Immediate Past President Chris Rodgers

Douglas County, Nebraska Commissioner Chris Rodgers was elected Immediate Past President of the National Association of Counties on July 22, 2013 at the NACo Annual Conference: County Solutions and Idea Marketplace in Tarrant County, Texas.

As NACo President in 2012-13, Rodgers brought national attention to two important issues: smart justice and cybersecurity. His Smart Justice Initiative continues to build knowledge and capacity for successful justice policies and practices among the nation's counties. His cybersecurity initiative established the foundation for NACo to promote cybersecurity awareness and education from federal partners directly to county government policy makers and IT professionals. A third presidential initiative was Next Generation NACo, which provided a grassroots forum for young county officials to network, become engaged in NACo and develop a new generation of association leaders.

First elected as Douglas County Commissioner in 2004 and reelected in 2008, Rodgers has been active in NACo since 2005. He has served in various leadership positions, including chair of NACo’s Finance Committee and vice chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee. Rodgers also has served as a member of NACo’s Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, the Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors, and the Large Urban County Caucus.

In Douglas County, Rodgers’ priorities include improving the local public health system, strengthening community corrections programs, and reforming the juvenile justice system. He is a past chair of the Board of Commissioners, and serves 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.

Rodgers is director of community and government relations for Creighton University and previously worked as a senior community service associate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and director of its Transportation Project. In addition, he served as an assistant to Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey and as an elected member of the Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors.

Born and raised in East St. Louis, Illinois, Rodgers graduated from Creighton University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and earned his Masters of Business Administration degree from Creighton University in 1999. In 2002 he received his Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Rodgers is married to the former Ms. Sharlon Baldwin and has two young sons.