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COUNTY MOVING TO NEW LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

Johnson County, Iowa – The Johnson County Board of Supervisors announced today the County's deployment of IQM2, an innovative Cloud-based meeting management software used by municipalities throughout the U.S. The portal, www.johnsoncountyia.iqm2.com, provides citizens easy access to agendas, agenda packets and meeting minutes, as well as live and on-demand mobile-friendly video and audio streaming.

The initial launch of this single access point for public meeting information includes materials for Board of Supervisors meetings. Currently, all Board meetings held in the County's second floor boardroom of the Administration Building, 913 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, will be live-streamed. As the County continues to test the system in the coming weeks, access to additional boards and commissions materials, as well as live-streamed audio/video of board meetings held in alternate locations, will be added. Archived documents will also be migrated to the new site.

Although the County has offered on-demand audio and video recordings of Board of Supervisors meetings since 2009, the technology required file preparation that resulted in a delay of several days before recordings were available on the County's website. IQM2's MediaTraq provides real-time access to most Board of Supervisors meetings.

"This system increases transparency and citizen engagement," said Janelle Rettig, chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. "We know that citizens can't come to every Board of Supervisors meeting. This is a great tool for people who want to stay connected to their County government. The system has a powerful search function and the ability to go directly to a specific agenda item, so accessing information will be faster and more efficient."

IQM2 is helpful not only to the general public, but also to media professionals reporting on County activities. Lori Lindner, editor of the North Liberty Leader and Solon Economist, said that the system has already been helpful in her work.

"It is a great advancement in increasing transparency in government, assisting the public with getting updates in a timely manner, and helping reporters like myself research archived information. Johnson County has been a fantastic model of getting information to the public," Lindner said.

The system also saves taxpayer money by driving agenda and minutes automation, which will increase the efficiency and productivity of County staff and elected officals.

During the transition to IQM2, agendas and minutes will be available on the Johnson County Auditor's website at http://www.johnson-county.com/auditor/min/min.htm through the end of the year.

About IQM2
IQM2 (www.iqm2.com) is a market leader in furnishing end-to-end public meeting and Open Government software solutions through its award-winning Open Meeting Management System applications including MinuteTraq (agenda process improvement), MediaTraq (Live/On-Demand Video Streaming) and E-Boardroom (electronic voting).

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