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The Honorable David Vaudt, Auditor
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During the discussion at the February 13, 2007, Government Oversight Committee meeting, a motion was approved requesting that your Office conducts a special audit of the Polk County Treasurer regarding a web site project. The request stems from allegations raised by the Iowa State County Treasurers Association (ISCTA), that represents 89 of 99 counties, regarding the development of a web based payment process for certain licenses and fees collected by county treasurers, the deposit and control of an interest bearing account named the Polk County Treasurer Internet Clearing Account (PCTICA) in Polk County, to receive these payments for all counties in Iowa, the distribution of accumulated interest from this account by Polk County without input from the Association members, and concerns about a lack of accountability leveled by ISCTA.

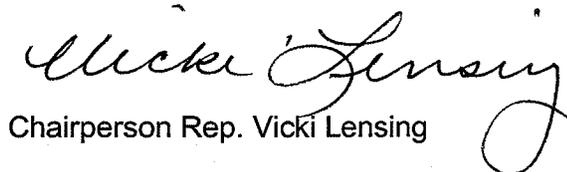
The Government Oversight Committee seeks an independent look at the issues raised above: the financial management of the web site, the accounting for the payments received and deposited in the interest bearing account, the internal controls, and the rights the ISCTA and Polk County may have regarding control over the web site and the clearing account. The Committee is also concerned about the impact this divisiveness may be having on the constituents in the State that use the web site services.

Please respond to the Chairpersons at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Chairperson Senator Thomas Courtney



Chairperson Rep. Vicki Lensing