SDE Server from departments outside of the Story County network will be limited to the City of Ames Public Works SDE Server. No personal computer (PC) outside of the Story County network will have direct access to the Story County SDE Server. Story County GIS data approved by the MAPS Committee voting members (e.g. parcel data and other vector cadastral data) will be pulled from the Story SDE Server by the Ames SDE Server. City of Ames staff will be responsible for supporting the processes involved in this data transfer.
- C. The Story County GIS Coordinator will be responsible for calculating soil types and corn suitability ratings (CSR) for all parcels in Story County (including those in the Ames City limits). This data will be made available to the Ames City Assessor's office through the Beacon website and in database format.
- D. As of July 1, 2011, the City of Ames Assessor will no longer utilize ESRI GIS software licenses administered by the MAPS Committee.
- E. No additional GIS layers or related data shall be added or deleted to the Beacon Web Site without the approval of the voting members of the MAPS Committee.

Term & Termination

This agreement shall become effective July 1, 2011. Any future amendments or termination of this agreement shall be served upon the other parties by October 1 of each year. If no notice is given for an amendment or termination, this agreement is automatically renewed each year thereafter. The withdrawing organization shall be required to pay its share of any operating expenses or financial commitments and is not entitled to take MAPS assets with them.

Written notice of termination shall be served on the Story County Assessor at 900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201, or to Story County at the Story County Auditor's Office, 900 Sixth Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201, or on the Ames City Assessor at the Ames City Assessor's Office, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010.

Governing Law & Venue. This agreement shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the state of Iowa. The parties agree and hereby submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction and venue of the Iowa District Court for Story County, Iowa, and/or the federal district court for the southern district of Iowa.

Interpretation & Severability. The language in this agreement shall be interpreted as to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against either party. Should any part of this agreement be held invalid or unenforceable, that portion shall be construed consistent with the applicable law and the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed as of the days and dates set forth below.

FOR STORY COUNTY, IOWA, BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STORY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Wayne E. Clinton, Chairperson

Signed this ____ day of _____ 2011.

FOR THE STORY COUNTY ASSESSOR'S CONFERENCE BOARD:

Wayne Schwickerath, Story County Assessor

Signed this ____ day of _____ 2011.

FOR THE AMES CITY ASSESSOR'S CONFERENCE BOARD:

Gregory Lynch, Ames City Assessor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET	ASSESSING JURISDICTION:
Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012	Ames City Assessor

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date:	Meeting Time:	Meeting Location:
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At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 673-A) will be furnished upon request.

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	A FYE 6-30-2010 Actual	C FYE 6-30-2011 Re-estimated FYE 6-30-2012 Proposed								
1. Assessment Expense	533,011	567,569	499,973		119,651	143,624	1,270	0	474,730	
2. FICA				0	0	0	0		0	
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0		0	
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0		0	
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
6. Special Appraisers	225,094	291,462	326,761	0	80,027	121,788	755	0	284,245	
7. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
8. TOTAL	758,105	859,031	826,734	0	199,678	265,412	2,025	0	758,975	
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$					0.35075					

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6. Special Appraisers	225,094	291,462	320,252	0	81,536	121,788	753	0	279,247
7. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
8. TOTAL	758,105	859,031	820,225	0	201,187	265,412	2,023	0	753,977
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$					0.34844				

Residential Sales Summary by Quarter for Ames, Iowa

As of December 20, 2010

Sales Period:	# Sold	Average Price	Average Hse Size	Price per sq.ft.	Average Year Built	Median Price	Annual % Change per SF	Cumulative % change \$/SF 1995 base
1st Quarter 1995	74	\$113,790	1,517	\$75.00	1961.1			
2nd Quarter 1995	147	\$120,453	1,411	\$85.38	1965.5			
3rd Quarter 1995	171	\$107,542	1,362	\$78.95	1962.3			
4th Quarter 1995	123	\$123,608	1,480	\$83.51	1963.1			
1995 Total Year	515	\$115,962	1,427	\$81.29	1963.2	\$97,750	n/a	n/a
1995 Sales Detail - Existing & New:								
Existing houses	452	\$106,322	1,355	\$78.47	1959	\$92,000	n/a	n/a
New construction sales	63	\$185,129	1,940	\$95.43	1994	\$172,676	n/a	n/a
1st Quarter 2007	142	\$183,716	1,432	\$128.29	1978.0			
2nd Quarter 2007	282	\$177,933	1,433	\$124.17	1974.8			
3rd Quarter 2007	247	\$189,396	1,457	\$129.99	1975.6			
4th Quarter 2007	115	\$201,533	1,447	\$139.28	1980.7			
2007 Total	786	\$186,033	1,442	\$128.97	1976.5	\$162,234	4.0%	58.7%
2007 Sales Detail - Existing & New processed to date:								
Existing houses	676	\$171,120	1,410	\$121.36	1972	\$152,000	2.2%	54.7%
Single-Family Detached	552	\$177,568	1,483	\$119.74	1967	\$157,000		
Townhouses/Condos	124	\$142,417	1,083	\$131.50	1991	\$131,500		
New construction sales	110	\$252,189	1,644	\$153.40	2006	\$233,795	4.0%	60.8%
Single-Family Detached	87	\$277,561	1,803	\$153.94	2007	\$250,000		
Townhouses/Condos	23	\$156,219	1,041	\$150.07	2006	\$172,500		
1st Quarter 2008	85	\$182,780	1,513	\$120.81	1971.9			
2nd Quarter 2008	260	\$174,543	1,412	\$123.61	1970.2			
3rd Quarter 2008	191	\$185,097	1,494	\$123.89	1973.4			
4th Quarter 2008	90	\$181,775	1,464	\$124.16	1980.3			
2008 Total	626	\$179,921	1,458	\$123.39	1972.9	\$164,950	-4.3%	51.8%
2008 Sales Detail - Existing & New processed to date:								
Existing houses	594	\$174,283	1,442	\$120.86	1971	\$160,250	-0.4%	54.0%
Single-Family Detached	482	\$176,736	1,497	\$118.06	1966	\$163,000		
Townhouses/Condos	112	\$163,725	1,207	\$135.65	1992	\$149,150		
New construction sales	32	\$284,588	1,758	\$161.88	2007	\$293,771	5.5%	69.6%
Single-Family Detached	24	\$286,330	1,852	\$154.61	2007	\$279,022		
Townhouses/Condos	8	\$279,361	1,478	\$189.01	2007	\$315,662		
1st Quarter 2009	88	\$187,867	1,439	\$130.55	1976.6			
2nd Quarter 2009	211	\$185,111	1,495	\$123.82	1976.6			
3rd Quarter 2009	208	\$185,817	1,456	\$127.62	1975.9			
4th Quarter 2009	106	\$171,433	1,452	\$118.07	1969.6			
2009 Total	613	\$183,381	1,466	\$125.06	1975.2	\$163,000	1.4%	53.8%
2009 Sales Detail - Existing & New processed to date:								
Existing houses	587	\$178,548	1,452	\$122.97	1974	\$160,000	1.7%	56.7%
Single-Family Detached	488	\$183,231	1,493	\$122.73	1970	\$165,750		
Townhouses/Condos	99	\$155,466	1,248	\$124.57	1991	\$139,500		
New construction sales	26	\$292,501	1,791	\$163.32	2008	\$252,986	0.9%	71.1%
Single-Family Detached	20	\$317,417	1,886	\$168.30	2008	\$263,968		
Townhouses/Condos	6	\$209,450	1,475	\$142.00	2008	\$193,250		
1st Quarter 2010	95	\$180,643	1,416	\$127.57	1977.8			
2nd Quarter 2010	231	\$179,654	1,429	\$125.72	1975.5			
3rd Quarter 2010	108	\$187,967	1,489	\$126.24	1981.3			
4th Quarter 2010	58	\$178,420	1,474	\$121.04	1972.6			
2010 Total	492	\$181,524	1,445	\$125.63	1976.9	\$165,000	0.4%	54.5%
2010 Sales Detail - Existing & New processed to date:								
Existing houses	462	\$174,173	1,430	\$121.80	1975	\$159,250	-0.9%	55.2%
Single-Family Detached	353	\$182,542	1,510	\$120.89	1970	\$167,500		
Townhouses/Condos	109	\$147,070	1,172	\$125.49	1991	\$137,500		
New construction sales	30	\$294,730	1,672	\$176.27	2009	\$275,000	7.9%	84.7%
Single-Family Detached	24	\$306,281	1,721	\$177.97	2009	\$293,409		
Townhouses/Condos	6	\$248,530	1,475	\$168.49	2009	\$219,000		
NOTE 1: Sales are assigned to quarters according to the month and year the deed was executed.								
NOTE 2: 1-family houses include townhouses, condominiums, detached houses, and attached houses.								
NOTE 3: Recent quarters may include unverified sales information; all sales are subject to correction.								
NOTE 4: Recent sales may not be included. New houses are not included until after they have been inspected.								



City Assessor

515 Clark Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50010
Phone (515) 239-5370
Fax (515) 239-5376

The Ames City Conference Board requires an annual customer survey be made as a means of evaluating the City Assessor's Office. Forms were sent to 100 persons who have had occasion to contact this office during the year 2010. Thirty-four (34) were returned with all or part of the form filled in. Only one (1) indicated they had filed an appeal. The form was substantively identical (web version had slight modifications) to the following summary for these questions regarding the City Assessor's Office:

1. My business with the Assessor's Office included:
(34 RESPONSES)

(Check all that apply)

22 – (a) I filed for a Homestead or Veteran's Exemption.

17 – (b) I inquired / requested information about sales or general property assessment information.

- 9 – Online
- 8 – City Hall
- 2 – Fax
- 10 – Phone

1 – (c) I filed an assessment appeal.

7 – (d) An Assessor's employee visited my property.

- 7 – Residential
- 0 – Commercial
- 0 – Exempt

4 – (e) Other.

- As a Realtor I have recommended to clients to have the Assessor come out and reevaluate homes after major improvements. – Lara Hallgrimsdottir
- Information for City Task Force

Please answer ONLY if you selected 1(b):

I used the following assessor web site(s):
(Check all that apply)

<http://www.cityofames.org/Assessor>

3 – Assessment appeal information.

11 – Property tax information.

4 – Residential sales book (MS Word format).

3 – Residential sales book (MS Excel format).

8 – Other report(s) and/or data.

3 – Commercial sales information.

6 – Maps.

<http://www.amesassessor.org>

6 – Property information.

10 – Property tax information and/or paid taxes.

4 – Maps.

6 – Residential comp search.

1 – Commercial sales information.

1 – Mailing address change.

6 – Identified zoning information.

1 – Soils report.

1 – Other _____

Please rate your level of satisfaction:

2. The person I contacted listened and understood my question(s). (34 RESPONSES)

32 - DEFINITELY 2 - MOSTLY 0 - NOT REALLY 0 - DEFINITELY NOT 0 - DOES NOT APPLY

3. I was satisfied with the response to my inquiry. (34 RESPONSES)

32 - DEFINITELY 2 - MOSTLY 0 - NOT REALLY 0 - DEFINITELY NOT 0 - DOES NOT APPLY

4. I was treated with courtesy and respect. (34 RESPONSES)

32 - DEFINITELY 2 - MOSTLY 0 - NOT REALLY 0 - DEFINITELY NOT 0 - DOES NOT APPLY

5. I was assisted in a timely manner. (34 RESPONSES)

32 - DEFINITELY 2 - MOSTLY 0 - NOT REALLY 0 - DEFINITELY NOT 0 - DOES NOT APPLY

6. *What, if anything, would you like the City Assessor's Office to be offering that it is **NOT**? (Service, policy, information, etc.):*

- Get the data that is on the Ames City sheets on the internet (detail).
- Your property cards on line with drawings.
- Nothing comes to mind. –*Duane Pitcher*
- Include info on rental status. Is property registered with COA as a rental?
- I really don't know. Sorry.
- Floor plans of properties on website info.
- Not sure; only been here a year. ☺
- Very complete service – one of the best assessor's offices in the state.
- Better online information or at least a better layout to help navigate to find information.
- Try to reach out to the public about the importance of having your property correctly assessed. –*Lara Hallgrimsdottir*
- N/A

7. *Additional comments/observations relating to the City Assessor's Office:*

- I am an appraiser, and the Ames City Assessor sheets are the best data sheets in Iowa.
- I am an internal customer; very happy with overall service and training provided a couple years ago on your database. –*Duane Pitcher*
- I call Dawn or Judy several times a month for help – they are always cheerful, helpful & delightful to work with.
- Every time I have called everyone has been helpful and gave additional info to ensure I brought all documents needed the first time. Thank you.
- Good, fair work.
- You have the best staff. Professional, helpful and polite. Thank you for all you do and making my job so much easier. –*Lara Hallgrimsdottir*
- Both Dawn and Mitch were very helpful with questions that I had. Keep up the good work.

Questions 8-14 only apply to persons who filed an assessment appeal with the Board of Review.

[Reference question 1(c)] (1 RESPONSE)

8. *I learned about the appeal process and acquired the instructions/form: (please select only one)*
(1 RESPONSE)

1 - ONLINE **0** - CITY HALL / PHONE

9. *I was satisfied with the information/explanation of the appeal process.* (1 RESPONSE)

0 - DEFINITELY **1** - MOSTLY **0** - NOT REALLY **0** - DEFINITELY NOT **0** - DOES NOT APPLY

10. *My appeal to the Board was:* (1 RESPONSE)

0 - ORAL **1** - NON-ORAL

11. *The Board gave me the opportunity to present arguments and evidence in support of my appeal.*
(1 RESPONSE)

0 - DEFINITELY **0** - MOSTLY **0** - NOT REALLY **0** - DEFINITELY NOT **1** - DOES NOT APPLY

12. *My appeal to the Board was:* (1 RESPONSE)

0 - DENIED **1** - GRANTED **0** - GRANTED IN PART **0** - RETRACTED

13. *I was satisfied that the Board of Review made an informed decision based on all the information presented.*
(1 RESPONSE)

1 - DEFINITELY **0** - MOSTLY **0** - NOT REALLY **0** - DEFINITELY NOT **0** - DOES NOT APPLY

14. *Additional comments regarding the appeal process or the operation of the Board of Review:*

None

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR G.I.S. WEB PAGE

(provides an overview of the site usage and behavior of our web site visitors)

Statistics for www.amesassessor.org (aka www.storyassessor.org)	01 Jan 2010 - 31 Dec 2010
Total Requests:	2,406,243
Total Visits:	283,728
Avg. Requests / Visitor:	8.48

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR ASSESSOR PAGE ON CITY OF AMES WEB SITE

(provides an overview of the site usage and behavior of our web site visitors)

Statistics for http://www.cityofames.org/Assessor/	01 Jan 2010 - 31 Dec 2010
Home Page	16,887
Sales	9,049
Data or Reports.....	3,013
Board of Review	1,023
General Information	1,833
Maps	<u>1,217</u>
Total Pages Viewed:.....	33,022