Increased Funding Asked For Health

Federal funding schemes for local health programs are inadequate to meet present health care needs, two NACO representatives testified recently. Speaking to the House Subcommittee on Public Health and Environment about the Health Revenue Sharing and Health Services Act (H.R. 111815), Dr. Bernard Berman, Oakland County (Mich.) Commissioner, and Dr. Carl Brumback, Palm Beach County (Fla.) Health Officer, said that counties "have a tremendous stake" in health legislation. According to a recent survey, Dr. Berman said, 75 percent of the nation's counties administer public health services and may also provide medical assistance, hospitals, mental health services, environmental programs, emergency medical services and alcoholism and drug abuse programs.

If counties are to provide the bulk of the public health services, they must be given broader authority, greater flexibility and increased financial support, he told the subcommittee.

He also urged the adoption of legislation to replace the present services authorization in the Public Health Service Act with a new provision authorizing federal payment of a certain percentage of expenditures incurred by state and local public health agencies in carrying out the public health programs including mental health.

They also strongly supported the principles of decategorization, decentralization, comprehensiveness and local accountability implicit in health revenue sharing legislation.

The NACO representative urged the adoption of a new cost-sharing formula in which the federal government would pay between 40 and 60 percent of the expenditures incurred by state and local public health programs. The new provision would substitute the fixed allotment which is now available to states and local governments. This allotment represents only five percent of the expenditures and county health services.

The cost sharing proposal would complement national health insurance, the health subcommittee was told. A national health insurance plan would finance personal health services; the cost sharing proposal would finance public or community-wide programs, existing to disease control, health hazards and preventive health services impacting on all the people or particular segments of the population.

The doctor also endorsed the continuation of federal support for community mental health centers. He said that "without federal support, the majority of the centers in this country would not be able to continue providing the same level of services."

Dr. Berman also voiced continued support for the family planning program but expressed reservations about the funding mechanism. He advocated that a formula approach replace the project grant approach now contained in the legislation.

He also urged that locally elected officials be given a greater say in developmental disability councils now controlled mainly by state governments.

He supported expansion of migrant health center services to include environmental health and urged that local governments with the capability of providing environmental health services be awarded funds to provide those services directly. Neighborhood health centers were also strongly supported.
Unique Approach To Data Processing Tried

Now six months into a unique facilities management contract for their data processing operations, Orange County, Calif., has undergone a number of rapid changes. This month a new Univac 1110 will go on line, the first of two the county will use. And a whole new system including a master concept in handling criminal justice information will be fully operational in another 18 months.

Orange County gave up the lease of its data processing operations to Computer Sciences Corporation last August, signing a 7-year, $25-million contract. CSC is managing the complete system at an average fixed cost of $5.5-million per year, requiring county supervision of increasing data processing costs. Included in the single contract are the needs for more than 25 departments, plus a number of special projects. Criminal justice systems, payroll, tax assessments and collection, voter registration, and personnel records, some of whose needs are new or have needed updating are all being integrated into a state-of-the-art data management system, all with a guaranteed efficiency as part of the fixed-cost package.

Survey Shows Use Of Revenue Sharing

The following figures that show how 79 Michigan counties used revenue sharing funds were compiled from the Office of Revenue Sharing — Actual Use Reports for the period January 1, 1972—June 30, 1973. These figures represent the totals that the 79 counties have already used or contractually obligated:

**Operating/Maintenance Expenditures**

- Public Safety: $7,882,029.00
- Environmental Protection: 1,031,900.00
- Public Transportation: 489,724.00
- Health: 7,007,992.00
- Recreation & Libraries: 645,726.00
- Social Services: 332,851.00
- Aged & Persons: 3,769,199.00

**Financial Administration**

893,397.00

**Capital Expenditures**

- Multi-purpose & General Government: $2,610,059.00
- Education: 24,500.00
- Environmental Conservation: 210,617.00
- Public Safety: 1,429,662.00
- Recreation & Culture: 489,295.00

Miscellaneous*: 5,094,052.00

*Miscellaneous includes expenditures for such things as libraries, county buildings, bridges, airports, parking lots, streets, social services, jails.

The 79 counties reported expenditures and contractual obligations totaling $34,563,452.00 out of a reported $52,308,964.00 (65 percent) received for this period.

In 27 counties revenue sharing funds avoided a new tax, while the other 52 counties indicated a lessened debt increase because of the funds.

In three counties, revenue sharing funds allowed the reduction rate of a major tax. In one of these counties, the funds prevented an increase in the rate of a major tax, and 25 counties indicated the prevention of a new major tax. Four counties indicated the Revenue Sharing funds reduced the rate of increase of a major tax.

**Facilities management is a new term to county government. But the federal government and private industry have used it increasingly over the past two decades, especially in high technology areas. What benefits can counties achieve from facilities management remains to be proven, but there is solid evidence of personnel and equipment savings.**

Some savings are almost immediate. Orange County sees a specific savings of more than $600,000 in the acquisition of new computer equipment. The county also expects to realize $1.5-million in savings per year, for a total of $15-million over the term of the contract. But the greatest benefit to county supervisors may well be the fixed contractual budget for current services and for contemplated new programs and services several years ahead.

There are also several secondary types of savings. The county does not have to hire outsiders consultants or new specialized personnel. There is likewise quicker turn-around time from decision to equipment acquisition.

A primary concern for any county considering a similar change is what will happen to personnel. The CSC contract contains a provision for the hiring of all county employees. Each person was interviewed; most transferred over — 98 percent of them.

The assumption of responsibility by the outside management group went without a hitch at an August meeting. And within 30 days various county departments commented on improvement of operations.

Availability of a full-time technical manager to deal with specific data processing problems as they occur has been the chief catalyst to more efficient operation. CSC has also brought in several of its computer programming specialists to deal with restructuring some of the 1600 programs in the current system.

The supervisors wanted to provide top county managers with better information on their own operations. The new system contains statistics on personnel and inventory. Until now information about age, pay, personnel, educational and skill levels statistics have been handled manually. County officials, likewise, need help in reducing the tax moneys that are tied up in inventory and what material turnover rates are.

The county was able to reorganize its departmental structure to eliminate certain service duplications. And in determination of expenditures, the county will use CSC for technical implementation.

CSC's role is twofold. To keep costs down, it has recommended modification of available CSC-developed program packages. The facilities management firm is also looking at county objectives from a systems view rather than from the programming techniques that will satisfy the needs of county offices and departments within the limits of defined objectives.

Under the currently adopted plan, county departmental analysis will continue to evaluate departmental functions and data needs.

The management group, besides handling the operation and maintenance of the existing data processing system has two other functions: 1. To determine for the county the measurable operational efficiency of the system on a monthly basis.

2. To determine, from the present system to an 1110 Univac. The company guaranteed a smooth transition to the new system, which would be ready and operating in two years. The plans approved by the county supervisors additionally call for a number of ways for improving a justice information system over the next few years. The supervisors wanted a modern criminal justice system that would lower costs and expedite cases.

What might be the most innovative elements of the new Orange County-originated system are the automation of court procedures themselves. Under development is a “Subject-In-Process” program, in which individual's motion papers go through the justice system, such as booking, bonding, appearing in court, and discharge, or where there is a conviction or, it could be carried onto a jail automation system, in which prisoners' files and weekend sentences are followed and recorded.

**Jean Oxley Is First Woman Board Chairman In Iowa**

Jean Oxley has been named Chairman of the Linn County, Iowa Board of Supervisors for 1974, perhaps the first woman to hold such a chairmanship in the history of the state.

Mrs. Oxley, who joined the board a year ago, was the first woman to become supervisor in the county. It is believed she may be the first woman to be elected to any Linn County office.

A former Chairman of the Linn County Democratic Committee, she resigned from that post and from her job as adult program director for the Cedar Rapids YWCA, when she became supervisor.

Supervisor William Martin, last year's chairman, moved to name Mrs. Oxley chairman, saying she may be the first to hold that post in the state.

It has been customary in the county to name chairmen in alphabetical order. Richard Wenzel is the third supervisor on the board.

There are currently seven women supervisors in Iowa. Linn County has a population of 163,213.

**DON'T SING WHEN YOU'RE IN IT**

Editor's note: Here is a little ditty directed toward those who sing while working.

It goes like this:

An old Russian peasant was going along the road one very cold morning; when he saw a bird lying on the ground. At first, he thought it was dead, but when he picked it up, he felt a faint heartbeat. He was about to throw it away, when he chanced upon a cow that had just dropped a large pancake of hot manure. The peasant tested the bird in the manure up to its little beak and went on his way. After a time, the hot manure did its work and the bird revived.

When it revived, it began to sing. A wolf heard it singing, pulled it out and ate it.

This is the end of the story, but remember — most Russian stories have a moral. This one, in fact, has three.

First: Whoever puts you in it is not necessarily your enemy.

Second: Whoever takes you out of it is not necessarily your friend.

Third: If you are up to your neck in it, don't sing!
Federal Regulations Reviewed

Proposed federal regulations have been received by NACo for review and comment. These regulations are currently being analyzed by county officials and NACo staff to determine their impact on counties. Due to the size of some of the regulations, NACo is unable to provide copies of all issues. At the end of each description it is noted whether or not copies are available.

If copies are available, please write to: Carol Shahak at NACo. An added service will be separately listing final issuances which are available from agencies.

74-9 NEW “Public Assistance Incapacity in AFDC.” The proposed regulations are intended to clarify the definition of incapacity and require that it be uniformly applied nationwide. The following two requirements would determine whether a parent is incapacitated. That the existence of a defect, illness or impairment, as supported by competent medical testimony would substantially reduce the parent’s capacity to provide support or care to the child.

74-10 DOL. “Changes to State Plans.” The purpose of this regulation is to set out the procedures by which the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health will require submission and review of state supplements in response to federal program changes that impact on the effectiveness of state programs. Copies are available.

NACo History

NACo HISTORY CAPTURED: C.A. “Tubby” Grant, (center) retired Executive Director of the Utah Association of Counties, presents to NACo Executive Director Bernard Hillebrand and Rod Kendig, Director of County Resources Department, a copy of the History of NACo, 1948-1963. Drawn from excerpts of NACo and Utah newsletters, the personally prepared history covers NACo’s early days, including the formation of a full time staff.

the Ballot Box

by Richard G. Smolka

National Association of County Recorders & Clerks
American University Institute of Election Administration

The General Accounting Office has prepared a background summary of the $1 check-off on the 1973 Income tax. The summary describes how funds will be accumulated in a special fund in the U.S. Treasury until 1976 when distribution will be made according to the formula provided by law. The GAO estimates that the fund will provide each of the two major political parties with more than $21 million based on the legal provision for 15 cents times the certified voting-age population as of June 1, 1975.

The summary may be obtained by writing to the Office of Federal Elections, General Accounting Office, 441 G St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20548.

Phillip S. Hughes, who had been director of the office since it was established, is now Assistant Commissioner General Accounting Office. He directs a new office of energy and special projects in the General Accounting Office. Under his direction is the Office of Federal Elections now headed by L. Fred Thompson who had been deputy director of that office. GAO received a Rockefeller Public Service Award for administration, one of five federal employees to receive this award during 1973. The award, which carried a $10,000 tax-free cash grant, recognized Hughes’ work in overseeing investigations into 1972 presidential campaign spending.

Election Study Progress

The office of Federal Elections is now conducting several research projects, including the nearly completed survey of state and local election boards, and a study of voter registration systems. The former is to be completed on March 1, 1974, the latter on April 1, 1974.

Other studies in process include one on absentee registration and voting which will be completed in September, 1974. Copies of these will be provided free of charge to election officials upon request.
Getting Them On Record

George Lehr, County Executive of Jackson County, and Chairman of NACo's Taxation and Finance Steering Committee, has come up with what we think is an excellent idea.

He is urging every county, city and state official to contact incumbent United States Congressmen and Senators who are up for election this fall, and also those who file against them, to get them on record with respect to general revenue sharing. The program will be up for renewal in 1976.

We all know that this program has many enemies. We think it very important that county, city and state officials use the coming national Congressional races as a proper vehicle to build support for this enormously important program. It is important to all citizens that Congressional candidates be on record about general revenue sharing.

We believe that any reasonable incumbent Congressman or Senator or a candidate for these offices can be persuaded to be a strong supporter of general revenue sharing based solely on its merits and accomplishments to date. There certainly is no need at all to be apologetic, defensive or timid about general revenue sharing.

It is not too early. Many states will be holding primary elections in May and June; Illinois has its primary next month. By mid-September, we should make it a point to know every candidate's position on revenue sharing.

Remember the lessons of 1972. We made it an issue in that election and we can do it again.

Drunken Driving

In June 1970, the Department of Transportation began funding a series of experiments in states and counties to create alcoholic safety programs. The plan was to create a system in which drinking drivers would be interviewed by counselors, health specialists and skilled social workers. Experience had proven that the traditional punitive treatment such as license revocation, fines or jailing did little good in keeping the alcohol user off the highways.

Explosive Disposal

Meeting Planned

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department is sponsoring a National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Conference March 17-18 in Sacramento, Calif. Sacramento County Sheriff Duane Lowe said the conference is directed toward civilian and military explosive technicians and investigators. Further details are available from Chief Deputy Randy V. Guerin, Sacramento Sheriff's Department, P.O. Box 988, Sacramento, Calif. 95805; (916) 441-3441, ext. 341.
Special Workshop To Follow Region IV Federal Briefing

by Alleene Fritscher

A workshop for state, county, city and federal regional officials is being sponsored by the National Association of Counties, National Governors Conference, National League of Cities, International City Management Association, Municipal Finance Officers Association, and National Association of Regional Councils, will be held at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, March 21 and 22.

It is being conducted jointly by the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office and the General Services Administration.

The federal workshop will follow the NACO Council of Intergovernmental Coordinators (CIC) Region IV Federal Aid Briefing, which will cover the following topics: Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Crime Control Act, Older Americans Act, Emergency Medical Services Act, Federal Aid Highway Act, Flood Disaster Protection Act, energy crisis, Federal Regional Councils.

The registration fee for the NACO/CIC briefing is $15 and will be collected at the meeting. Please use the room reservation form below. For information on the NACO/CIC briefing contact DeWayne Littte, President, Region IV CIC, Dade County, Florida at 305-377-5311.

The GSA-GAO-OMB workshop is directed toward the administration of federal grants. The grant will attend practical problems and encourage participation by those in attendance. It should be particularly valuable for management officials of state and local governments. Program topics include "Use of OMB Circular A-37," "Implementation of OMB Circular A-105," "Aiding of Federal Grants.

Because of the increasing federal emphasis on transferring management responsibility to grant recipients, all state agencies and local governments with federal grant programs should consider sending a representative. Federal officials from Washington and the regions will be in attendance and be available to discuss specific problems.

The space available is limited so it is important to register in advance. There is no registration fee.

Each participant will be responsible for his own travel, lodging, and food costs. The Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta has set aside rooms for those requiring overnight accommodations. County officials should contact them immediately to confirm a reservation.

Questions concerning the federal workshop should be directed to Phillip M. Dearnborn of GSA at 202-343-8821.

ROOM RESERVATION FORM

NACO/CIC Region IV Federal Aid Briefing

March 20, 1974

Sheraton Biltmore Hotel
817 W. Peachtree St. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Phone (404) 881-9500

Name:

Title:

County/Organization:

Address:

City:

State:____ Zip:____

Please reserve a room for me for the night(s) of:

Arrival time_ p.m. Departure Date___

Single room ($16) Double room ($21)

Twin bed Double bed

Return to: Sheraton Biltmore by March 6

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., March 20 and end at 5:30 p.m.

Interior Funds Burlington County Purchase

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has approved a $750,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to New Jersey to help acquire nearly 3,000 acres of land in the northwestern part of Burlington County. The acquisition, known as Sim Place, will provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for the residents of the southwest region of the state.

James O. Watt, director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation which administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund, said the project illustrates how federal and state governments can cooperate in establishing a national "legacy of parks." The grant will be matched by New Jersey for a total recreation investment of $1,500,000.

At the state level, the Land and Water Conservation Fund program is administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

NACE "Matter and Measure"

National Association of County Engineers

Asphalt Questionnaire

NACE Members should have received or will shortly receive a questionnaire from American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) committees asking for information on asphalt use and needs.

The Federal Energy Office (FEO) has excluded asphalt from the mandated petroleum allocation regulations and soon there could be little or no asphalt available (see NACE column, February 18.) The AASHTO committees will use data from these questionnaires to prepare a statistically sound case to present to FEO officials. As the instructions with the questionnaire indicate, replies must be sent by March 1, 1974 to I.L. Lindberg, Secretary, AASHTO Operating Subcommittee on Construction, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C. 20590.

New Guide for Traffic Assignment

Traffic Assignment, Methods, Applications, Products can aid transportation planning personnel and local government administrators who must be able to evaluate traffic assignment results. The manual presents available techniques for estimating traffic assignment, network loading and section on small area traffic estimation; discusses operational decisions necessary for using traffic assignment techniques; describes uses for the traffic assignment procedure other than the traditional network planning application; and evaluates assignment process products. Information for the manual was gathered from state, local urban studies, councils of governments, consulting firms.


Standards for Acquiring Federal Land and Water Conservation FundLand Acquisition (1973 edition) has been prepared to obtain uniformity among federal agencies acquiring property on behalf of the United States. The publication is the result of the Intergency Land Acquisition Conference's Committee on Uniform Acquisition Standards working with experts on real property appraisal. Chapters cover standards to help solve recurring appraisal problems.


DOT Report on Rail Service

Rail Service in the Midwest and Northeast Region is a comprehensive report by the Secretary of Transportation's conclusions and recommendations on geographic zones in the Midwest and northeastern region where rail service should be provided. According to the secretary, the report can be used as a base for developing a viable system that meets the rail service needs of the regions. The report was prepared by a joint task force from the Federal Railroad Administration and Office of Secretary staff.

For free copies of this three-volume report write to Marlene Glasmann at NACE.

Waring on Use of Jammer Cables

Improper use of jammer cables to start can cause serious injury. Charging batteries releases a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen gases that can produce gases explosive at high pressures.

The following method of starting a dead battery (on American can only) with jamper cables appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association was developed by Dr. Frederick H. Davidoff, of Ohio State University.

1. Connect one end of a cable to the positive pole of the discharged battery.
2. Then connect the other end to the positive pole of the booster battery.
3. Connect the second cable to the negative pole of the booster battery and the other end to the engine block of the vehicle with the discharged battery with the connection on the block as far from the discharged battery as possible.
4. After starting the car, remove the cable from the engine block first, then remove it from the booster battery. Disconnect the other cable, first, from the newly recharged battery, then from the booster battery.

ACIR Prints Information Bulletin

The February issue of Urban Information Systems Report, a quarterly on computerized information development in local government, is now available from the International City Management Association.

These reports are published by ICMA with the cooperation of the National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors under a contract between Public Technology, Inc., and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The primary purpose of these reports is to disseminate information about ACIR's integrated municipal information systems (IMIS) program among local government administrators. Included in this issue are brief reports on computer applications developed in Long Beach, California and Dayton, Ohio; a groundbreaking project in Des Moines, Iowa; a conference on privacy and security in computer systems at the National Bureau of Standards; a city manager's assessment of IMIS impact on his city; a Californian's visit to examine Washington areas' financial and accounting management information systems; and a discussion of the focus and direction of the USAO program.

Additional information and copies of this report are available by writing to Martin Aminsh, Project Director, Urban Systems Development Center, International City Management Association, 1100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.
Guidance Provided for New Sponsor Primes

Under the new Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 many counties will take over manpower operations for the first time on July 1. Basic management decisions must and can be made now to fit the recommendations in the NACo Department guidance, before July 1. Most should be under active consideration at this time.

Five decision levels — mission, policy, agency, systems, and resources — are based on the nature of the specific activities. As an example, the national space program of the 1960's had as its mission space supremacy. The policy was to be on the moon first. The agency was NASA. The systems included dozens of management, information, procurement, technology, and personnel services. The resources included tens of billions of dollars, thousands of skilled people, and massive data capability.

Similarly, in the area of employment and training programs, the mission, over expressed in the "general welfare" clause of the Constitution has been developed in terms of a national policy of fostering maximum employment (1946) and helping the discouraged (1960's).

Key agencies have been the Manpower Administration and the Office of Economic Opportunity. Key systems have been the various categorical manpower programs, such as Neighborhood Youth Corps, Operation Mainstream, and the Public Employment Program.

Resources have included funds (several billion dollars annually), skilled staff, and relevant facts.

In the state of New York, over $50 million Americans look, not to the federal government, but to counties for manpower services. With this challenge in mind, NACo's Manpower Project staff has developed the following scorecard for county officials and is prepared to offer help on each item.

NACo is keenly aware that this first special revenue sharing bill often counties an opportunity to deliver high services geared to the needs of their constituents; many will be watching closely to see how counties do.

Mission
Is your county government on record to be residents as having a mission in the area of employment and training services?

- Do you have a council or a group of persons who are investigating the results of the state program?

Policy
Have you established policy for determining who shall have employment and training services in your county?

- Have you determined how much of your manpower revenue share will be used for public service employment?

Agency
Have you decided whether or not to be a prime sponsor?

- Have you decided whether or not to enter a consortium with other jurisdictions?

- Have you decided where to place the manpower operation in your county organizational structure?

Health Care Developments

HEW Drops Pre-admission Certification

by Mike Gemmell, Director

Human Resources Center

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has folded under pressure to drop the proposed hospital pre-admission certification requirements under the Medicare-Medicaid utilization review process. The deadline for comments on utilization review has been extended to March 11.

NACo has received formal notification from the Office of the General Counsel that county health officers with M.D. degrees may serve on the newly formed professional standards organizations (PSROs). PSROs are peer review organizations organized to review and render decisions about the care and medical services rendered patients covered under Medicare-Medicaid payment programs.

The issue was whether a county health officer was a "prime sponsor." An in-depth analysis of the health section of the Nixon Administration's proposed FY 73 budget has been prepared by NACo. In addition we have prepared a brief analysis of the status of health programs and national health policy issues. Copies may be obtained by writing Karen Frey at our Washington office.

This issue of County News contains a column entitled "New Dimensions in Human Resources." The column is a regular feature that attempts to highlight progressive developments in county human resource programs. We need to hear from you on what new and/or human resource (e.g., social services, manpower, criminal justice, etc.) programs and projects are being planned or implemented in your county. Please send us news clippings and new releases so we can use the examples in the column. The physical resources items appear every third week. Also sharing space in the column are "New Directions in Community Development" and the original "New Directions" column of NACo's New County Center.

Submit your county's health and/or medical services program as a potential recipient of a NACo County Achievement Award. Now in its fourth year, the New County, U.S. A. Center Achievement Award Program has presented awards to a total of 304 counties in a wide range of county service and administrative areas.

The purpose of the award program is to give national recognition to progressive county developments and at the same time to build an information base of detailed case histories on county modernization programs which can assist other county officials. There is no limit on the number of programs which may be entered; however, each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form and a 6-10 page case study detailing the background, need for program, major accomplishments, and the role of the county, finances and legal aspects, and detailed program sections included.

March 31, 1974 is the final date by which entries can be received to be considered for presentation at the Miami Beach, Fla., September Conference, July 14-17, 1974. Write to New County U.S.A. Center for entry form and guidelines or use the advertisement on page 12 of the February 1974 County News.
Economic Grant Goes To 16 New York Counties

Approval of a $80,000 grant to help continue a program of management and technical assistance to create jobs and increase incomes in a 16-county area of New York was announced recently by William W. Blunt, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Research Foundation of the State University of New York, Albany, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help pay administrative costs of the Technical Assistance Center of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

The center provides business management counseling and technical assistance in support of long range industrial growth and community development in northern New York. Counties served by the center are Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Schoharie, Warren and Washington.

Special assistance also is provided to multi-county economic development district organizations working to solve regional problems and create new jobs in economically lagging areas. The districts are Eastern Adirondack, Mohawk Valley and Black River-St. Lawrence.

The Research Foundation of the State University of New York will provide $32,500 to complete the $122,500 total cost of continuing the program of the Technical Assistance Center through June 1974.

Bizzell Heads Arkansas Association

The Association of Arkansas Counties was established in 1968. In 1970, Frank Bizzell became AAC's first full-time Executive Director.

Bizzell was born and raised in Morrilton, Ark., and is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management, Texas Christian University.

Prior to coming on board as AAC Executive Director, he was the manager of the Darlandie Chamber of Commerce (1963-1966); Executive Director of the Darlandie Industrial Foundation (1963-1970) and manager of Wholesale Automotive Parts and Supply Stores (1963-1966).

Bizzell is married and the father of three children. He is an active member of the Baptist Church and various civic activities. His hobbies are golf and hiking.

Hillenbrand's
Washington Report
202-785-9591

The Washington Report is a 2-minute, 50 second report about the latest happenings in Washington, D.C., recent and future meetings and issues of importance to counties.

NACo's 39th Annual Convention
"States and Counties: Partnership for Progress"

July 14-17, 1974

Dade County, Florida

DEADLINE: JULY 5, 1974

COUNTY ___________________________

HOTEL CHOICE
First ____________________________ Second ____________________________
(Please circle preference)

single ____________________________ double/twin ____________________________ suite ____________________________ rate $ ____________

Arrival date ____________ Departure date ____________

Time ____________________________

MAKE RESERVATION FOR:
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City ____________________________ State _____ Zip Code ____________

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PERSON MAKING THESE RESERVATIONS:
Name ____________________________________________
Title ____________________________________________
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City ____________________________ State _____ Zip Code ____________

HOTELS

Barcelona
Single $14
Double $16

Doral-On-The-Ocean
Single or twin $22.32
Suites $35

Eden Roc
Recorders and Clerks Headquarters
Single or twin $22.32
Suites $42.72 (2 rooms)
$104.353 (3 rooms)

Fontainebleau
Convention Headquarters
NACo Board of Directors
Engineers
Treasurers and Finance Officers

Single or double $19.31
Suites $70.90

Montmarte
Single $18
Twin $20-34
Suites $48-72

Playboy Plaza
Single or twin $22.32
Suite $75.32 (2 rooms)
$104.35 (3 rooms)
AMERICAN COUNTIES TODAY—

Dear County Official:

One of the few positive things coming out of the Watergate scandal is the deadlock between the President and Congress to a new appreciation and respect for the vigorous leadership of state, county and city governments.

Latest letter of the news media to report on this was the much respected David S. Broder, a nationally syndicated columnist. In a February 20 article, he pointed to the fact that recent reports by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and reports from Common Cause document that states, counties and cities are doing the lead in developing codes of ethics; campaign spending reforms; and above all, leading in energy conservation.

We are proud that our counties have been in front of the federal government and with respect to energy conservation. It is significant, for example, that Supervisor James Hayes of Los Angeles County, who is chairman of NACO's Energy Task Force, was the first official in the United States to subpoena oil company executives. He called them before his board to explain injury oil company policy as it affects the present energy crisis. One of our counties, Hawaii, (the big island) in the first in the United States to institute gasoline rationing.

Certain states, like Maryland, are leaders in reducing speed limits to conserve energy and of course we're all familiar with the fact that Governor Tom McCall of Oregon is the author of the alternate day prescription on gasoline.

We are hopeful that the inaction of the federal government will begin to attract more people like Davis S. Broder to report on the outstanding job that so many of our states, counties and cities have been doing, not only in those but in other areas.

We would cite the concluding paragraph of Dave’s column.

"The contrast between the stumbling of the national government, both legislative and executive, and the improving performance of state and local governments is largely an unreported story. If it were better known, perhaps the voters would be less inclined to turn automatically to the Senate for the 1976 presidential candidates."

More Revenue Sharing

President Nixon, on February 19, asked Congress to apply the revenue sharing concept to a new program of federal aid to depressed areas. The President is recommending that at least 80 percent of the federal grants should be made available to states and localities to be used with a minimum of federal supervision. The program envisions federal spending at about $7 billion annually but with states and communities assuming a much larger role in planning and administration. Funds would be distributed on the basis of a formula which would take into account unemployment levels, population, dispensal, income levels and other factors.

Famine

A Senate agricultural subcommittee has heard warnings that fertilizer shortages in the Unites States are raising the spectre of world famine. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said, "We have the possibility of a famine in dimensions we have never known in some parts of the world." Fertilizers are in large part made from oil and natural gas.

Post Card Registration

That infamous Post Card Registration (McKee Bill S. 352) bill which our recorders and clerks strongly oppose, is still in the House Administration Committee. It passed the Senate last year and may very well come before the House this session, so be sure you speak to your Congressmen. A resolution passed by NACO members at the Dallas convention pointed out several basic problems in the legislation including the potential for disorder and confusion at the polls leading the disenfranchisement of eligible voters, duplication of registration processes and increased costs, and most importantly the unlimited possibilities for fraud and political mischief.

Congressional Races

Three NACO board members have already announced for the fall Congressional races. NACO director, Mayor Richard Lugar of Indianapolis-Marion County, will run for the Senate seat presently held by United States Senator Birch Bayh.

NACO Vice President Dan Lynch of Douglas County, Neb., and Ed Crawford of Broome County, N.Y. have both thrown their hat in the ring for the fall Congressional seats in their area.

NACO director George Levy of Jackson County, Mo., has announced for state auditor.

Another former NACO board member in the news is Senator Marlow Cook of Kentucky who has just announced for re-election.

No Motorcycles

District of Columbia Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson is dispersing the 63-member motorcycle squad for the District of Columbia. The action is a result of a study which concluded that the motorcycle is the most expensive per mile vehicle in the police departments. The study said motorcycle officers use about one third of their gasoline driving their motorcycles to and from work. There are additional cost factors. Due to the high injury rate and ensuing hospital and disability payments, the squad is extremely expensive. Chief Wilson also pointed out that new motorcycles cost $3,000 more than a squad car and to top it all off, two-thirds of all speeding arrest cases were made by policemen in cars or motor scooters and not by motorcycle men.

The move will not be popular in the police department since motorcycle men receive $680 extra pay per year plus the use of the motorcycle to and from work.

Sincerely yours,

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