



THE CONFERENCE IN PHOTOGRAPHS

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A crowd gathers March 6 in front of the U.S. Capitol for a NACo news conference in support of key public lands programs.



Ramsey County, Minn. Commissioner Jim McDonough participates in a discussion at NACo's Board of Directors meeting.



Grant County, Okla. Commissioner Cindy Bobbitt, NACo Central Region representative, leads the discussion at the Central Region's caucus meeting.



NACo President Roy Brooks (l), presents NACo's Award for Corporate Excellence to Ernst & Young. Accepting the award is Steven Kral, EY senior manager.



Alger County, Mich. Commissioner Jerry Doucette shows off the U.S. Mint's latest quarter in its America the Beautiful series, which features Michigan's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Alger County.



Supervisor Liz Archuleta, Coconino County, Ariz., discusses immigration issues at the Immigration Reform Task Force meeting as Sussex County, Del. Councilman Robert Arlett looks on.



Caren Harp, administrator, DOJ Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, briefs Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee members.



Person County, N.C. Commissioner Brannon "Ray" Jeffers seeks support in his race for NACo second vice president.



Richard Waldhorn, contributing scholar, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, takes the podium during a discussion of resilient counties. Looking on are (l-r) Jennifer Kiger, chief, Office of Public Health Preparedness & Response, Harris County, Texas; Phil Maytubby, director of Public Health Protection Oklahoma City-County Health Department, Sonoma County, Calif. Supervisor James Gore and Ramsey County, Minn. Commissioner Toni Carter.



Chris Gaston, senior policy director, Davis & Harman, was the guest speaker for Nationwide's 2017 Tax Act workshop.



Commissioner John Alford, Scotland County, N.C. does some networking before the start of a General Session.



Kathryn Dodge, assembly member, Fairbanks North Star Borough, takes the floor at the Board of Directors meeting.



Steve Wagner, acting assistant secretary, HHS Administration for Children and Families, and Jerry Milner, acting commissioner, Administration for Children and Families, take part in a panel discussion at the NACo Legislative Conference.



Women of NACo Leadership Network members meet on Capitol Hill with members of the Congressional Women's Caucus, including co-chairs Reps. Susan Brooks (R-Ind.) and Lois Frankel (D-Fla.) Photo by Leon Lawrence III



Transportation Steering Committee members listen to a presentation from Anthony Bedell, USDOT deputy assistant secretary for intergovernmental affairs.



Brian Steed, Bureau of Land Management deputy for programs and policies, addresses the Public Lands Steering Committee.



In their power colors (l-r) Guilford County, N.C. Commissioner Kay Cashion and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman take part in a discussion at the NACo Legislative Conference.



Boone County, Ky. Judge Gary Moore, a candidate for NACo second vice president, addresses NACo members.



Broward County, Fla. Commissioner Barbara Sharief, a candidate for NACo second vice president, addresses NACo members at the NACo Legislative Conference.



Washington County, Minn. Commissioner Stan Karwoski snaps a photo at the Rural Action Caucus meeting.



(L-r): Brian Roy, executive director of the Kentucky Association of Counties; Boone County, Ky. Judge Gary Moore; David Nicholson, president of the Kentucky Association of Counties and Circuit Court Clerk, Jefferson County, and NACo President Roy Brooks, Tarrant County, Texas, celebrate Kentucky's 100-percent state milestone. All 120 counties in the commonwealth are now NACo members.



Mobile County, Ala. Commissioner Merceria Ludgood discusses the state of poverty in her county at a Capitol Hill press briefing held March 6 at the NACo Legislative Conference.



County officials shine as they accept awards for their leadership in deploying solar use in their communities. Some of the winners are pictured here. (L-r): Commissioner Lenny Eliason, Athens County, Ohio; Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County, Miss.; Board Member Denise Winfrey, Will County, Ill.; Commissioner Casey Tighe, Jefferson County, Colo. Back row (l-r): Chris Somers, Arlington County, Va.; Supervisor Mike Carberry, Johnson County, Iowa; Commissioner DeWayne Mareck, Stearns County, Minn.; Chip Taylor, Colorado Counties, Inc. (representing Clear Creek, Delta, Pueblo counties).



(L-r) Pamela Heitner, county manager, Otero County, N.M. and Isabella Solis, Dona Ana County, N.M. commissioner, explore the conference app at the newcomers' breakfast.



Cascade County, Mont. Commissioner Joe Briggs (center) discusses the County Explorer Benchmarking Tool, with NACo staff Ricardo Aguilar (right) and Andrew Hartsig (left).



Participants hop tables to meet with different experts during the Federal Tools for County-Driven International Economic Development session.



DeKalb County, Ga. Commissioner Larry Johnson, a candidate for NACo second vice president, addresses the crowd.