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In March of 2009 Marion County contracted with Pictometry of Rochester NY to produce new high-resolution aerial imagery of Marion County. Along with the straight down imagery similar to previous flights, Pictometry offers a unique product called “Oblique Imagery”. This oblique imagery is produced by having four (4) additional cameras taking photos at a 45 degree angle from each of the four (4) compass points. This produces side-view imagery of structures. The four-way view is available for Pella, Knoxville, Pleasantville, Melcher-Dallas, and a strip on the North side of Lake Red Rock. Only one (1) oblique view is available in the townships at this time.

To access the oblique imagery either go directly to the map tab and zoom into your area of interest; or search for a particular property and from the parcel report click on the map tab.

Once at the map, click on the Pictometry logo  on the toolbar above the map to access the oblique imagery.

Depending on how you have your browser set up, when you click on the Pictometry tool the oblique imagery will either open in a separate browser window or an additional tab on your current browser.

Once you are in the oblique imagery there are basically two tools. One tool is a slider bar to zoom in or zoom out. The other tool is a compass. The **RED** indicator at the top of the compass indicates what direction you are looking. To change the direction you are looking, click on one of the curving arrows at the bottom of the compass. The date shown is the date the particular photo was taken.

When you place your cursor over the imagery it becomes a “hand”. You may left-click and hold to “pan” or move the imagery in any direction desired.

As you “pan” part of the screen may become white rather than showing imagery. When you place your cursor over the white area your cursor will turn into a “walking man”. Click on the white area with the “walking man” to load the imagery for that area.