

New Coffee Break Rooms! Is That The Pressing Need For The Proposed Polk County Courthouse Addition?

A report received here at CitizensForReasonableJustice.com indicates Polk County Judge's assistants are overstaffed and often the Court Reporters can be found wasting time when a Judge is not in court. A courthouse source advises us that in the other Iowa Judicial Districts, a Judge's Reporter also serves as his assistant - filing papers, typing, etc. but not so in Polk County. Most of our judges have an additional staff member - a Judicial Assistant. When the Judge is not in court this Assistant is working and the Reporters can often be found drinking coffee, idle on taxpayers time. We assume the opposite situation finds the Assistant often idle when the Judge is in court. Staffing excesses are confirmed in the survey results below.

	Assigned to Polk County Only	District 6 Total (Cedar Rapids)	District 7 Total (Davenport)	District 3 Total (Sioux City)
Judicial Assistants	21	2	0	1
Court Reporters	30	21	17	20.1
Chief District Ct Judge	1	1	1	1
Dist Ct Judges	16	12	11	12
Dist Assoc Judges	10	8	5	7
Assoc Probate Judge	1	0	0	0
Assoc Juvenile Judge	2	2	0	2
Total Judges	30	23	17	22
Court Reporter plus Judicial Assistant Per Judge	1.70	1.00	1.00	0.96
Source: State and District Court Administration Offices				

Why does Polk County have **70% more** Judicial Assistants & Court Reporters per Judge than other large Iowa counties do? Are we being asked to build new offices and coffee break rooms for these 21 idle staff members? **We support justice but oppose foolish waste.** It's time to go back to the drawing board.

Vote NO

on the Polk County Supervisor's proposed **\$132 million** courthouse bond
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