

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR DALLAS COUNTY**

<b>JIM NAHAS,</b>	:	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	:	<b>No. LACV043294</b>
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<b>v.</b>	:	
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<b>POLK COUNTY, IOWA, TOM</b>	:	<b>JUDGMENT ENTRY</b>
<b>HOCKENSMITH, ANGELA CONNOLLY,</b>	:	
<b>STEVE VAN OORT, ROBERT</b>	:	
<b>BROWNELL, and JOHN NORRIS,</b>	:	
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<b>Defendants.</b>	:	
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Trial of the above matter commenced on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

On September 19, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. the jury began their deliberations.

On September 22, 2025 at 12:40 p.m. the jury returned a verdict, and affirmatively answered the Special Interrogatories appearing on the verdicts as to Tom Hockensmith, Angela Connolly and John Norris.

On September 22, 2025, beginning at 2:45 p.m. counsel for the parties presented additional evidence and argument to the jury on the issue of punitive damages. On September 22, 2025 at 3:05 p.m the jury began their deliberations on the issue of punitive damages. On September 22, 2025 at 3:35 p.m. the jury returned a verdict on the issue of punitive damages.

Based upon the verdicts returned by the jury, the Court enters judgments as set forth below.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** Judgment is hereby entered against the Defendants, Polk County, Iowa, Tom Hockensmith, Angela Connolly and John Norris, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, plus interest as provided by law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Judgment is hereby entered against Polk County, Iowa, individually, in the amount of \$18,722.00, as severance pay and

an additional \$18,722.00 as liquidated damages pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code § 91A.2(6) for a total judgment in the amount of \$37,444.00, plus interest as provided by law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Judgment is hereby entered against the Defendant, Tom Hockensmith, individually, in the amount of \$5,000.00, plus interest as provided by law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Judgment is hereby entered against the Defendant, Angela Connolly, individually, in the amount of \$5,000.00 plus interest as provided by law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Judgment is hereby entered against the Defendant, John Norris, individually, in the amount of \$250,000.00, plus interest as provided by law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Plaintiff's claims against Defendants Steve Van Oort and Robert Brownell, are hereby dismissed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Plaintiff shall submit any attorney fee claim related to Plaintiff's Chapter 91A claims on or before October 6, 2025.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** costs are assessed against Defendants Polk County, Iowa, Tom Hockensmith, Angela Connolly and John Norris.



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ORDER FOR JUDGMENT

So Ordered

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad McCall", is written over a horizontal line.

Brad McCall, District Court Judge,  
Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

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