

# Local Government Matters

SECOND EDITION

SEPTEMBER 2019

HELPING YOU STAY CURRENT ON HAPPENINGS IN YOUR COUNTY



Joint Commission/Council meeting was held on the third floor of courthouse Monday, August 19. Courthouse renovations was the first topic to be discussed. Commission Kathy Norem lead spectators on a tour of items being addressed on renovation list.



## Join us September 17<sup>th</sup>

For a Lunch N Learn with Anthem  
12:00 Annex Meeting Room

- Free lunch will be provided
- Information about Hypertension will be given
- Anthem will be here to answer any questions regarding benefits employee may have
- Sign up for Live Online Health during the Lunch N Learn and you will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card
- You do not need to carry our health insurance to participate
- Contact Rebekah Wagner @ 772-9117 to sign up

**The flu shot clinic is being postponed until October, we will come out with the date later**

September is Pain Awareness Month

Chronic pain in your back, joints and other parts of your body can be a huge challenge. But it doesn't mean you can't live well. For resources and tools that can help improve your quality of life, visit [theacpa.org](http://theacpa.org).



## Courthouse Veterans' Memorial

Commissioner Norem advised at the August 5th meeting there is no WWI Memorial and possibly some other war monuments missing from the courthouse lawn. After some discussion, Jeff Berg relayed that he has been in contact with Commander Bob Sims of the VFW. The VFW has agreed to fund the entire project. Commander Sims along with Mark Smith are currently making plans of what the new area will look like.



## Commissioners want election Board to proceed with plans to move to Voting Centers.

What are Voting Centers? Simply put, A vote center is a polling place where any eligible voter in the county may go to vote. The vote center model gives voters more flexibility on Election Day because they are not constrained to a specific polling location. Vote centers are connected through secure internet connections, and as ballots are cast, an electronic poll book is instantaneously updated.

## Meet the Office!!!

### Assessors' Office

**Assessor Michelle Schouten** has served the county for 12+ years. Over those years she has worked in the auditor, assessor, planning commission, recorder and surveyor's office.

**Deputy Jody Czerniak** started working for the county in 1998 in environmental management. Breaking briefly to raise children, she returned and in 2013 started her position in the assessor's office.

**Deputy Tori Chessor** has been with the county 3 years. Starting in 2016 in re-assessment and in March moving to her current position.



Left to Right- Tori, Jody & Michelle

### Re-Assessment Office

I'm sure we have seen these faces visiting our houses. If you haven't you will at some point. This crew is sub-contracted by the county to do all the assessments of properties.

**John Viveiros**-project manager since 2003

**Troy Schlarp**-join the crew as a field inspector in 2014

**Becky Ferch**- starting in 1992 in the Treasurer's office, serving there for 8 years before moving to the assessor's office where she spent a number of years. She joined the re-assessment crew part time, this year.



John & Becky. Troy not pictured.