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**MONONA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**Treasurer's Office**

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**The Main Duties of the Treasurer's Office**

The Treasurer is responsible for all monies paid to Monona County. This includes receiving, managing, disbursing all County Investments and all County monies coming in to Monona County.

In addition to the financial duties, the Treasurer is an agent of the State of Iowa Department of Transportation and Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance. Because of these State Agent roles, the Treasurer oversees the Motor Vehicle and Driver's License departments in addition to Property Tax department.

**Services the Treasurer's Office provides to the public:**

**Tax Office:** The Treasurer's office main role is to collect property taxes. Then on a monthly basis, the Treasurer disburses property tax dollars to the county and respected authorities such as schools, cities, and townships.

The Treasurer also receipts County revenue, sends notice of current and delinquent taxes, and conducts the annual tax sale.

"It is often misleading to the tax payer that I, as the Treasurer, decided the amount of tax their property taxes would be," said Abby Riesberg, Monona County Treasurer. "It lies within the Treasurer realm of duties to produce & distribute the tax statements, so I can see where there the misconception comes from. To further explain this misconception, it's best to understand how Property Taxes are computed."

Property Taxes are computed by taking the Property Assessment Value, multiplied by the State Rollback Value, multiplied by the Local Taxing Levy (Schools, County, Cities, Township budgets) Value.

"The biggest thing I recommend to customers that are unhappy with their property taxes is to get involved," Riesberg said. "Go to your school board meetings, city council meetings, and board of supervisor meetings. Know where your tax dollars are being spent."

One thing Riesberg added to Property Tax Statements this last year was a pie chart of where their property taxes get disbursed to (pictured right).

**Motor Vehicle:** The Motor Vehicle departments main role is to issue vehicle titles, motor vehicle registrations and collect use tax on behalf of Iowa Department of Revenue and Iowa Department of Transportation.

The Motor Vehicle Department also issues duplicate titles, salvage titles, junking certificates and records security interest (vehicle loans).

"In the office we have a complete set of the 83 plates available from Iowa DOT one could display on their vehicle," Riesberg said. "Some specialty plates with random assigned text is available in office but personalized plates can be ordered online at www.IowaDOT.gov/mvd."

**Driver's License:** The Driver's License departments main role is to issue new driver's licenses, renew driver's licenses and issue duplicate driver's licenses on behalf of Iowa Department of Transportation.

In addition, the Driver's License department issues State of Iowa Identification Cards and issues hanging handicap placards per doctor orders.

Computer knowledge tests are also available for new drivers, motorcycle operators and commercial vehicle operators from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. No appointment is needed for an issuance of a driver's license or computer knowledge exam as it is first come first serve 8 a.m. to 4:15 pm, Monday-Friday.

Monona County Driver's License department also offers two Iowa DOT Certified Non-Commercial Driver License Examiners that conduct non-commercial drive exams for drivers that are new and reinstating driver's licenses. Non-commercial drive exams do require an appointment with a drive examiner.

Abby Riesberg was appointed by Board of Supervisors due to vacancy in late December 2020, was elected by special election in March 2021 and was



On the property tax statement there is a pie chart to show where your property taxes get disbursed to.



**Abby Riesberg**  
Monona County Treasurer  
mocotrea@mononacounty.org  
There are five other employees in the Treasurer's office

re-elected in November 2022.

Prior to becoming Monona County Treasurer, she worked for Michael Clayton, Woodbury County Treasurer, for almost eight years.

She and her family moved back to Monona County in the Summer 2019. She worked for Kelly Seward, Monona County Recorder for 2.5 years.

Riesberg is approaching my 11th year in County Government.

"A fun fact, my mom was a Motor Vehicle clerk in Emmet County so it's only fitting to stay in County Government, and specifically the Treasurers realm."

She enjoys working with numbers and working for the taxpayers.

"Since becoming Treasurer, I've been welcomed into a world of very knowledgeable Treasurers and currently serve as co-chair to the Motor Vehicle Renewal Committee," Riesberg said. "I have all my training in to become a certified Treasurer, I now just need to complete three years of service to be certified by the Iowa State County Treasurer Association. Being involved in the Treasurers Association gives me an insight on how the other 98 counties are handling issues and how I can make Monona County Treasurer Offices better for our taxpayers."

Inside the Monona County Courthouse feature conducted by Jenna Comes, Mapleton Press

Inside the Monona County Courthouse is a special feature to help readers understand what goes on in each office at courthouse.

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**Take Note!**  
**SCHLESWIG EVENTS**

March 9, 2023  
• Schleswig Community Club

March 11, 2023  
• Crawford Co. Pheasants Forever @ Comm. Bldg.

March 13, 2023  
• Schleswig City Council  
• Schleswig Aux. Meeting

March 20, 2023  
• VFW-Legion Meeting @ The Chrome Spur

April 1, 2023  
• Easter Bunny's stop in Schleswig

April 6, 2023  
• Fireman's Meeting

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

This space is provided free of charge by The Mapleton Press.

Bingo at Moorhead Comm. Building.....Every Sunday

MVAOCO Ram Ball..... March 11

Crawford Co. Pheasants Forever..... March 11

Ute FireFighters Pancake Breakfast..... March 12

Triumphant Sound Quartet at Hornick Methodist Church ..... March 12

Post 502 Fish Fry @ Castana Commty Hall... March 16

Loess Hills Pheasants Forever Banquet ..... March 25

Easter Egg Hunt in Mapleton..... April 1

Grateful Heart Concert at Ute Town & Country ... April 1

Soldier Fish Fry ..... April 7

Trivia Night in Mapleton..... April 14

First Saturday in Mapleton Kickoff..... June 3

Mapleton 4th of July Celebration..... June 30 & July 1

To include your event in this list, contact The Mapleton Press at 712-881-1101 or news@mapletonpress.com. The purpose of this free space, which will run on a space available basis, is to help groups plan events without conflicting with other scheduled events. The information is limited to date and name of the event. This is a free space and The Mapleton Press has the right to decide how the activities are listed.

Public Health IOWA HHS

**MYTH**  
Syphilis is a disease of the past.

**FACT**  
Syphilis in Iowa increased by more than 167% from 2019 to 2022.

Find testing near you:  
gettested.cdc.gov

Syphilis is a sexually transmissible infection (STI) that can cause serious, long-term health problems. Not everyone who has syphilis has symptoms, so people often don't realize they have it. That's why it's important for you to get tested regularly for STIs, including syphilis, if you're sexually active.