PITTSBURGH, P.A. – The membership of the National Association of Counties (NACo) recently elected Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers as NACo president during the association’s 77th Annual Conference and Exposition in Allegheny County/Pittsburgh.

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 in various leadership positions since, including chair of NACo’s Finance Committee and vice chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee.

Rodgers has served as NACo’s executive committee liaison to the Information Technology Committee and Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee, and as a member of NACo’s Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, the Large Urban County Caucus, and the Next Generation NACo. He is also a member of the new Cybersecurity Task Force.

After being installed as president Tuesday, July 17, Rodgers told NACo membership assembled during the Annual Conference that the initiatives he has chosen were inspired by his experience in NACo. The initiatives are: Smart Justice, Cybersecurity and Next Generation NACo. More information on these initiatives will be released in the days and weeks ahead.

“I am deeply honored to lead this great organization,” Rodgers said. “Counties across the country are still facing many difficult challenges to maintain the levels of services citizens expect and depend on. It is through strong national organizations such as NACo that we can ensure that the voice of America’s counties is heard loud and clear in Washington, D.C.”

In Douglas County, Rodgers’ priorities include improving the local public health system, strengthening community corrections programs, and reforming the juvenile justice system. He is past chair of the Board of Commissioners, and served as chair of its Child and Youth Services Committee. He is a member of the 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. Rodgers worked as a senior community service associate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and director of its Transportation Project.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.