

IOWA COUNTY BOARD TO DECIDE ON USE OF COMMUNITY ROOM IN NEW HSS BUILDING

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Controversy swirls among Iowa County Supervisors. Many of the new board members want to forbid or severely restrict non-profit groups from using the wonderful new Community Room in the new Health and Human Services Building. Does this make sense? We taxpayers paid for the building. Now some supervisors who opposed the building want to restrict its use. All kinds of community organizations – from the Iowa County Republican and Democratic Parties to the Uplands Garden Club to Trout Unlimited and many more must use the meeting rooms at Stonefield Apartments. There are no other low-cost facilities where volunteer groups that are the backbone of our communities can meet for a small fee – bringing their own refreshments. Such groups don't have the money to use restaurant facilities, which require serving a meal. Their members come from throughout the county, refuting some supervisors' claims that people from their towns would not use the building. CALL YOUR IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEMBER to let him or her know what you think about such restrictions. For a list of the Iowa County Board members, check out our [Legislators](#) page.

The County Board has referred the issue back to the Economic Development, Extension & Property Committee (EDEP) who in the September 8th meeting deferred the discussion until their October 6th meeting. [Click here](#) are the minutes from that meeting.