IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE STANDING COURTHOUSE SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR POLK COUNTY	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-25

The Iowa Supreme Court recognizing the increasing intimidation or violence against judges, court personnel and members of the public who use the state courts established a Court Security Improvement Task Force. It directed the task force to compile standards for state and county governments to use as a guideline to follow so that they may provide for a safe environment for delivery of justice in county courthouses.

After the perusal of surveys, recommendations and reports, and after consideration of county population, court workload and other factors that impact the need for various levels of court security, the Court Security Improvement Task Force has prepared *Guidelines for Courthouse Security in Iowa (1999)*, available on line at www.iowacourts.gov .

This Court, in accordance with the *Guidelines for Courthouse Security in Iowa,* found in Administrative Orders 20013-9, 2000-26, 2004-02, 2007-13, and 2010-22 that a Standing Courthouse Security Committee be established for each county in the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa. The committee members for each county shall include individuals named by the chairperson of the County Board of Supervisors and the chief judge of the judicial district. It is appropriate at this time to update the committee membership from 2010 to reflect various changes in personnel at the various entities.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Polk County Standing Courthouse Security Committee:

Karen Romano, District Court Judge, Chair
Eliza Ovrom, District Court Judge
Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, District Court Judge
Joseph Seidlin, Polk County District Associate Judge
Elizabeth Baldwin, District Court Administrator
Sherrie Schuck, Court Administration
Randy Osborn, Clerk of Court
Sheriff Bill McCarthy, Polk County Sheriff
Chief Joe Simon, Polk County Sheriff's Office
Major Donna Brooks, Polk County Sheriff's Office
Captain Greg Peterman, Polk County Sheriff's Office
Nan Horvat, Polk County Attorney's Office
Tom Hockensmith, Board of Supervisors
Mike Grimaldi, Director of General Services, Polk County
John Rowen, Assistant Director of General Services, Polk County
Bob Cataldo, Risk Management, Polk County
Eric Kool, Juvenile Court Officer IV

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Polk County Standing Courthouse Security Committee should use the *Guidelines for Courthouse Security in Iowa* as an advisory during meetings concerning the security of the county courthouse and meet quarterly to discuss safety and security issues, and more often when necessary.

Done this 17th day of April, 2014..

ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

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