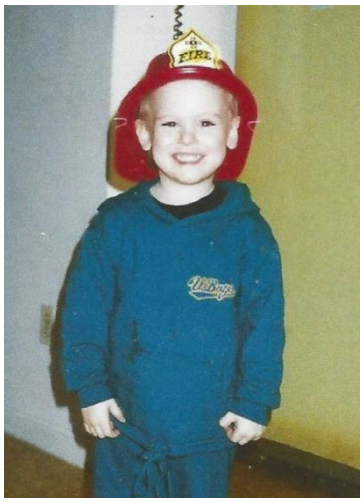
Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter

July 10, 2013



Employee Spotlight!

Let's get to know our County employees!

The June Newsletter featured the picture of the little boy to the left. He is Rick Zalabowski. Rick is a Dispatcher in the Communication Center.

The following is a little personal information supplied by Rick.

Start date with Dickinson County:
February 1, 2011
Where born:
Providence, RI
Places Lived:
Providence, Johnston and Warwick, RI and Arnolds Park, IA
Hobbies, talents, special interests:
Some of my hobbies are diving, fishing, hunting, and Adult league softball. I am also a Firefighter, EMT and Diver with AP/O Fire Dept.
Favorite Travel Spots:
North Woodstock, NH , Narragansett, RI and Orlando, FL
Favorite Food:
Any kind of seafood!
Least Favorite Food:
No such thing!
If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things):
A knife, Waterproof matches and a friend.
Something Few Know About Me:
I had open heart surgery when I was 7.
Favorite thing to do in Dickinson County:
Relaxing by the lake!

Assessor's Office:

The Board of Review plays an important role in the local assessment function. Their activities extend beyond those of the assessor in that the Board of Review can make final determination of valuations. The Board of Review gives property owners the opportunity to petition the value of the property.

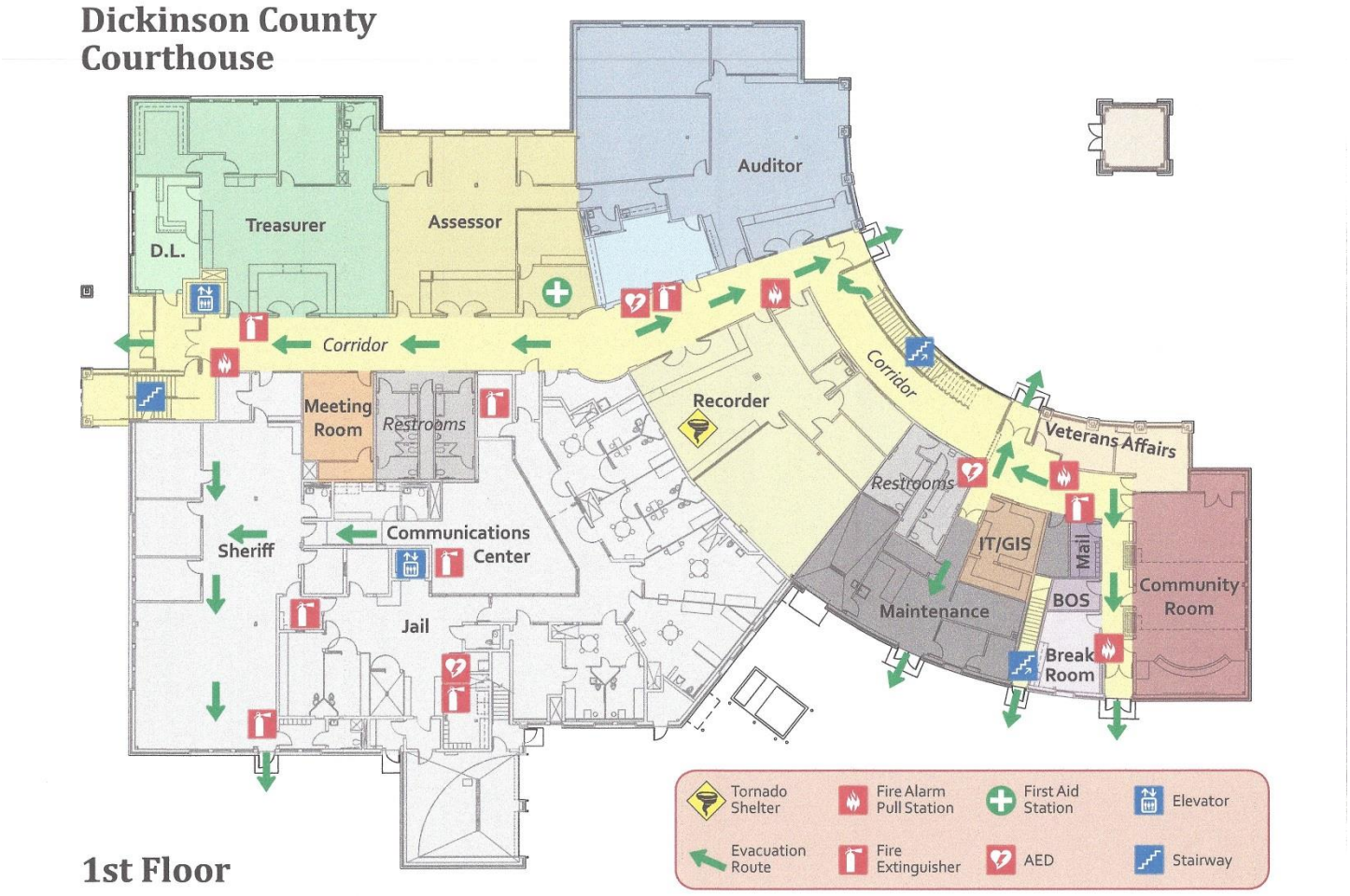
The Dickinson County Board of Review consists of five members who are appointed by the conference board for six year terms. The current members of the Board of Review are Archie Barriage, Walter Brunsvold, John Hinn, Pete Noyes and Ray Jaycox.

Property owners/taxpayers may file a protest against their assessment with the Board of Review. To be valid, protests must be submitted in writing, signed by the individual making the protest or duly authorized agent and it must be submitted during the appropriate time.

For the 2013 Board of Review Regular session there were 72 petitions filed which included 107 parcels. 68 of the parcels were upheld and 39 were denied. The Board acted on their own initiative to change 13 parcels, also. The overall value changed was a decrease of $8,200,600.

Ray Jaycox's term will end at the end of this year. He has served on the Board of Review for 29 years. He has a lot of valuable knowledge and will be missed. We thank him for all the years he was committed to the Board of Review.
The conference board has appointed Judy Taber to replace Ray. Her appointment will begin January 1, 2014.

Safety and Welfare: Just a little over a month ago, Dickinson County employees participated in the annual safety training program. Part of the training was related to fire and tornado instructions. Do you know where the fire pulls are? Do you know where the fire extinguishers are? Do you know where the defibrillators are? The maps below show the placement of all of this equipment. Acquaint yourself with their locations. You never know when you might need them. You can also find these maps on the Dickinson County Web Page under COUNTY INFORMATION.



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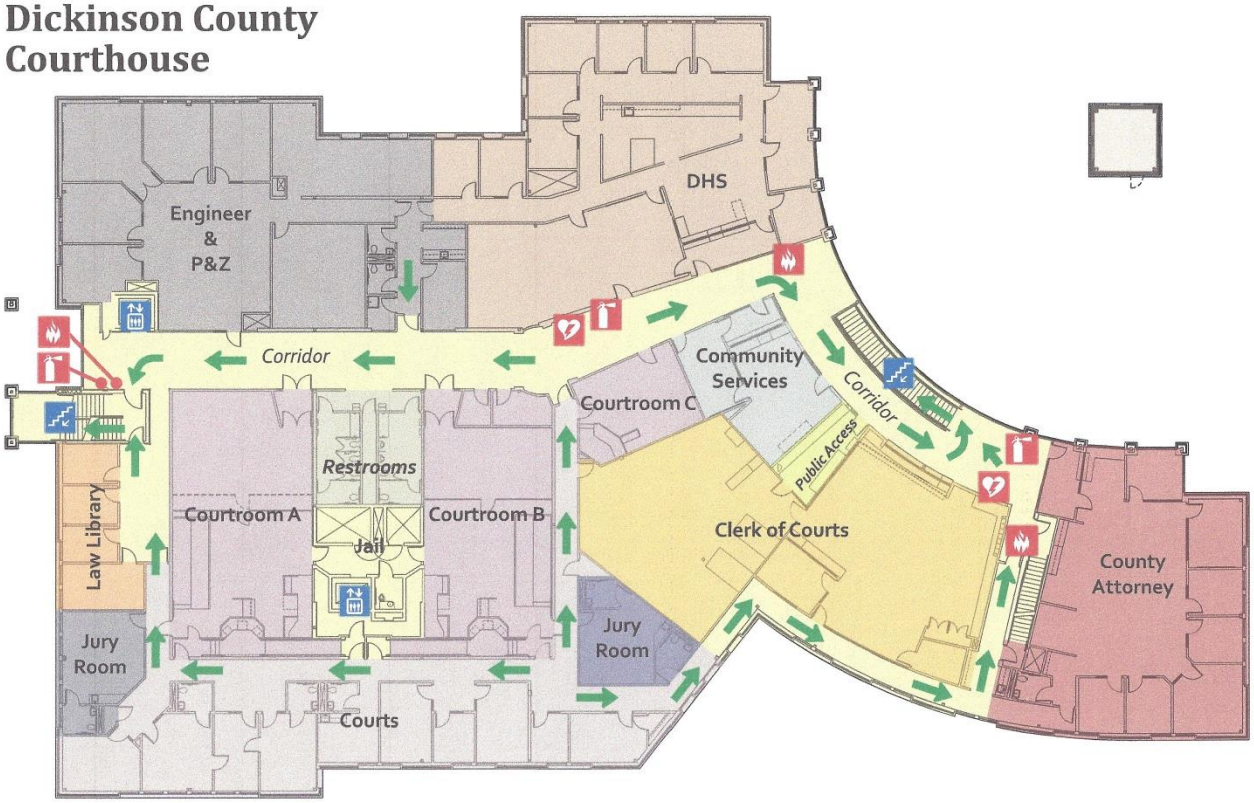

2nd Floor

Floor	Fire Alarm Pull Stations (11)	Defibs (5)	Fire Extinguishers (10)
B	Across from the elevator		Across from the elevator
	By the electrical room (end of hall)		By the electrical room (end of hall)
1	Across from elevator	Across from the Recorders office	By the Treasurer's office
	Across from Auditors office	By the IT office	Across from the Veterans Affairs office
	Outside the Veterans Affairs office		Across from the Recorder's office
	By the exit door next to the breakroom		
1-SO*	By the Deputies entrance	Booking area in the Jail	Communications Center
			Jailers Office
			Jail Booking Counter
			Jail Storage Room
			By the Deputy's Entrance
2	Outside County Attorney's office	Across from Courtroom C	Outside the County Attorney's office
	Outside DHS office	Between Clerk of Courts & Co. Atty's office	Across from Courtroom C
	Across from the elevator		Across from the elevator
2-SH†	Inside the door, middle hallway		

First Aid Station: Assessor's Office Conference Room

* Sheriff's Office
† Secure Hallway

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