NACo appoints seven to serve on Green Government Initiative Advisory Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties (NACo) President Chris Rodgers has appointed seven new county members to serve on the advisory board of the association’s Green Government Initiative, a national effort to assist the nation’s counties in developing and implementing environmentally sound programs and practices.

The county leaders appointed are:

- Keith Carson, supervisor, Alameda County, Calif.
- Audrey Edmonson, vice chair, Miami-Dade County, Fla.
- Burrell Ellis, chief executive officer, DeKalb County, Ga.
- Doug Hill, executive director, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- Peter McLaughlin, commissioner, Hennepin County, Minn.
- Victoria Reinhardt, commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.
- Dennis Sandquist, director of planning and development, McHenry County, Ill.

NACo’s Green Government Initiative Advisory Board consists of 26 county members and 18 corporate sponsors, who work cooperatively to spearhead development of the national program to assist counties in “going green.”

The Green Government Initiative, launched in 2007, serves as a comprehensive resource for county governments on all things “green,” including energy, green building, climate protection, air quality, transportation, land use, water quality, purchasing, and recycling. Through the Green Government Initiative, NACo provides education and outreach to counties on sustainability strategies, and directs them to corporate and organizational partners that can offer green services and products.

“Everywhere—throughout the country—I visit people who are talking about greening their counties,” said Rodgers, commissioner, Douglas County, Neb. “The Advisory Board is where ideas are formulated and shared with our members.”

The 16 corporate and organizational partners of NACo’s Green Government Initiative include: EcoMedia CBS; Constellation Energy; the American Institute of Architects; U.S. Communities
Government Purchasing Alliance; Siemens; Johnson Controls, Inc.; National Association of Home Builders; Distributed Wind Energy Association; Ameresco; United Soybean Board; Waste Management; Institute for Building Technology & Safety; Facility Dude; America’s Natural Gas Alliance; The Public Group, and NORESCO.

The 24 county board members include: Judy Shiprack, commissioner, Multnomah County, Ore.; Robert Tucker, public information officer, Johnson County, Kan.; Paula Brooks, commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio; Kitty Barnes, commissioner, Catawba County, N.C.; Jessica Beyer, public information specialist, Blue Earth County, Minn.; Gregg Goslin, commissioner, Cook County, Ill.; Jeaneen Zappa, sustainability director, Allegheny County, Pa.; Kristin Jacobs, commissioner, Broward County, Fla.; Kathie Gannon, commissioner, DeKalb County, Ga.; Jay Fisette, board chairman, Arlington County, Va.; Dennis Sandquist, planning and development director, McHenry County, Ill.; Donald Larson, commissioner, Brookings County, S.D.; Salud Carbajal, supervisor, Santa Barbara County, Calif.; Cynthia Mitchell, county clerk, Denton County, Texas; Curt Paddock, land use director, Will County, Ill.; Emily Ackland, environmental policy manager, Oregon Association of Counties; Demetra McBride, sustainability and climate director, Santa Clara County, Calif.; Keith Carson, supervisor, Alameda County, Calif.; Larry Land, policy development director, Virginia Association of Counties; Stephanie Lynch, commissioner, Caddo Parish, La.; Peter McLaughlin, commissioner, Hennepin County, Minn.; Audrey Edmonson, vice chair, Miami-Dade County, Fla.; Doug Hill, executive director, County Commissioners Assn. of Pennsylvania; Burrell Ellis, chief executive officer, DeKalb County, Ga., and Victoria Reinhardt, commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.

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