PORTLAND, ORE. – The membership of the National Association of Counties (NACo) elected Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers NACo First Vice President during the association’s 76th Annual Conference and Exposition in Multnomah County/Portland, Ore. The position puts him in line to become NACo President in July 2012.

“I am deeply honored to help lead this great organization,” Rodgers said. “Counties across the country are facing many difficult challenges and it’s only through a strong national organization such as NACo that we can make our voice heard in Washington, D.C.”

First elected as Douglas County Commissioner in 2004 and reelected in 2008, Rodgers has been active in NACo since 2005. He was first elected as a NACo officer in July 2010 and has served the nation’s counties as vice chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee in 2006-07 and as a member of NACo’s Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committee.

In Douglas County, Rodgers priorities include improving the local public health system, strengthening community corrections programs, and reforming the juvenile justice system. He is immediate past chair of the Board of Commissioners and served as chair of its Child and Youth Services Committee. He is a member of the Douglas County Board of Health and the appointed county commissioner representative on the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Coalition. He previously served as an assistant to Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey and an elected member of the Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors.

In addition to his public service positions, Rodgers works as a consultant with Avenue Scholars Foundation, senior community service associate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and director of its Transformation Project.

Rodgers will serve on NACo’s 2011-12 Executive Committee with President Lenny Eliason, Athens County, Ohio; Second Vice President Linda Langston, Linn County, Iowa, and Immediate Past President Glen Whitley, Tarrant County, Texas.


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