

## **Polk County Update**

December 30, 2008

Polk County gave a Community Development Grant (Gaming dollars) to Primary Health Care, Inc. to help them to relocate and expand the Outreach Clinic. The expanded facility will also allow the implementation of the Primary Care Integrated Mental Health Service Model, which will target chronically homeless individuals, and homeless children & families.

The Supervisors also approved a 24 month independent contractor agreement with Bill Vaughn. The current contract expires on January 1st. Bill will be paid \$45,708 for the remainder of this Fiscal Year, and \$91,416 in the next Fiscal Year. Bill said that he will be working on the expanded Drug Treatment program in the new jail, the Hy Vee Hall expansion project, Courthouse needs, and "other duties as assigned". Bill did a very good job as the liaison between the Supervisors and Sheriff Anderson in opening the new Polk County jail.

Bob Brownell and EJ Giovannetti will be sworn in on Friday, January 2nd. At that time the new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be elected. At the same meeting Jamie Fitzgerald will be sworn in as Polk County Auditor and Bill McCarthy will be sworn in as Polk County Sheriff.