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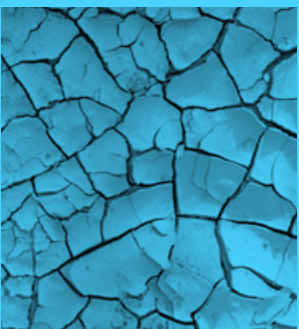
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WIR INCREASES MEMBERSHIP AT ANCHORAGE CONFERENCE



The 2022-2023 Western Interstate Region officers hit the streets of Anchorage Borough, Alaska. From left: Past President Mark Whitney, Beaver County, Utah commissioner; Second Vice President Wes McCart, Stevens County, Wash. commissioner; First Vice President John Espy, Carbon County, Wyo. commissioner and President Dan Joyce, Malheur County, Ore. judge. Photo by Hugh Clarke

by **Charlie Ban**
senior writer

The Western Interstate Region took a trip to the largest state for its conference and came home with its largest membership.

Minnesota will join the group of public lands counties for the

next three years, following a bylaw change during the May 18-20 conference in the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska by the WIR Board of Directors that allows the admission of associate member states. Now the group's easternmost member, the Gopher State's 7 percent federal lands inventory com-

pares favorably to North Dakota and South Dakota, and it will be eligible for full membership in 2025.

Lac qui Parle County Commissioner Todd Patzer outlined how Minnesota's priorities would match WIR's, on

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Weighing retail warehouse boom: Jobs, revenue vs. traffic, pollution

by **Stephenie Overman**
freelance writer

Northampton County, Pa. "is in the heart of the Boston-Washington corridor, the

beating heart of it," said County Executive Lamont G. McClure. Located near large population centers, with highways that provide easy access, it's an ideal location for distribution centers.

McClure sees the upside of the warehouse fulfillment jobs brought in by online retailers. They help offset the many manufacturing jobs that have left Lehigh Valley over the years.

But Northampton County also has "a great deal of farmland," McClure noted, and "my job is to balance the preserva-

tion of land and jobs and economic development. We have enough warehouses. It's eating up our spaces. We need to stop that."

The pandemic has spurred an already growing market for online buying. Forbes reported that in 2020, the top 500 North American retailers generated \$849.5 billion in online sales, up 45.3 percent from 2019.

That increase in online shopping translates into a need for

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FORMER NACo PRESIDENT JIM SNYDER DIES AT 86

by **Charlie Ban**
senior writer

Jim Snyder was part of some significant policy achievements in almost 40 years in the Cattaraugus County, N.Y. Legislature and beyond, including work in George H.W. Bush's administration. But he may have been even better at spur-of-the-moment, chance meetings he had with his constituents.

"I don't know how many thousand people he's gotten jobs for over the years, or they've been in trouble, and he's helped them out," said his son, Joe. "He looked after folks, particularly working people who got up every day and went to work and sometimes got in some trouble. He was always making phone calls to help people out. He built up a lot of contacts over 60 years."

Snyder, who served as NACo president from 1989-1990, died May 11 at 86 in his hometown of Olean in upstate New York. He retired from the county Legislature at the end of 2019, where Joe still serves. The pair repre-



Jim Snyder

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WIR Board decides on Utah, California as conference sites for 2023, 2024

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top of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs, along with forest fire prevention.

“Waters of the United States (WOTUS) is [a] really big issue for us, just as it is for all of you,” he told the WIR General Session audience. “Our ag lands, forests, wetlands, rivers and lakes are all subject to decisions and interpretations of WOTUS. Use of public lands outside of recreation is as important to WIR as it is to Minnesota. Environmental interests seem more and more at odds with any commerce on public lands, and recently [Line 3 pipeline] was front and center of public land use in Minnesota.”

Malheur County, Ore. Judge Dan Joyce took charge of WIR as president, with Carbon County, Wyo. Commissioner John Espy elevated to the first vice presidency and Stevens County, Wash. Commission-



Alejandra Castillo, assistant secretary for economic development at the U.S. Department of Commerce, speaks to the WIR General Session. Photo by Hugh Clark

er Wes McCart elected second vice president over Inyo County, Calif. Supervisor Matt Kingsley.

The WIR Board also voted to approve the next two years’ conference locations, with

2023’s taking place May 24-26 in Washington County, Utah’s county seat of St. George and the 2024 conference returning May 8-10 to Mariposa County, Calif, where the group had twice been forced to cancel in 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beaver County, Utah Commissioner Tammy Pearson was recognized as the Dale Sowards Award winner, owing to her efforts to forge cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management regarding policy directing management of wild horses and burros. She was appointed to the BLM’s National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board in 2021 and has long advocated for reform, illustrating the damage that unfettered population growth has had on public lands.

Mark Whitney, her colleague on the Beaver County Commission, noted that she was well respected for her candor.

“Commissioner Pearson does not hesitate to tell it like it is, and take it from me, she does,” he said. “She exemplifies the rural values many of

us grew up with perhaps commonly known through television and movies.”

NACo’s Rural Action Caucus met during the conference (see workshop coverage on page 5).

Alejandra Castillo, assistant secretary for economic development at the U.S. Department of Commerce, touted the Economic Development Administration’s \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

“It was designed in a way, a bit untraditional for the government, where we really spoke about regional economic development and that was important because what helped was instead of the zero-sum game of one state fighting over another, we really left it up to you to figure out what regional economic development meant for you,” she told the General Session audience. “Was it across counties? Was it across cities? Was it across states? The glue to all of that was the coalitions, so individuals who traditionally had not partnered before were actually incentivized to come together and bring proposals.”

The agency received 529 applications for 20-30 grantees.

“Not only did we get innovative ideas that came from the ‘bottom-up, middle-out,’ as President Biden likes to say, but these were also coalitions that whether or not they were selected in the second round, they recognized that they had something magical for their communities and are pursuing other federal funds.”

Castillo also voiced hopes for more stable EDA (Economic Development Administration) funding. The current \$3 billion allocation was tied to pandemic relief and is an aberration.

“One of the things that I’m trying to do at EDA is really stand up a much more robust data department,” she said. “Sometimes you can have a particular metric for a community where there is a bit of affluence on one end and a lot of distress on the other, it gets skewed. So, what we’re trying to do is to really go a bit more granular and how we measure that distress.”

Brent Goodrum, deputy commissioner of the Alaska department of natural resources, criticized the Biden administration’s executive orders, secretarial orders and program reviews to limit oil and gas development and the BLM’s failure to acknowledge the state’s title, ownership and management of more than 90 percent of navigable river miles and just 16 percent of the acreage beneath its navigable lakes.

For comparison’s sake, the state of Minnesota’s license plate lays claim to some 10,000 lakes; Alaska has over 3 million lakes. That’s a factor of 300.

“Alaska, a state so vast and wide where our riverways truly are superhighways that have for generations connect-

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JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT-MONTH

NO. OF CATS ADOPTED ANNUALLY:	1.6 MILLION
CATS FROM SHELTERS:	43 PERCENT
NO. OF PEDIGREE CAT BREEDS:	44
NO. OF CATS SPAYED OR NEUTERED: ...	87 PERCENT
AVERAGE NO. OF CATS PER HOUSEHOLD:	TWO

Source: Petpedia

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ed communities and families and the resources and lifestyles that sustain our Alaskan way of life, we’ve had to file lawsuits against the federal government just to ensure Alaskans can use state waterways.

“During my time with the state of Alaska, we’ve won every case that we’ve filed,” Go-odrum said.

He hailed the interagency cooperation that has forged progress guiding project management and permitting, providing a forum for dialogue and cooperation between federal, state, tribal and local governments in the review of proposed natural resource development projects or federal claims and policies here in Alaska. But he bemoaned Alaska’s distance from the nation’s capital

“It has been our observation that federal decision-making is being strongly influenced by Washington officials who do not attend the participating cooperating agency meetings, who are not part of the local solution, which often leads to final decisions that do not necessarily reflect the understandings of participating operating agencies,” he said. “It’s truly those who have walked the ground, who have wrestled with the issues that understand the potential impacts that are closest to the people we serve who should be given the greater voice that bear the greater burden or reap the greater benefits of our locally made decisions. Those decisions simply should not and cannot be dictated from Washington, D.C., almost 3,400 miles from where we sit today.”

Mobile workshops

The Last Frontier’s geography required dramatic lengths to reach mobile workshops. A trip to Kotzebue, seat of the Northwest Arctic Borough, brought attendees north of the Arctic Circle to a community sustained by subsistence hunting and fishing and supported zinc and lead extraction at the nearby Red Dog Mine.

Others traveled by train to Seward, in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and visited the city’s port and harbor by boat and viewed nearby glaciers and



White House senior advisor Luke McGowan addresses the NACo Board of Directors. Photo by Hugh Clarke

wildlife.

Another group flew to Fairbanks, the seat of the North Star Borough, seeing the Permafrost Research Center, Fort Greely, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and more.

Why boroughs?

Rather than counties, almost half of Alaska is divided into 19 organized boroughs or consolidated city-boroughs that are governed by assemblies. An organized borough, administered by the state, comprises 323,440 square miles and dwarfs all other U.S. states.

Because of the vast and rugged interior of the state and significant ice buildup, plus a series of archipelagos in the south, air travel is necessary to connect many Alaskan communities.

Federal law prohibited the creation of counties prior to Alaska’s 1959 statehood. Historian Stephen Haycox told the Anchorage Daily News that the state avoided the term “county” because of how sparsely settled Alaska was, and Gordon Harrison wrote in Alaska’s Constitution, A Citizen’s Guide that boroughs “were intended to be more versatile and powerful than counties.”

Petersburg Borough, in the south of the state, is the youngest county equivalent in the United States, incorporated in 2013.

NACo Board Meeting

The NACo Board of Directors met, with Second Vice President Denise Winfrey running the meeting in President Larry Johnson’s absence. The Board

voted to approve an adjustment to dues and credentials to reflect results of the 2020 census. NACo Chief Public Affairs Officer Brian Namey said that based on NACo membership figures on May 2, of 2,586 member counties, 44 percent would see no change in dues, 37 percent would see an increase and 19 percent would see their dues decrease. That would add up to an increase in dues revenue between 6 – 7 percent. The new populations will also change the vote totals for 9 percent of member counties, with 206 counties receiving more votes and 20 counties receiving fewer votes. The proposal will be effective Jan. 1, 2025 and will be accompanied by a long-term campaign by NACo to make member counties aware of the changes. **CN**

BLACK HAWK COUNTY, IOWA
AUDITOR GRANT VEEDER
DELIVERED LIMERICKS TO
COMMEMORATE
THE MEETING:

SPRING BOARD MEETING

This meeting is bound to increase
our thoughtful respect for Denise
with LJ not here
her duty was clear
and she kept us all in one piece

WESTERN DROUGHT

The mountains covered with snow
the lakes here are wet too, you know
the West needs some water
so maybe we ought’er
send part of Alaska below

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, ARIZ.
SUPERVISOR MANNY RUIZ’ LAST
BOARD MEETING

With me now if you please
my good buddy Manny Ruiz
his time here is fleeting
he’s at his last meeting
so please give his hand a good
squeeze.



Lac qui Parle County, Minn. Commissioner Todd Patzer makes the case for his state’s WIR membership to the WIR General Session. Photo by Hugh Clarke

Boom in warehouses delivering online goods brings challenges

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additional distribution centers. Almost 2 billion square feet of warehouse space has been built in the United States in the last five years, according to research by CoStar, which provides real estate analytics and marketing services.

In Northampton County, “folks are cognizant that we’ve got enough warehouses,” McClure said. “Our folks are fed up with truck traffic. It’s dangerous. Roads are congested. There’s the pollution.... I don’t denigrate the work, but we are importing workers now” to meet the demand.

Pennsylvania is a right-to-develop state and zoning is done at the municipal level, he said, “but the county has some weapons. We have \$3 million a year from our general fund to put into land preservation. You need to put your money where your mouth is. We’re fighting back, preserving open and green spaces.”

McClure — who was first

elected to oversee county operations in 2017 and was reelected last year — has spent \$12 million from the general fund in the past four years to help protect the area’s rural character. “We just bought our 20,000th acre of farmland.”

Where zoning can be done at the county level, McClure recommends “directing industrial development to certain areas where they belong, hopefully in former brownfields.”

He also urged counties to work together “and direct where they want their industrial zone,” the way Northampton County has worked with neighboring Lehigh County in Lehigh Valley.

Inland Empire growth

On the West Coast the Inland Empire — made up of Riverside and San Bernardino counties — county officials also are looking to find a balance. An estimated 40 percent of the nation’s consumer goods come through the region, according to Bloomberg News.

From 2004 to 2020, the In-

land Empire’s logistics space roughly doubled to about 600 million square feet, according to CBRE, a commercial real estate firm. The number of distribution centers grew 54 percent, from 463 in 2009 to 711 in 2020, according to Statista, a market and consumer data firm.

San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman has called the growth “a net positive” for the county, one that supports other parts of the local economy.

But some citizens and officials question whether the benefits of tax dollars and new jobs outweigh the problems of the increased traffic and pollution in an area of the country that ranks as one of the worst for air quality.

Last year, the South Coast Air Quality Management District board passed the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule, to reduce heavy-duty vehicle emissions around warehouses in Southern California.

The rule includes the Warehouse Actions and Investments

to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) program, which creates a points system that provides financial incentives to reduce emissions from trucks entering and leaving warehouses. Warehouses that do not accumulate enough points each year are hit with a “mitigation fee.”

Riverside County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries has spoken out against the rapid growth of these warehouses.

Last fall he told the newspaper The Press-Enterprise: “I would argue that ‘the county for many years had the welcome mat out for logistics and perhaps you could argue still does.’”

In 2019, Jeffries proposed — and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors passed — a “Good Neighbor Policy” that called for a 300-foot minimum distance between warehouse loading docks and schools and residences.

The board added a provision that supervisors could decide whether to enact the rules in their districts.

In March 2020, Riverside County passed a 45-day moratorium on warehouse building on the county’s northside.

Several months later, San Bernardino County fell one vote short of passing a similar 45-day moratorium on construction of new warehouses. Colton, a city in San Bernardino County, has passed its own moratoriums.

Crowded Mid-Atlantic

In the mid-Atlantic region, companies initially opted to build distribution centers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, which have larger populations and space along the interstate, said New Castle County, Del. Council President Karen Hartley-Nagle. But with less room available there now, “The First State” has become an attractive alternative.

The space under construction at the beginning of this year in New Castle County exceeded the amount of space built in Delaware in the past 20 years,

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according to a report from Newmark, a real estate brokerage in Wilmington.

“Mostly we’re seeing the pros,” in terms of jobs and tax revenues, Hartley-Nagle said. “Properties are zoned for these uses. It’s already in our comprehensive plan. They bring jobs and tax revenues.”

The county government process allows for a good discussion of the pros and cons, she said. “I’ve participated in many of the public meetings. I think most people are pretty happy with the comprehensive plan. They feel the direction we’re going in is right.”

But there are problems, and the conversations continue. “It affects everybody in the county in different ways,” she said, adding that the traffic and pollution is particularly hard on poor communities.

“Traffic needs to be managed. We look at what we need to do for the surrounding areas with berms, landscaping. You want to mitigate the sound and also make it so you don’t have to see them. You don’t want to be looking out your back door and see that.”

Now, with space in New Castle County drying up, companies “are looking farther south,” Hartley-Nagle said. But farther south in Delaware means heavy beach traffic.

One company has found an alternative within the county. Instead of repurposing an old manufacturing site, it’s transforming the Tri-State Mall in Claymont, Del.

“There had been a mall there that had been empty. They couldn’t get anything good to go in there. Now it’s a logistics center,” she said.

With freshened up landscaping, the old bricks-and-mortar shopping mall is now “so much better,” Hartley-Nagle said. The distribution centers that are cropping up because of the growth of online shopping “can actually spur improvement.” **CN**

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PARTNERSHIPS VITAL TO SUSTAIN COUNTY-MILITARY COEXISTENCE



REPI Program Director Kristen Thomasgard speaks to county officials during a 2020 RAC Symposium workshop. Cascade County, Mont. Commissioner Joe Briggs and Cochise County, Ariz. Supervisor Peggy Judd look on. Photo by Chris Wathen

by **Charlie Ban**
senior writer

With roughly 500 counties serving as home to at least one military installation, the ground is fertile for intergovernmental cooperation on compatible land use, conservation, habitat and natural resource management and climate resilience.

The Department of Defense’ Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program mitigates land, water and digital encroachment near installations and addresses natural resource and climate resilience concerns for surrounding communities through partnerships between and among local governments and federal agencies. REPI’s Sentinel Landscape Partnership was founded by the Defense, Interior and Agriculture departments to coordinate across 10 key landscapes for communities that host military installations.

“These are really opportunities for us to work more efficiently with the states in which they’re located, local communities, private landowners,

conservation partners and others,” said REPI Program Director Kristen Thomasgard.

“We’re often working with hundreds of partners — dedicated agencies in different programs to help protect and ensure compatible land uses — farms forests, ranches, open space — helping to assist with natural resource management and then also helping to mitigate impacts from climate change and helping to ensure long term resilience of our communities and installations,” she said. The program currently has 118 ongoing projects in 35 states and territories, totaling 830,000 acres of land preservation.

“Our goal and objective is to bring tools to landowners who are interested ...in order for them to be more sustainable in their land management practices, whether that’s forestry, ranching or farming to make those tools available to them across a multitude of federal agencies,” Thomasgard said.

Current Sentinel Landscape partnerships totaled \$178 million from the Department of Defense, \$250 million from USDA, \$57 million from the

“We really have something to protect and be proud of.”

— Cochise County Supervisor Peggy Judd

Department of Interior, \$230 million from states, \$16 million from local governments and \$104 million in private funds.

Cochise County, Ariz. knows something about encroachment and how the Sentinel Landscape program can help protect its major economic driver. The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area is the second largest open space for unmanned aerial vehicle training for nearby Fort Huachuca, which generates \$1 billion in wages annually and an estimated \$2.9 billion in economic impact.

“We really have something to protect and be proud of,” said Cochise County Supervisor Peggy Judd. “The challenge is that the Endangered Species Act requires that we link the activities at Fort Huachuca to the flows of the San Pedro River, so

that has been a tricky balance for us to play and we’ve been working at it really hard for a long time.”

Organizations have formed to meet local preservation needs, including the Upper San Pedro partnership, which is a consortium of federal state and local agencies and organizations that assist in meeting the long-term water needs of both residents and the environment.

“Though many advancements have been made over the 20-year history, the partnership understands how to track trends in the regional aquifer, the riparian system, San Pedro River and nearby springs,” Judd said.

Cochise County has requested \$1.5 million to take make this project operational, demonstrating a match of over \$2.5 million for numerous hydrological studies, engineering and designs and monitoring.

Judd noted that the project was submitted in conjunction with several other partner projects that “will all support resilience to climate change, the missions of Fort Huachuca, a sustainable San Pedro River and several working ranches.” **CN**

PILT IS NO FOUR-LETTER WORD FOR COUNTIES

by **Charlie Ban**
senior writer

With his steady demeanor and a career backed up with plenty of research, Todd Devlin doesn't come across many surprises. But he found one in a NACo Public Lands Steering Committee meeting.

As he spoke, a hand went up in the back of the room.

"What's PILT?"

It wasn't a rhetorical question, or a heckle, but the man, who chaired NACo's Federal Land Payments Subcommittee, couldn't have asked a better person to explain the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program.

"That's when I realized it was an educational issue, that we have continuing turnover with commissioners all the time," Devlin said. "Nobody should be expected to understand that – how it all works. You'd have to be half crazy."

Devlin has been for decades, even before taking office as a Prairie County, Mont. commissioner in 1995, among the most storied minds in public land funding policy, leading the charge for a more equitable funding for rural counties.

But that committee meeting question typified Devlin's fight to bring the funding inequities to the audience that can make the difference, an audience outside of wonks like himself, illustrating an ongoing concern for hundreds of counties that deal with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation and more.

What exactly is PILT?

Since 1977, PILT has compensated county governments for at a fraction of what they would otherwise glean from property taxes on land the federal government owns or manages. It helps fund services that counties provide to those lands, including road building and maintenance, emergency services, law enforcement and search and res-



Prairie County, Mont. Commissioner Todd Devlin speaks at the 2018 Capitol Hill rally in support of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program. Photo by Jason Dixon

cue operations.

That was the culmination of a process that started with President Kennedy's desire for a wilderness bill in 1963 to formalize the protection of federal land. In the face of overwhelming bipartisan, bicameral support for the legislation, House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Wayne Aspinall (D-Colo.) set the establishment of the Public Land Law Review Commission as a condition for allowing the Wilderness Act to come up for a committee vote. With \$4 million in funding, the commission's five-year study produced 137 recommendations on how to manage federal lands in a report titled "One Third of Our Nation's Land."

Among the recommendations: "Payments in lieu of taxes should be made to state governments, but such payments should not attempt to provide full equivalency with payments that would be received if the property was in private ownership. A public benefits discount of at least 10 percent but not more than 40 percent should be applied to payments made by the government in order to give recognition to the intangible benefits that some public lands provide, while, at the same time,

recognizing the continuing burdens imposed on state and local governments through the increased use of public lands. The payments to states should be conditioned on distribution to those local units of government where the federal lands are located, subject to criteria and formulae established by the states."

A county's PILT payment is a combination of its federally owned acreage, population, payments from the prior year's federal revenue-sharing programs (such as the Secure Rural Schools program that supports roads and schools in national forest counties), facets of individual state laws and the consumer price index. A county receives the higher of two alternatives, illustrated in the accompanying chart and adjusted for 2017 payments levels.

The PILTman's route

As cattle and sheep ranchers, Devlin and his family had been BLM grazing land permittees for years. In the early 1990s, he was appointed to create Prairie County's first land use plan. In the process, he saw a disparity with a neighboring county's payments.

Prairie County got 10 cents per acre of federal land, while its

neighbor got 75 cents per acre of federal land. While its neighbor had a larger population, Prairie County's proportion of land entitled to PILT was nearly three times larger.

"I couldn't understand why we're getting 7.5 times less than identical real estate across the border," he said.

Essentially told to put up or shut up when he brought that detail to one of his commissioners, Devlin ran for an open seat, and won. He went to the Montana Association of Counties and tried to whip up support for congressional action to change the PILT formula to a flat rate for Montana counties.

It was quickly tabled.

"I confused everybody in the room, but it was a good rookie experience," Devlin said. "I might have lost them because I got too deep into it, but I started to outline the importance of PILT to some of these larger counties."

Prairie County doesn't boast a big attraction, like a national park, national monument or national forest eating up its tax base. It has a wilderness study area and two grazing pastures, but it also has a checkerboard of homestead lands that reverted to federal ownership. It also

never relied too much on what is now a \$176,000 PILT payment "because it was so minimal," Devlin said, relative to the county's budget. "But I looked at the counties that got 30 percent of their budget from PILT. If I was in their shoes, and I was relying on that payment year after year, I wouldn't want to change it."

Even if the payment is minimal, it's still Prairie County's responsibility to maintain roads that serve both taxpayers and non-taxpayers or send search and rescue teams if someone is lost in the Terry Badlands. And the federal government, whether there's a lot of people or a lot of land, is on the hook for those payments.

Devlin realized his role wasn't so much a catalyst to crusade for PILT reform as it was to be an educator.

"If the situation is inequitable, the crowd will understand it."

Once in a while, he'll get a reminder that they don't, like from the county official who didn't know what PILT was.

New and improved?

From its first payment until 1994, PILT funding remained level at \$100 million nationwide.

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Congress amended the payment to adjust for inflation and starting in 1995, added a 220-percent accelerated increase in per-acre payments plus an increase in payment caps that matched changes in the consumer price index.

"At the time, the PILT formula was discussed, the very rural counties weren't at the table because they couldn't afford to be there," Devlin said, pointing to not only the cost of travel to lobby in Washington, D.C., but the responsibilities county officials had back home in rural communities.

By 1999, two formula alternatives had reached \$1.65 per acre and 22 cents per acre, adjusted from 75 cents and 10 cents, respectively.

"If you work the CPI (consumer price index) backwards to 1976, you will find that Congress had done their homework and 75 cents in 1976 was very close to average tax equivalency," Devlin said.

But the formulas didn't make sense to Devlin.

"Congress did not opt to prorate the payment per acre because of concern of losing support from senators and congressional districts in the East because they almost always had far less acres of federal lands," he said.

Devlin developed a unifying formula, based on what he learned from a 20,000-cell spreadsheet he crafted over the years to analyze PILT payments, that would adjust payment formulas to allow every county to receive at least half of its maximum PILT payment.

"Under that proposal, every county in the nation got an increase of at least 1 cent and it all fit in the amount appropriated that year," he said. "In other words, there were no losers."

While the Federal Land Payment Subcommittee passed it, the Public Lands Committee tabled it at the 2008 NACo Legislative Conference. The next day, during a visit to then-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's (D-Nev.) office, Reid's senior policy advisor Neil Kornze (later the BLM director in the latter years of the Obama administration), told county officials to not let a day go by when NACo did not come to them with an alter-

native PILT formula, because they had the money.

"We had tabled that proposal the day before and NACo, with no formal position, supported an alternative formula," Devlin said.

Counties received two PILT payments in 2008 through the stimulus during the financial crisis, the first of five years of mandatory funding, which was extended though the 2014 farm bill.

The Congressional Research Service found that as of fiscal year 2016, 2,227 counties contained PILT-eligible land, with an average payment of \$202,784 per county. Many counties received more than \$1 million, and 25 counties received more than \$3 million.

The current full funding of PILT totals \$529.6 million under the current omnibus spending bill, but counties are seeking PILT to be cemented as a mandatory program, which would make budgeting more predictable.

Seeking a formula for prosperity

Devlin remains concerned about the future of the formula for two main reasons. It lumps together counties with populations of 5,000 and under, and the fate of the Secure Rural Schools funding program may leave some counties at a disadvantage.

The population range is a problem because it includes 321 counties, and there's a great amount of variability in that range of very rural counties.

"When Congress looks at this, they look at it from 10,000 feet," Devlin said. "Then they say, 'Well geez, we're giving you guys such and such an acre, if there's a lot of counties getting a significant amount...the average looks pretty good.' The small counties, because of the population caps, gives the impression that it's OK."

The fate of the Secure Rural Schools program is an issue because if it ends, some counties will be better off, because they will no longer have their SRS payments deducted from their PILT payment, while others could see their PILT payments decrease as SRS counties would be eligible for a larger share of the PILT pie.

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Snyder served in George H.W. Bush's administration

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sented Cattaraugus County together for eight years.

After his stint as NACo president, Snyder followed it up with a year as president of the New York State Association of Counties before serving two years as Bush's director of intergovernmental affairs.

The elder Snyder was so driven to help people, Joe said, because of the opportunity that a Syracuse University basketball scholarship offered him.

"That was the big break in his life that got him on a great path," Joe Snyder said. "He grew up very hard, his father died when he was six years old, and they were absolutely dirt poor. Being able to go to college was sort of the stepping-stone that set him up to do well in life."

That motivated Snyder's push to bring a branch campus of the Jamestown Community College to the county. On the interpersonal side, he maintained a collegial rapport with his colleagues at the Legislature, with a focus on remaining constructive and cordial.

"He was old school. He didn't believe we're there to be enemies," Joe said. "You're allowed to have spirited debates, but don't insult each other and do take the time to listen to one another. His attitude has always been the more opinions that were views of an issue you could collect, the better the out-

come of the decision would be. Once the decision was made, you accept the results, your way or not.

"It's pretty easy to live in a small town to put the blinders on and think 'This is this is how life is.' He was always pretty adamant that he traveled a lot."

Soon after China opened in the 1970s, Snyder visited and brought a big bag full of I<3NY buttons and handed them out on street corners.

"There are photos of dozens of little kids in the street surrounding this six-foot-six man handing out buttons," Joe Snyder said. "I bet those buttons are still in some jewelry boxes in those homes in China."

While other politicians leave office to spend more time with their families, Snyder made family involvement part of his service, involving his four children, often taking them on trips to conferences and to visit other counties or participate in local political events.

"We would be out visiting polls on election night with him, getting the numbers, then when we got older, we had to go get our own numbers and report back to him," said Shayne Certo, his daughter who also accompanied Snyder on work trips. "It was really cool to see your father walk into a conference hall with 5,000 people and see them listening to what he had to say. We were very lucky to be able to travel with him."

Known far and wide as a playful jokester, Snyder could also be strict.

"When we were little kids and we got in trouble, I'm talking like or five years old, six years... we never got spanked, but we would have to watch the evening news and not say a word," Certo said.

What kept Jim Snyder in county government so long was the opportunity to help people.

"What he loved about it was that he had the ability to find sources to help people," she said. "Whether it's getting grants to put in a kayak launch or bringing a community college to your community, there was always something he wanted to do."

The State University of New York Board of Trustees awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2021 through the Cattaraugus campus he helped bring to town. Snyder was named County Leader of the Year for 1990 by *American City and County Magazine* and was adopted into the Seneca Nation of Indians as a member of the Hawk Clan. He served in active and reserve duty in the U.S. Army and after his basketball career at Syracuse, earned a master's degree from St. Bonaventure University.

In addition, his professional career involved helping people in need, too. He was the regional vice president of AAA of Western and Central New York. **CN**



Jim Snyder, right, stands with (from left) former NACo President Harvey Ruvin and former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo. Photo courtesy of the Snyder family

HOW COUNTIES CAN BUILD WILDFIRE RESILIENCE



by Jack Morgan

Wildfires have been increasing in size, duration and destruction to communities over the past 20 years, reaching crisis-level conditions across the nation primarily in the West.

Today, nearly a quarter of the contiguous United States is at a moderate-to-very high risk of wildfire. With traditional “fire season” approaching, many counties unfortunately know all too well that fire seasons have often transformed into entire “fire years,” requiring a year-round workforce for suppression, recovery and planning for future wildfires.

Wildfire risk has reached its current crisis level due to a series of factors, such as accumu-

lating fuels from fire-exclusion forest management practices and expanded population growth and development into fire-prone forested landscapes, referred to as the wildland-urban interface (WUI).

As county leaders grapple with wildfire risk and destruction, expert practitioners and local leaders have developed a variety of tools and strategies to help mitigate impacts on lives, property and communities. As counties are uniquely positioned to mitigate wildfire through effective land use planning, land management and community engagement, NACo has developed a new resource – Building Wildfire Resilience: A Land Use Toolbox for County Leaders.

In coordination with the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy, this resource toolbox is composed of science-based approaches available to educate, equip and empower counties to help create resilient landscapes, build fire-adapted communities and foster safe, effective wildfire response. Through the support of the Hewlett Foundation, this resource features expertise and key strategies identified with guidance from groups such as the Community Wildfire Planning Center and Community Planning Assistance for Wildfires.

Impactful land use planning and management tools available for counties to review and take action include community

plans, such as comprehensive plans and community wildfire protection plans; land use and development codes, such as subdivision ordinances or building codes; and fuel reduction strategies both at the home and landscape level, such as home hardening, defensible space or prescribed fire).

Chaffee County, Colo., for example, developed its “Next Generation Community Wildfire Protection Plan” through over a year of robust engagement with a variety of partners, residents and other stakeholders.

The plan includes data and geospatial risk analysis and identifies “targeted fuel treatment priorities of 5 to 10 percent of the landscape to reduce

overall risk to the county by 50 to 70 percent.”

The plan also identifies goals for zoning updates and strategies for community engagement. Putting the plan into action, Chaffee County voters approved a quarter-cent sales tax increase in 2018 to launch an innovative funding mechanism — Chaffee Common Ground — (<https://chaffeecommonground.org/>) to support and implement projects in forest restoration and land preservation in priority areas. **CN**

The Building Wildfire Resilience Land Use Toolbox for County Leaders can be found at <https://www.naco.org/resources/building-wildfire-resilience>.

County officials’ turnover makes education on PILT advocacy paramount

From PILT page 7

“In my county’s case, why should I support SRS when the money that would replace it could be used for any governmental purpose, give me a lot more flexibility,” he said.

“Some counties would benefit from SRS going away and others

would suffer.”

He was encouraged by Sen. Steve Daines’ (D-Mont.) Small County PILT Parity Act in the last Congress, which would have increased the maximum PILT payment for counties with a population below 4,500, though the bill did not make it past the Energy and Natural Resources

Committee.

The challenge is taking an esoteric topic to a wider audience, winning support from the population center in the East that has little-to-no familiarity with public lands funding.

Devlin proposes starting by educating additional NACo steering committees, explaining

how policies on Western lands could have consequences for Eastern counties, with hopes of building a broader coalition.

“PILT is complicated,” Devlin said.

“It’s political. It’s dollars that are such a huge part of federal land counties budgets that trying to make fair or equitable across

the board very well might take more money,” he noted.

As for where to go, he looks for opportunities to put the issue in proper context, which can be challenging, given its complexity.

“Testimony in front of Congress would help, but five minutes isn’t long enough.” **CN**



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Attendees get the lay of the land in the Permafrost Tunnel Research Facility in Alaska. Photo by Hugh Clarke



Stevens County, Wash. Commissioner Wes McCart tries his hand at ice fishing off of Kotzebue. Photo by Charlie Ban



Pat Pitney, president of the University of Alaska and a 1984 Olympic gold medalist in the 10 meter air rifle, speaks to members during a luncheon. Photo by Hugh Clarke



Conference attendees take photos of the Kenai fjords from the deck of the Spirit of Adventure. Photo by Chris Wathen



Julia Hnilicka, Alaska director for USDA Rural Development, addresses the Rural Action Caucus' business meeting. Photo by Hugh Clarke

A contingent from New Mexico includes Joy Esparsen, N.M. Association of Counties (far left); Union County Commissioner Justin Bennett (in black hat, rear); Chaves County Commissioner Will Cavin (in white hat) and Valencia County Manager Danny Monette (in gray shirt). Photo by Hugh Clarke



Beaver County, Utah Commissioner Tammy Pearson receives the Dale Sowards Award, recognizing public lands leadership, from WIR Past President Mark Whitney. Photo by Hugh Clarke



2022 NACo ELECTION



During NACo’s 2022 Annual Conference in Adams County, Colo., delegates from member counties will cast votes for a new executive leadership team and new policy positions for the American County Platform. Following are the vote totals for each member county. The number of votes assigned to each county is based on a formula that awards one vote for every \$1,200 (or fraction thereof) paid in NACo dues. County delegates must be present at the Annual Business Meeting, Sunday, July 24, to cast their vote. **See page 16 for more info.**

ALABAMA	Washington County..... 1	Cross County..... 1	Colusa County..... 1	Cheyenne County..... 1	FLORIDA
Autauga County..... 1	Wilcox County..... 1	Dallas County..... 1	Contra Costa County..... 18	Clear Creek County..... 1	Alachua County..... 5
Baldwin County..... 3	Winston County..... 1	Desha County..... 1	Del Norte County..... 1	Conejos County..... 1	Baker County..... 1
Barbour County..... 1	Total 113	Drew County..... 1	El Dorado County..... 3	Crowley County..... 1	Bay County..... 3
Bibb County..... 1	ALASKA	Faulkner County..... 2	Fresno County..... 16	Custer County..... 1	Bradford County..... 1
Blount County..... 1	Aleutians East Borough..... 1	Franklin County..... 1	Glenn County..... 1	Delta County..... 1	Brevard County..... 10
Bullock County..... 1	Anchorage Municipality..... 5	Fulton County..... 1	Humboldt County..... 3	Denver City and County..... 11	Broward County..... 30
Butler County..... 1	Bristol Bay Borough..... 1	Garland County..... 2	Imperial County..... 3	Dolores County..... 1	Calhoun County..... 1
Calhoun County..... 2	City and Borough of Juneau..... 1	Grant County..... 1	Inyo County..... 1	Douglas County..... 3	Charlotte County..... 3
Chambers County..... 1	City and Borough of Sitka..... 1	Greene County..... 1	Kern County..... 13	Eagle County..... 1	Citrus County..... 3
Cherokee County..... 1	City and Borough of Wrangell.. 1	Hempstead County..... 1	Kings County..... 3	El Paso County..... 10	Clay County..... 3
Chilton County..... 1	City and Borough of Yakutat.... 1	Hot Spring County..... 1	Lake County..... 2	Elbert County..... 1	Collier County..... 5
Choctaw County..... 1	Denali Borough..... 1	Howard County..... 1	Lassen County..... 1	Fremont County..... 1	Columbia County..... 2
Clarke County..... 1	Fairbanks North Star Borough. 2	Independence County..... 1	Los Angeles County..... 51	Garfield County..... 1	DeSoto County..... 1
Clay County..... 1	Haines Borough..... 1	Izard County..... 1	Madera County..... 3	Gilpin County..... 1	Dixie County..... 1
Cleburne County..... 1	Kenai Peninsula Borough..... 1	Jackson County..... 1	Marin County..... 5	Grand County..... 1	Duval County/
Coffee County..... 1	Ketchikan Gateway Borough.... 1	Jefferson County..... 2	Mariposa County..... 1	Gunnison County..... 1	City of Jacksonville..... 15
Colbert County..... 1	Kodiak Island Borough..... 1	Johnson County..... 1	Mendocino County..... 2	Hinsdale County..... 1	Escambia County..... 5
Conecuh County..... 1	Lake And Peninsula Borough... 1	Lafayette County..... 1	Merced County..... 4	Huerfano County..... 1	Flagler County..... 1
Coosa County..... 1	Matanuska-Susitna Borough... 2	Lawrence County..... 1	Modoc County..... 1	Jackson County..... 1	Franklin County..... 1
Covington County..... 1	North Slope Borough..... 1	Lee County..... 1	Mono County..... 1	Jefferson County..... 9	Gadsden County..... 1
Crenshaw County..... 1	Northwest Arctic Borough..... 1	Lincoln County..... 1	Monterey County..... 7	Kit Carson County..... 1	Gilchrist County..... 1
Cullman County..... 2	Petersburg Borough..... 1	Little River County..... 1	Napa County..... 3	La Plata County..... 1	Glades County..... 1
Dale County..... 1	Skagway Borough..... 1	Logan County..... 1	Nevada County..... 2	Lake County..... 1	Gulf County..... 1
Dallas County..... 1	Total 25	Lonoke County..... 1	Orange County..... 42	Larimer County..... 5	Hamilton County..... 1
DeKalb County..... 2	ARIZONA	Madison County..... 1	Placer County..... 5	Las Animas County..... 1	Hardee County..... 1
Elmore County..... 2	Apache County..... 2	Marion County..... 1	Plumas County..... 1	Lincoln County..... 1	Hendry County..... 1
Escambia County..... 1	Cochise County..... 3	Miller County..... 1	Riverside County..... 29	Logan County..... 1	Hernando County..... 3
Etowah County..... 2	Coconino County..... 3	Mississippi County..... 1	Sacramento County..... 24	Mesa County..... 3	Highlands County..... 2
Fayette County..... 1	Gila County..... 1	Monroe County..... 1	San Benito County..... 1	Mineral County..... 1	Hillsborough County..... 19
Franklin County..... 1	Graham County..... 1	Montgomery County..... 1	San Bernardino County..... 33	Moffat County..... 1	Holmes County..... 1
Geneva County..... 1	Greenlee County..... 1	Nevada County..... 1	San Diego County..... 42	Montezuma County..... 1	Indian River County..... 3
Greene County..... 1	La Paz County..... 1	Newton County..... 1	San Francisco City and County14	Montrose County..... 1	Jackson County..... 1
Hale County..... 1	Maricopa County..... 42	Ouachita County..... 1	San Joaquin County..... 11	Morgan County..... 1	Jefferson County..... 1
Henry County..... 1	Mohave County..... 3	Perry County..... 1	San Luis Obispo County..... 5	Otero County..... 1	Lafayette County..... 1
Houston County..... 2	Navajo County..... 2	Phillips County..... 1	San Mateo County..... 12	Ouray County..... 1	Lake County..... 4
Jackson County..... 1	Pima County..... 16	Pike County..... 1	Santa Barbara County..... 8	Park County..... 1	Lee County..... 9
Jefferson County..... 11	Pinal County..... 3	Poinsett County..... 1	Santa Clara County..... 30	Phillips County..... 1	Leon County..... 5
Lamar County..... 1	Santa Cruz County..... 1	Polk County..... 1	Santa Cruz County..... 5	Pitkin County..... 1	Levy County..... 1
Lauderdale County..... 2	Yavapai County..... 3	Pope County..... 2	Shasta County..... 3	Prowers County..... 1	Liberty County..... 1
Lawrence County..... 1	Yuma County..... 3	Prairie County..... 1	Sierra County..... 1	Pueblo County..... 3	Madison County..... 1
Lee County..... 3	Total 85	Pulaski County..... 7	Siskiyou County..... 1	Rio Blanco County..... 1	Manatee County..... 5
Limestone County..... 2	ARKANSAS	Randolph County..... 1	Solano County..... 7	Rio Grande County..... 1	Marion County..... 5
Lowndes County..... 1	Arkansas County..... 1	Saline County..... 2	Sonoma County..... 9	Routt County..... 1	Martin County..... 3
Macon County..... 1	Ashley County..... 1	Scott County..... 1	Stanislaus County..... 9	Saguache County..... 1	Miami-Dade County..... 42
Madison County..... 6	Baxter County..... 1	Searcy County..... 1	Sutter County..... 2	San Juan County..... 1	Monroe County..... 2
Marengo County..... 1	Benton County..... 3	Sebastian County..... 3	Tehama County..... 2	San Miguel County..... 1	Nassau County..... 2
Marion County..... 1	Boone County..... 1	Sevier County..... 1	Trinity County..... 1	Sedgwick County..... 1	Okaloosa County..... 4
Marshall County..... 2	Bradley County..... 1	Sharp County..... 1	Tulare County..... 8	Summit County..... 1	Okeechobee County..... 1
Mobile County..... 7	Calhoun County..... 1	St. Francis County..... 1	Tuolumne County..... 1	Teller County..... 1	Orange County..... 16
Monroe County..... 1	Carroll County..... 1	Stone County..... 1	Ventura County..... 14	Weld County..... 4	Osceola County..... 3
Montgomery County..... 4	Chicot County..... 1	Union County..... 1	Yolo County..... 4	Yuma County..... 1	Palm Beach County..... 21
Morgan County..... 2	Clark County..... 1	Van Buren County..... 1	Yuba County..... 2	Total 120	Pasco County..... 7
Perry County..... 1	Clay County..... 1	Washington County..... 3	Total 505	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Pinellas County..... 16
Pickens County..... 1	Cleburne County..... 1	White County..... 2	COLORADO	District Of Columbia..... 11	Polk County..... 10
Pike County..... 1	Cleveland County..... 1	Woodruff County..... 1	Adams County..... 7	Total 11	Putnam County..... 2
Randolph County..... 1	Columbia County..... 1	Yell County..... 1	Alamosa County..... 1	DELAWARE	Santa Rosa County..... 3
Russell County..... 1	Conway County..... 1	CALIFORNIA	Arapahoe County..... 10	Kent County..... 3	Sarasota County..... 7
Shelby County..... 3	Craighead County..... 2	Alameda County..... 26	Archuleta County..... 1	New Castle County..... 9	Seminole County..... 7
St. Clair County..... 2	Crawford County..... 1	Alpine County..... 1	Baca County..... 1	Sussex County..... 3	St. Johns County..... 3
Sumter County..... 1	Crittenden County..... 1	Amador County..... 1	Bent County..... 1	Total 15	St. Lucie County..... 4
Talladega County..... 2		Butte County..... 4	Boulder County..... 5		Sumter County..... 1
Tallapoosa County..... 1		Calaveras County..... 1	Broomfield City and County..... 1		Suwannee County..... 1
Tuscaloosa County..... 4			Chaffee County..... 1		Taylor County..... 1
Walker County..... 2					Union County..... 1

Volusia County.....	9
Wakulla County.....	1
Walton County.....	1
Washington County.....	1

Total 329

GEORGIA

Appling County.....	1
Athens-Clarke County.....	2
Atkinson County.....	1
Augusta-Richmond County.....	4
Bacon County.....	1
Baker County.....	1
Baldwin County.....	1
Banks County.....	1
Barrow County.....	1
Bartow County.....	2
Ben Hill County.....	1
Berrien County.....	1
Bleckley County.....	1
Brantley County.....	1
Brooks County.....	1
Bryan County.....	1
Bulloch County.....	2
Burke County.....	1
Butts County.....	1
Calhoun County.....	1
Camden County.....	1
Candler County.....	1
Carroll County.....	2
Catoosa County.....	1
Charlton County.....	1
Chatham County.....	5
Chattooga County.....	1
Cherokee County.....	3
Clay County.....	1
Clayton County.....	5
Clinch County.....	1
Cobb County.....	11
Coffee County.....	1
Colquitt County.....	1
Columbia County.....	2
Columbus-Muscogee County.....	4
Cook County.....	1
Coweta County.....	2
Crawford County.....	1
Crisp County.....	1
Cusseta-Chattahoochee County.....	1
Dade County.....	1
Dawson County.....	1
Decatur County.....	1
DeKalb County.....	12
Dodge County.....	1
Dooly County.....	1
Dougherty County.....	2
Douglas County.....	2
Early County.....	1
Echols County.....	1
Effingham County.....	1
Elbert County.....	1
Emanuel County.....	1
Evans County.....	1
Fannin County.....	1
Fayette County.....	2
Floyd County.....	2
Forsyth County.....	2
Franklin County.....	1
Fulton County.....	16
Georgetown-Quitman County.....	1
Gilmer County.....	1
Glascocock County.....	1
Glynn County.....	2
Gordon County.....	1
Grady County.....	1
Greene County.....	1
Gwinnett County.....	10
Habersham County.....	1
Hall County.....	3

Hancock County.....	1
Haralson County.....	1
Harris County.....	1
Hart County.....	1
Heard County.....	1
Henry County.....	2
Houston County.....	3
Irwin County.....	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jasper County.....	1
Jeff Davis County.....	1
Jefferson County.....	1
Jenkins County.....	1
Johnson County.....	1
Jones County.....	1
Lamar County.....	1
Lanier County.....	1
Laurens County.....	1
Lee County.....	1
Liberty County.....	2
Lincoln County.....	1
Long County.....	1
Lowndes County.....	2
Lumpkin County.....	1
Macon County.....	1
Macon-Bibb County.....	3
Madison County.....	1
Marion County.....	1
McDuffie County.....	1
McIntosh County.....	1
Meriwether County.....	1
Miller County.....	1
Mitchell County.....	1
Monroe County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	1
Morgan County.....	1
Murray County.....	1
Newton County.....	2
Oconee County.....	1
Oglethorpe County.....	1
Paulding County.....	2
Peach County.....	1
Pickens County.....	1
Pierce County.....	1
Pike County.....	1
Polk County.....	1
Pulaski County.....	1
Putnam County.....	1
Rabun County.....	1
Randolph County.....	1
Rockdale County.....	2
Schley County.....	1
Screven County.....	1
Seminole County.....	1
Spalding County.....	2
Stephens County.....	1
Stewart County.....	1
Sumter County.....	1
Talbot County.....	1
Taliaferro County.....	1
Tattnall County.....	1
Taylor County.....	1
Telfair County.....	1
Terrell County.....	1
Thomas County.....	1
Tift County.....	1
Toombs County.....	1
Towns County.....	1
Treutlen County.....	1
Troup County.....	2
Turner County.....	1
Twiggs County.....	1
Union County.....	1
Upson County.....	1
Walker County.....	2
Walton County.....	1
Ware County.....	1
Warren County.....	1
Washington County.....	1

Wayne County.....	1
Webster County.....	1
Wheeler County.....	1
White County.....	1
Whitfield County.....	2
Wilcox County.....	1
Wilkes County.....	1
Wilkinson County.....	1
Worth County.....	1

Total 248

HAWAII

Hawaii County.....	3
Honolulu City and County.....	16
Kauai County.....	2
Maui County.....	3

Total 24

IDAHO

Ada County.....	6
Adams County.....	1
Bannock County.....	2
Bear Lake County.....	1
Benewah County.....	1
Bingham County.....	1
Blaine County.....	1
Boise County.....	1
Bonner County.....	1
Bonneville County.....	2
Boundary County.....	1
Butte County.....	1
Camas County.....	1
Canyon County.....	3
Caribou County.....	1
Cassia County.....	1
Clark County.....	1
Clearwater County.....	1
Custer County.....	1
Elmore County.....	1
Franklin County.....	1
Fremont County.....	1
Gem County.....	1
Gooding County.....	1
Idaho County.....	1
Jefferson County.....	1
Jerome County.....	1
Kootenai County.....	2
Latah County.....	1
Lemhi County.....	1
Lewis County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Madison County.....	1
Minidoka County.....	1
Nez Perce County.....	1
Oneida County.....	1
Owyhee County.....	1
Payette County.....	1
Power County.....	1
Shoshone County.....	1
Teton County.....	1
Twin Falls County.....	2
Valley County.....	1
Washington County.....	1

Total 104

ILLINOIS

Adams County.....	2
Alexander County.....	1
Bond County.....	1
Boone County.....	1
Brown County.....	1
Bureau County.....	1
Calhoun County.....	1
Carroll County.....	1
Cass County.....	1
Champaign County.....	4
Christian County.....	1
Clark County.....	1
Clay County.....	1

Clinton County.....	1
Cook County.....	49
Crawford County.....	1
Cumberland County.....	1
De Witt County.....	1
DeKalb County.....	2
DuPage County.....	16
Edgar County.....	1
Edwards County.....	1
Effingham County.....	1
Fayette County.....	1
Fulton County.....	1
Gallatin County.....	1
Grundy County.....	1
Hamilton County.....	1
Henderson County.....	1
Henry County.....	1
Iroquois County.....	1
Jackson County.....	2
Jasper County.....	1
Jefferson County.....	1
Jo Daviess County.....	1
Johnson County.....	1
Kane County.....	8
Kankakee County.....	2
Kendall County.....	1
Knox County.....	1
Lake County.....	12
LaSalle County.....	2
Lawrence County.....	1
Lee County.....	1
Livingston County.....	1
Logan County.....	1
Macon County.....	2
Madison County.....	5
Marion County.....	1
Marshall County.....	1
Mason County.....	1
Massac County.....	1
McDonough County.....	1
McHenry County.....	5
McLean County.....	3
Menard County.....	1
Monroe County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	1
Morgan County.....	1
Moultrie County.....	1
Ogle County.....	1
Peoria County.....	4
Perry County.....	1
Piatt County.....	1
Pike County.....	1
Pope County.....	1
Pulaski County.....	1
Putnam County.....	1
Randolph County.....	1
Richland County.....	1
Saline County.....	1
Schuyler County.....	1
Shelby County.....	1
St. Clair County.....	5
Stark County.....	1
Stephenson County.....	1
Tazewell County.....	3
Union County.....	1
Wabash County.....	1
Warren County.....	1
Washington County.....	1
Wayne County.....	1
White County.....	1
Whiteside County.....	1
Will County.....	9
Williamson County.....	2
Winnebago County.....	5
Woodford County.....	1

Total 210

INDIANA

Adams County.....	1
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Allen County.....	6
Bartholomew County.....	2
Benton County.....	1
Blackford County.....	1
Boone County.....	1
Brown County.....	1
Clinton County.....	1
Daviess County.....	1
Dearborn County.....	1
Decatur County.....	1
DeKalb County.....	1
Dubois County.....	1
Elkhart County.....	4
Floyd County.....	2
Fountain County.....	1
Franklin County.....	1
Fulton County.....	1
Greene County.....	1
Hamilton County.....	3
Harrison County.....	1
Hendricks County.....	2
Henry County.....	1
Huntington County.....	1
Indianapolis and Marion County.....	16
Jay County.....	1
Jennings County.....	1
Johnson County.....	3
Knox County.....	1
Kosciusko County.....	2
Lake County.....	9
LaPorte County.....	2
Madison County.....	3
Marshall County.....	1
Monroe County.....	3
Montgomery County.....	1
Morgan County.....	2
Newton County.....	1
Noble County.....	1
Ohio County.....	1
Owen County.....	1
Parke County.....	1
Perry County.....	1
Pike County.....	1
Porter County.....	3
Posey County.....	1
Pulaski County.....	1
Putnam County.....	1
Randolph County.....	1
Rush County.....	1
Shelby County.....	1
Spencer County.....	1
Starke County.....	1
Steuben County.....	1
Sullivan County.....	1
Switzerland County.....	1
Tipton County.....	1
Vanderburgh County.....	3
Vermillion County.....	1
Vigo County.....	2
Warrick County.....	1
Washington County.....	1
Wayne County.....	2
Wells County.....	1
White County.....	1

Total 116

IOWA

Adair County.....	1
Adams County.....	1
Allamakee County.....	1
Appanoose County.....	1
Benton County.....	1
Black Hawk County.....	3
Boone County.....	1
Bremer County.....	1
Buchanan County.....	1
Buena Vista County.....	1
Butler County.....	1

Calhoun County.....	1
Carroll County.....	1
Cedar County.....	1
Cerro Gordo County.....	1
Cherokee County.....	1
Chickasaw County.....	1
Clarke County.....	1
Clay County.....	1
Clayton County.....	1
Clinton County.....	1
Crawford County.....	1
Dallas County.....	1
Davis County.....	1
Des Moines County.....	1
Dickinson County.....	1
Dubuque County.....	2
Emmet County.....	1
Franklin County.....	1
Fremont County.....	1
Greene County.....	1
Grundy County.....	1
Hamilton County.....	1
Hardin County.....	1
Harrison County.....	1
Henry County.....	1
Howard County.....	1
Humboldt County.....	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jasper County.....	1
Jefferson County.....	1
Johnson County.....	3
Jones County.....	1
Keokuk County.....	1
Kossuth County.....	1
Lee County.....	1
Linn County.....	4
Lucas County.....	1
Lyon County.....	1
Mahaska County.....	1
Marion County.....	1
Marshall County.....	1
Mills County.....	1
Mitchell County.....	1
Monona County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	1
Osceola County.....	1
Page County.....	1
Palo Alto County.....	1
Plymouth County.....	1
Pocahontas County.....	1
Polk County.....	8
Pottawattamie County.....	2
Poweshiek County.....	1
Ringgold County.....	1
Sac County.....	1
Scott County.....	3
Shelby County.....	1
Sioux County.....	1
Story County.....	2
Tama County.....	1
Taylor County.....	1
Union County.....	1
Van Buren County.....	1
Wapello County.....	1
Warren County.....	1
Washington County.....	1
Wayne County.....	1
Webster County.....	1
Winnebago County.....	1
Winneshiek County.....	1
Woodbury County.....	2
Worth County.....	1
Wright County.....	1

Total 104

KANSAS

Allen County.....	1
Atchison County.....	1
Barber County.....	1
Barton County.....	1

Bourbon County.....	1
Brown County.....	1
Butler County.....	2
Cloud County.....	1
Coffey County.....	1
Crawford County.....	1
Decatur County.....	1
Dickinson County.....	1
Douglas County.....	2
Elk County.....	1
Ellis County.....	1
Ellsworth County.....	1
Finney County.....	1
Ford County.....	1
Franklin County.....	1
Geary County.....	1
Gove County.....	1
Graham County.....	1
Grant County.....	1
Greeley County.....	1
Greenwood County.....	1
Harvey County.....	1
Haskell County.....	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jefferson County.....	1
Jewell County.....	1
Johnson County.....	9
Labette County.....	1
Leavenworth County.....	2
Linn County.....	1
Marion County.....	1
Marshall County.....	1
McPherson County.....	1
Meade County.....	1
Miami County.....	1
Mitchell County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	1
Morris County.....	1
Nemaha County.....	1
Neosho County.....	1
Ness County.....	1
Norton County.....	1
Osage County.....	1
Ottawa County.....	1
Pawnee County.....	1
Phillips County.....	1
Pottawatomie County.....	1
Pratt County.....	1
Rawlins County.....	1
Reno County.....	2
Republic County.....	1
Rice County.....	1
Riley County.....	2
Rooks County.....	1
Russell County.....	1
Saline County.....	1
Sedgwick County.....	9
Seward County.....	1
Shawnee County.....	3
Sherman County.....	1
Smith County.....	1
Stafford County.....	1
Stanton County.....	1
Stevens County.....	1
Trego County.....	1
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City.....	3
Washington County.....	1
Wilson County.....	1

Total 97

KENTUCKY

Adair County.....	1
Allen County.....	1
Anderson County.....	1
Ballard County.....	1
Barren County.....	1
Bath County.....	1
Bell County.....	1

Boone County.....	2
Bourbon County.....	1
Boyd County.....	1
Boyle County.....	1
Bracken County.....	1
Breathitt County.....	1
Breckinridge County.....	1
Bullitt County.....	2
Butler County.....	1
Caldwell County.....	1
Calloway County.....	1
Campbell County.....	2
Carlisle County.....	1
Carroll County.....	1
Carter County.....	1
Casey County.....	1
Christian County.....	2
Clark County.....	1
Clay County.....	1
Clinton County.....	1
Crittenden County.....	1
Cumberland County.....	1
Daviess County.....	2
Edmonson County.....	1
Elliott County.....	1
Estill County.....	1
Fleming County.....	1
Floyd County.....	1
Franklin County.....	1
Fulton County.....	1
Gallatin County.....	1
Garrard County.....	1
Grant County.....	1
Graves County.....	1
Grayson County.....	1
Green County.....	1
Greenup County.....	1
Hancock County.....	1
Hardin County.....	2
Harlan County.....	1
Harrison County.....	1
Hart County.....	1
Henderson County.....	1
Henry County.....	1
Hickman County.....	1
Hopkins County.....	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jessamine County.....	1
Johnson County.....	1
Kenton County.....	3
Knott County.....	1
Knox County.....	1
LaRue County.....	1
Laurel County.....	1
Lawrence County.....	1
Lee County.....	1
Leslie County.....	1
Letcher County.....	1
Lewis County.....	1
Lexington-Fayette County.....	5
Lincoln County.....	1
Livingston County.....	1
Logan County.....	1
Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government.....	13
Lyon County.....	1
Madison County.....	2
Magoffin County.....	1
Marion County.....	1
Marshall County.....	1
Martin County.....	1
Mason County.....	1
McCracken County.....	2
McCreary County.....	1
McLean County.....	1
Meade County.....	1
Menifee County.....	1
Mercer County.....	1
Metcalfe County.....	1

Monroe County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	1
Morgan County.....	1
Muhlenberg County.....	1
Nelson County.....	1
Nicholas County.....	1
Ohio County.....	1
Oldham County.....	1
Owen County.....	1
Owsley County.....	1
Pendleton County.....	1
Perry County.....	1
Pike County.....	2
Powell County.....	1
Pulaski County.....	2
Robertson County.....	1
Rockcastle County.....	1
Rowan County.....	1
Russell County.....	1
Scott County.....	1
Shelby County.....	1
Simpson County.....	1
Spencer County.....	1
Taylor County.....	1
Todd County.....	1
Trigg County.....	1
Trimble County.....	1
Union County.....	1
Warren County.....	2
Washington County.....	1
Wayne County.....	1
Webster County.....	1
Whitley County.....	1
Wolfe County.....	1
Woodford County.....	1

Total 149

LOUISIANA

Acadia Parish.....	2
Allen Parish.....	1
Ascension Parish.....	2
Assumption Parish.....	1
Beauregard Parish.....	1
Bienville Parish.....	1
Bossier Parish.....	2
Caddo Parish.....	5
Calcasieu Parish.....	4
Caldwell Parish.....	1
Cameron Parish.....	1
Claiborne Parish.....	1
Concordia Parish.....	1
DeSoto Parish.....	1
East Baton Rouge Parish.....	8
East Feliciana Parish.....	1
Evangeline Parish.....	1
Franklin Parish.....	1
Grant Parish.....	1
Iberia Parish.....	2
Iberville Parish.....	1
Jackson Parish.....	1
Jefferson Davis Parish.....	1
Jefferson Parish.....	8
Lafayette Consolidated Government 4.....	
Lafourche Parish.....	2
LaSalle Parish.....	1
Lincoln Parish.....	1
Livingston Parish.....	2
Madison Parish.....	1
Natchitoches Parish.....	1
Orleans Parish.....	8
Ouachita Parish.....	3
Pointe Coupee Parish.....	1
Rapides Parish.....	3
Red River Parish.....	1
Sabine Parish.....	1
St. Bernard Parish.....	2
St. Charles Parish.....	1
St. Helena Parish.....	1

St. James Parish.....	1
St. John The Baptist Parish.....	1
St. Landry Parish.....	2
St. Martin Parish.....	1
St. Mary Parish.....	1
St. Tammany Parish.....	4
Tangipahoa Parish.....	2
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.....	2
Union Parish.....	1
Vermilion Parish.....	1
Vernon Parish.....	1
Washington Parish.....	1
Webster Parish.....	1
West Baton Rouge Parish.....	1
West Feliciana Parish.....	1
Winn Parish.....	1

Total 104

MAINE

Androscoggin County.....	2
Aroostook County.....	2
Cumberland County.....	5
Hancock County.....	1
Kennebec County.....	3
Knox County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Oxford County.....	1
Penobscot County.....	3
Piscataquis County.....	1
Sagadahoc County.....	1
Somerset County.....	1
Washington County.....	1
York County.....	4

Total 27

MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable County.....	1
Bristol County.....	1
Nantucket County.....	1
Norfolk County.....	1
Plymouth County.....	1

Total 5

MARYLAND

Allegany County.....	2
Anne Arundel County.....	9
Baltimore City.....	11
Baltimore County.....	14
Calvert County.....	2
Caroline County.....	1
Carroll County.....	3
Cecil County.....	2
Charles County.....	3
Dorchester County.....	1
Frederick County.....	4
Garrett County.....	1
Harford County.....	5
Howard County.....	5
Kent County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	17
Prince George’s County.....	15
Queen Anne’s County.....	1
Somerset County.....	1
St. Mary’s County.....	2
Talbot County.....	1
Washington County.....	3
Wicomico County.....	2
Worcester County.....	1

Total 107

MICHIGAN

Alger County.....	1
Allegan County.....	2
Antrim County.....	1
Bay County.....	2
Branch County.....	1
Calhoun County.....	3

Charlevoix County.....	1
Cheboygan County.....	1
Clare County.....	1
Clinton County.....	2
Crawford County.....	1
Delta County.....	1
Dickinson County.....	1
Emmet County.....	1
Gogebic County.....	1
Grand Traverse County.....	2
Houghton County.....	1
Huron County.....	1
Iosco County.....	1
Iron County.....	1
Isabella County.....	2
Jackson County.....	3
Kalamazoo County.....	5
Kent County.....	11
Lake County.....	1
Leelanau County.....	1
Lenawee County.....	2
Mackinac County.....	1
Macomb County.....	15
Manistee County.....	1
Marquette County.....	2
Midland County.....	2
Missaukee County.....	1
Montcalm County.....	2
Muskegon County.....	3
Newaygo County.....	1
Oakland County.....	21
Oceana County.....	1
Ontonagon County.....	1
Osceola County.....	1
Oscoda County.....	1
Otsego County.....	1
Ottawa County.....	5
Roscommon County.....	1
Saginaw County.....	4
St. Clair County.....	3
Tuscola County.....	1
Van Buren County.....	2
Washtenaw County.....	6
Wayne County.....	32
Wexford County.....	1

Total 160

MINNESOTA

Aitkin County.....	1
Anoka County.....	6
Becker County.....	1
Beltrami County.....	1
Benton County.....	1
Big Stone County.....	1
Blue Earth County.....	2
Brown County.....	1
Carlton County.....	1
Carver County.....	2
Cass County.....	1
Chippewa County.....	1
Chisago County.....	1
Clay County.....	1
Clearwater County.....	1
Cook County.....	1
Cottonwood County.....	1
Crow Wing County.....	2
Dakota County.....	7
Dodge County.....	1
Douglas County.....	1
Faribault County.....	1
Fillmore County.....	1
Freeborn County.....	1
Goodhue County.....	1
Grant County.....	1
Hennepin County.....	20
Houston County.....	1
Hubbard County.....	1
Isanti County.....	1
Itasca County.....	1

Jackson County.....	1
Kanabec County.....	1
Kandiyohi County.....	1
Kittson County.....	1
Koochiching County.....	1
Lac Qui Parle County.....	1
Lake County.....	1
Lake Of The Woods County.....	1
Le Sueur County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Lyon County.....	1
Mahnomen County.....	1
Marshall County.....	1
Martin County.....	1
McLeod County.....	1
Meeker County.....	1
Mille Lacs County.....	1
Morrison County.....	1
Mower County.....	1
Murray County.....	1
Nicollet County.....	1
Nobles County.....	1
Norman County.....	1
Olmsted County.....	3
Otter Tail County.....	1
Pennington County.....	1
Pine County.....	1
Pipestone County.....	1
Polk County.....	1
Pope County.....	1
Ramsey County.....	9
Red Lake County.....	1
Redwood County.....	1
Renville County.....	1
Rice County.....	2
Rock County.....	1
Roseau County.....	1
Scott County.....	2
Sherburne County.....	2
Sibley County.....	1
St. Louis County.....	4
Stearns County.....	3
Steele County.....	1
Stevens County.....	1
Swift County.....	1
Todd County.....	1
Traverse County.....	1
Wabasha County.....	1
Wadena County.....	1
Waseca County.....	1
Washington County.....	4
Watonwan County.....	1
Wilkin County.....	1
Winona County.....	1
Wright County.....	2
Yellow Medicine County.....	1

Total 142

MISSISSIPPI

Adams County.....	1
Alcorn County.....	1
Attala County.....	1
Benton County.....	1
Bolivar County.....	1
Calhoun County.....	1
Carroll County.....	1
Choctaw County.....	1
Claiborne County.....	1
Clarke County.....	1
Coahoma County.....	1
Copiah County.....	1
Covington County.....	1
DeSoto County.....	2
Forrest County.....	2
Franklin County.....	1
George County.....	1
Grenada County.....	1
Hancock County.....	1
Harrison County.....	4

Hinds County	5
Holmes County	1
Humphreys County.....	1
Itawamba County.....	1
Jackson County.....	3
Jasper County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jefferson Davis County	1
Jones County	2
Kemper County	1
Lafayette County.....	1
Lamar County	1
Lauderdale County.....	2
Lawrence County	1
Leake County	1
Lee County.....	2
Leflore County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Lowndes County.....	1
Madison County.....	2
Marion County	1
Marshall County.....	1
Monroe County	1
Montgomery County.....	1
Neshoba County	1
Newton County	1
Oktibbeha County.....	1
Pearl River County.....	1
Perry County	1
Pontotoc County	1
Prentiss County.....	1
Quitman County.....	1
Rankin County	3
Scott County.....	1
Sharkey County.....	1
Simpson County.....	1
Smith County	1
Stone County	1
Sunflower County	1
Tate County.....	1
Tippah County.....	1
Tishomingo County.....	1
Tunica County	1
Union County	1
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County.....	1
Wilkinson County	1
Yalobusha County	1
Yazoo County	1

Total 88

MISSOURI

Adair County.....	1
Andrew County.....	1
Atchison County.....	1
Audrain County	1
Barry County.....	1
Barton County.....	1
Bates County	1
Benton County.....	1
Boone County	3
Buchanan County.....	2
Caldwell County.....	1
Callaway County.....	1
Camden County	1
Cape Girardeau County.....	2
Carroll County.....	1
Carter County	1
Cedar County	1
Chariton County.....	1
Christian County	1
Cole County	2
Cooper County.....	1
Dallas County	1
DeKalb County.....	1
Dent County.....	1
Franklin County.....	2

Gentry County	1
Greene County	5
Grundy County	1
Henry County	1
Hickory County.....	1
Howard County	1
Howell County.....	1
Jackson County.....	12
Jasper County	2
Johnson County	1
Lafayette County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Linn County	1
Livingston County.....	1
Macon County.....	1
Madison County.....	1
Marion County	1
Miller County	1
Moniteau County	1
Monroe County	1
Morgan County	1
Nodaway County	1
Ozark County	1
Perry County	1
Pettis County	1
Phelps County.....	1
Pike County.....	1
Polk County	1
Pulaski County	1
Ralls County.....	1
Randolph County	1
Ray County.....	1
Reynolds County	1
Scotland County	1
Scott County.....	1
Shannon County	1
St. Clair County.....	1
St. Francois County.....	2
St. Louis County.....	17
Ste. Genevieve County	1
Stone County	1
Sullivan County.....	1
Taney County	1
Texas County.....	1
Vernon County	1
Warren County	1
Washington County.....	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County.....	1
Wright County	1

Total 114

MONTANA

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County .	1
Beaverhead County.....	1
Big Horn County	1
Blaine County	1
Broadwater County.....	1
Butte-Silver Bow County.....	1
Carbon County	1
Carter County	1
Cascade County.....	2
Chouteau County	1
Custer County	1
Daniels County.....	1
Dawson County.....	1
Fallon County.....	1
Fergus County	1
Flathead County.....	2
Gallatin County.....	2
Garfield County.....	1
Glacier County	1
Golden Valley County	1
Granite County.....	1
Hill County.....	1
Jefferson County	1
Judith Basin County	1
Lake County.....	1
Lewis And Clark County.....	2

Liberty County	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Madison County.....	1
McCone County.....	1
Meagher County.....	1
Mineral County	1
Missoula County.....	2
Musselshell County.....	1
Park County	1
Petroleum County	1
Phillips County.....	1
Pondera County	1
Powder River County	1
Powell County	1
Prairie County	1
Ravalli County.....	1
Richland County.....	1
Roosevelt County	1
Rosebud County.....	1
Sanders County	1
Sheridan County	1
Stillwater County.....	1
Sweet Grass County	1
Teton County.....	1
Toole County.....	1
Treasure County	1
Valley County	1
Wheatland County.....	1
Wibaux County.....	1
Yellowstone County	3

Total 63

NORTH CAROLINA

Alamance County	3
Alexander County	1
Ashe County.....	1
Avery County	1
Beaufort County.....	1
Bertie County	1
Bladen County	1
Brunswick County.....	2
Buncombe County.....	4
Burke County	2
Cabarrus County.....	3
Camden County	1
Caswell County	1
Catawba County.....	3
Chatham County	1
Cherokee County.....	1
Clay County.....	1
Cleveland County	2
Columbus County.....	1
Craven County.....	2
Cumberland County	6
Currituck County	1
Dare County.....	1
Davidson County.....	3
Davie County	1
Duplin County.....	1
Durham County.....	5
Edgecombe County	1
Forsyth County.....	6
Franklin County.....	1
Gaston County	4
Gates County	1
Graham County.....	1
Granville County.....	1
Greene County	1
Guilford County	8
Halifax County	1
Harnett County	2
Haywood County	1
Hertford County	1
Hoke County	1
Hyde County	1
Iredell County	3
Jackson County.....	1
Johnston County	3
Jones County	1

Lee County.....	1
Lenoir County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	2
Macon County.....	1
Madison County.....	1
Martin County.....	1
McDowell County	1
Mecklenburg County	13
Mitchell County.....	1
Moore County	2
Nash County	2
New Hanover County.....	3
Northampton County	1
Onslow County	3
Orange County	3
Pamlico County.....	1
Pasquotank County.....	1
Pender County	1
Perquimans County.....	1
Person County	1
Pitt County.....	3
Polk County	1
Randolph County	3
Richmond County.....	1
Robeson County.....	3
Rowan County.....	3
Rutherford County.....	2
Sampson County.....	2
Scotland County	1
Stanly County.....	2
Stokes County.....	1
Surry County	2
Swain County.....	1
Transylvania County	1
Tyrrell County	1
Union County	3
Vance County.....	1
Wake County.....	11
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Watauga County.....	1
Wayne County	3
Wilkes County	2
Wilson County.....	2
Yadkin County.....	1
Yancey County	1

Total 185

NORTH DAKOTA

Adams County.....	1
Barnes County	1
Benson County.....	1
Billings County	1
Bottineau County	1
Bowman County.....	1
Burke County	1
Burleigh County	2
Cass County.....	3
Cavalier County.....	1
Dickey County.....	1
Divide County	1
Dunn County	1
Eddy County.....	1
Emmons County.....	1
Foster County.....	1
Golden Valley County	1
Grand Forks County	2
Grant County.....	1
Griggs County	1
Hettinger County	1
Kidder County.....	1
LaMoure County.....	1
Logan County.....	1
McHenry County	1
McIntosh County.....	1
McKenzie County	1
McLean County.....	1
Mercer County	1
Morton County.....	1

Mountrail County.....	1
Nelson County	1
Oliver County	1
Pembina County.....	1
Pierce County	1
Ramsey County	1
Ransom County.....	1
Renville County.....	1
Richland County.....	1
Rolette County.....	1
Sargent County.....	1
Sheridan County	1
Sioux County.....	1
Slope County	1
Stark County.....	1
Steele County	1
Stutsman County	1
Towner County	1
Traill County.....	1
Walsh County.....	1
Ward County	2
Wells County.....	1
Williams County.....	1

Total 58

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Belknap County.....	1
Carroll County.....	1
Cheshire County.....	1
Coos County	1
Grafton County	1
Hillsborough County.....	1
Merrimack County.....	1
Rockingham County	1
Strafford County.....	1
Sullivan County.....	1

Total 10

NEW JERSEY

Bergen County	16
Burlington County	8
Cape May County.....	2
Cumberland County	3
Essex County	14
Gloucester County.....	5
Hudson County	11
Hunterdon County.....	3
Mercer County	7
Ocean County	10
Somerset County	6
Sussex County	3
Union County	9
Warren County	2

Total 99

NEW MEXICO

Bernalillo County	12
Catron County.....	1
Chaves County	2
Cibola County	1
Colfax County.....	1
Curry County	1
De Baca County	1
Dona Ana County	4
Eddy County.....	1
Grant County.....	1
Guadalupe County	1
Harding County.....	1
Hidalgo County	1
Lea County	2
Lincoln County.....	1
Los Alamos County.....	1
Luna County	1
McKinley County	2
Mora County	1
Otero County.....	2
Quay County	1
Rio Arriba County.....	1

Roosevelt County	1
San Juan County.....	3
San Miguel County.....	1
Sandoval County.....	2
Santa Fe County	3
Sierra County.....	1
Socorro County	1
Taos County	1
Torrance County.....	1
Union County	1
Valencia County	2

Total 57

NEW YORK

Albany County.....	6
Allegany County	1
Cattaraugus County	2
Cayuga County.....	2
Chautauqua County	3
Chemung County.....	2
Clinton County	2
Dutchess County.....	5
Erie County	16
Essex County	1
Genesee County.....	2
Hamilton County.....	1
Herkimer County.....	2
Lewis County.....	1
Livingston County.....	2
Madison County.....	2
Monroe County	13
Nassau County	23
Niagara County.....	4
Oneida County.....	4
Onondaga County	8
Ontario County.....	2
Orange County.....	7
Orleans County	1
Oswego County	3
Otsego County	2
Putnam County	2
Rensselaer County	3
Rockland County.....	6
Saratoga County	4
Schoharie County.....	1
Seneca County.....	1
St. Lawrence County	2
Steuben County	2
Suffolk County	25
Sullivan County.....	2
Tioga County.....	1
Tompkins County.....	2
Ulster County	4
Warren County	2
Washington County	2
Wayne County	2
Westchester County	16
Wyoming County	1
Yates County.....	1

Total 196

NEBRASKA

Adams County.....	1
Banner County	1
Boone County	1
Box Butte County	1
Boyd County.....	1
Brown County.....	1
Buffalo County	1
Burt County	1
Butler County.....	1
Cass County.....	1
Cedar County	1
Chase County.....	1
Cherry County	1
Cheyenne County	1
Clay County.....	1
Colfax County.....	1

Cuming County.....	1
Custer County	1
Dakota County.....	1
Dawes County.....	1
Dawson County.....	1
Deuel County	1
Dixon County	1
Dodge County	1
Douglas County.....	9
Fillmore County.....	1
Franklin County.....	1
Frontier County	1
Furnas County.....	1
Gage County	1
Garfield County.....	1
Greeley County.....	1
Hall County	1
Hamilton County.....	1
Harlan County.....	1
Hayes County.....	1
Hitchcock County.....	1
Holt County.....	1
Howard County	1
Jefferson County	1
Kearney County.....	1
Keith County.....	1
Kimball County	1
Knox County.....	1
Lancaster County.....	5
Lincoln County.....	1
Logan County.....	1
Madison County.....	1
Merrick County	1
Morrill County.....	1
Nance County	1
Nemaha County.....	1
Nuckolls County.....	1
Otoe County.....	1
Pawnee County	1
Perkins County.....	1
Phelps County.....	1
Platte County	1
Polk County	1
Red Willow County	1
Richardson County.....	1
Rock County	1
Saline County	1
Sarpy County	3
Saunders County	1
Scotts Bluff County	1
Seward County.....	1
Sherman County	1
Sioux County.....	1
Stanton County.....	1
Thayer County.....	1
Thomas County	1
Thurston County.....	1
Valley County	1
Washington County	1
Wayne County.....	1
Webster County.....	1
York County	1

Total 92

NEVADA.....	
Carson City	1
Churchill County.....	1
Clark County	22
Douglas County.....	1
Elko County.....	1
Esmeralda County.....	1
Eureka County.....	1
Humboldt County.....	1
Lander County	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Lyon County.....	1
Mineral County	1
Nye County	1
Pershing County.....	1

Storey County	1
Washoe County.....	7
White Pine County.....	1

Total 44

OHIO	
Adams County.....	1
Allen County.....	2
Ashtabula County.....	2
Athens County.....	2
Auglaize County	1
Belmont County	2
Brown County.....	1
Carroll County.....	1
Champaign County.....	1
Clermont County	4
Clinton County	1
Columbiana County.....	2
Crawford County	1
Cuyahoga County	22
Defiance County	1
Delaware County.....	2
Erie County	2
Fairfield County.....	3
Fayette County.....	1
Franklin County.....	20
Fulton County	1
Gallia County	1
Guernsey County.....	1
Hamilton County.....	14
Henry County	1
Highland County	1
Holmes County	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jefferson County	2
Knox County.....	2
Lake County.....	4
Lawrence County	2
Licking County	3
Lorain County	6
Lucas County.....	8
Mahoning County.....	5
Marion County	2
Meigs County.....	1
Miami County	2
Monroe County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	9
Morrow County.....	1
Muskingum County	2
Ottawa County	1
Perry County	1
Pike County.....	1
Portage County.....	3
Preble County	1
Ross County.....	2
Sandusky County	2
Scioto County	2
Shelby County	1
Summit County.....	10
Trumbull County.....	4
Tuscarawas County	2
Union County	1
Warren County	3
Williams County	1
Wood County	3
Wyandot County.....	1

Total 182

OKLAHOMA	
Alfalfa County	1
Beckham County.....	1
Blaine County	1
Bryan County	1
Caddo County	1
Canadian County	2
Cherokee County.....	1
Cleveland County.....	4
Coal County	1
Comanche County.....	3

Cotton County.....	1
Craig County	1
Creek County	2
Custer County	1
Delaware County.....	1
Grady County	1
Grant County.....	1
Greer County.....	1
Harmon County.....	1
Haskell County.....	1
Hughes County.....	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jefferson County	1
Johnston County	1
Kay County	1
Kiowa County.....	1
LeFlore County.....	1
Logan County.....	1
Love County	1
Major County	1
Marshall County.....	1
Mayes County	1
Muskogee County.....	2
Noble County	1
Nowata County	1
Oklahoma County	12
Osage County.....	1
Ottawa County.....	1
Payne County	2
Pontotoc County	1
Pottawatomie County.....	2
Roger Mills County.....	1
Rogers County.....	2
Sequoyah County	1
Stephens County.....	1
Texas County.....	1
Tillman County.....	1
Tulsa County.....	11
Wagoner County.....	2
Washington County	1
Washita County.....	1
Woods County.....	1
Woodward County.....	1

Total 86

OREGON	
Baker County	1
Benton County.....	2
Clackamas County	7
Clatsop County	1
Columbia County	1
Coos County	2
Crook County	1
Curry County.....	1
Deschutes County.....	2
Douglas County.....	2
Gilliam County	1
Grant County.....	1
Harney County	1
Hood River County	1
Jackson County.....	4
Jefferson County	1
Josephine County.....	2
Klamath County	2
Lake County.....	1
Lane County.....	6
Lincoln County.....	1
Linn County	2
Malheur County	1
Marion County	6
Morrow County.....	1
Multnomah County	13
Polk County	2
Sherman County	1
Tillamook County	1
Umatilla County	2
Union County	1
Wallowa County	1
Wasco County.....	1

Washington County	8
Wheeler County.....	1
Yamhill County.....	2

Total 84

PENNSYLVANIA	
Adams County.....	2
Allegheny County.....	21
Armstrong County	2
Beaver County.....	3
Bedford County.....	1
Berks County	7
Blair County.....	3
Bradford County.....	2
Bucks County.....	11
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Clinton County	1
Columbia County	2
Crawford County	2
Dauphin County.....	5
Delaware County.....	10
Elk County	1
Erie County	5
Fayette County.....	3
Forest County	1
Franklin County.....	3
Greene County	1
Indiana County	2
Jefferson County	1
Juniata County.....	1
Lackawanna County.....	4
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Lawrence County	2
Lehigh County.....	6
Luzerne County	6
Lycoming County.....	2
McKean County.....	1
Mercer County	2
Mifflin County	1
Monroe County	3
Montgomery County.....	14
Northampton County	5
Philadelphia County.....	26
Pike County.....	1
Potter County.....	1
Schuylkill County	3
Snyder County.....	1
Somerset County	2
Sullivan County.....	1
Susquehanna County	1
Tioga County.....	1
Union County	1
Venango County.....	1
Warren County	1
Washington County	4
Wayne County.....	1
Wyoming County	1

Total 216

SOUTH CAROLINA	
Abbeville County	1
Aiken County.....	3
Allendale County.....	1
Anderson County.....	4
Bamberg County	1
Barnwell County.....	1
Beaufort County.....	3
Berkeley County.....	3
Calhoun County	1
Charleston County	6
Cherokee County.....	1
Chester County	1
Chesterfield County.....	1

Clarendon County	1
Colleton County	1
Darlington County	2
Dillon County.....	1
Dorchester County	2
Edgefield County.....	1
Fairfield County.....	1
Florence County.....	3
Georgetown County.....	2
Greenville County.....	8
Greenwood County.....	2
Hampton County.....	1
Horry County.....	4
Jasper County	1
Kershaw County	1
Lancaster County.....	2
Laurens County.....	2
Lee County.....	1
Lexington County	4
Marion County	1
Marlboro County.....	1
McCormick County.....	1
Newberry County.....	1
Oconee County	2
Orangeburg County.....	2
Pickens County	2
Richland County.....	7
Saluda County	1
Spartanburg County.....	5
Sumter County.....	2
Union County	1
Williamsburg County	1
York County	3

Total 97

SOUTH DAKOTA	
Aurora County.....	1
Beadle County	1
Bennett County.....	1
Bon Homme County	1
Brookings County.....	1
Brown County.....	1
Brule County.....	1
Buffalo County	1
Butte County.....	1
Campbell County	1
Charles Mix County.....	1
Clark County	1
Clay County.....	1
Codington County	1
Corson County	1
Custer County	1
Davison County.....	1
Day County	1
Deuel County	1
Dewey County	1
Douglas County.....	1
Edmunds County.....	1
Fall River County.....	1
Faulk County.....	1
Grant County.....	1
Gregory County	1
Haakon County	1
Hamlin County.....	1
Hand County.....	1
Hanson County	1
Harding County.....	1
Hughes County.....	1
Hutchinson County.....	1
Hyde County	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jerauld County.....	1
Jones County	1
Kingsbury County.....	1
Lake County.....	1
Lawrence County	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Lyman County	1
Marshall County.....	1

McCook County.....	1
McPherson County.....	1
Meade County	1
Mellette County	1
Miner County	1
Minnehaha County.....	3
Moody County.....	1
Oglala Lakota County.....	1
Pennington County.....	2
Perkins County.....	1
Potter County.....	1
Roberts County	1
Sanborn County	1
Spink County	1
Stanley County.....	1
Sully County.....	1
Todd County.....	1
Tripp County	1
Turner County	1
Union County	1
Walworth County.....	1
Yankton County.....	1
Ziebach County.....	1

Total 69

TENNESSEE	
Anderson County.....	2
Benton County	1
Blount County	3
Bradley County.....	2
Campbell County	1
Chester County	1
Claiborne County	1
Cocke County.....	1
Coffee County	1
Decatur County.....	1
DeKalb County.....	1
Dickson County.....	1
Dyer County	1
Hamblen County.....	2
Hamilton County.....	6
Hardin County.....	1
Henderson County	1
Henry County	1
Hickman County	1
Jefferson County	1
Knox County.....	8
Lauderdale County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Loudon County.....	1
Marshall County.....	1
Meigs County	1
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.....	11
Montgomery County.....	3
Moore County	1
Morgan County	1
Obion County.....	1
Overton County	1
Rhea County	1
Roane County	1
Robertson County	1
Rutherford County.....	4
Sevier County.....	2
Shelby County.....	16
Sullivan County	3
Sumner County	3
Tipton County	1
Warren County	1
Washington County	3
Weakley County	1
White County	1
Williamson County	3

Total 102

TEXAS	
Andrews County	1
Aransas County.....	1

Atascosa County.....	1
Austin County.....	1
Bailey County.....	1
Bandera County.....	1
Bastrop County.....	1
Bell County.....	5
Bexar County.....	27
Borden County.....	1
Brazoria County.....	5
Brazos County.....	3
Brewster County.....	1
Briscoe County.....	1
Brown County.....	1
Caldwell County.....	1
Calhoun County.....	1
Cameron County.....	7
Carson County.....	1
Chambers County.....	1
Cochran County.....	1
Collingsworth County.....	1
Comal County.....	2
Comanche County.....	1
Concho County.....	1
Cooke County.....	1
Coryell County.....	2
Crane County.....	1
Crockett County.....	1
Dallas County.....	40
Deaf Smith County.....	1
Denton County.....	7
Dickens County.....	1
Dimmit County.....	1
Eastland County.....	1
Ector County.....	3
El Paso County.....	14
Ellis County.....	2
Erath County.....	1
Fannin County.....	1
Floyd County.....	1
Fort Bend County.....	6
Freestone County.....	1
Gaines County.....	1
Garza County.....	1
Gillespie County.....	1
Glasscock County.....	1
Goliad County.....	1
Gonzales County.....	1

Grayson County.....	3
Gregg County.....	3
Grimes County.....	1
Guadalupe County.....	2
Hale County.....	1
Hall County.....	1
Hamilton County.....	1
Harris County.....	45
Hartley County.....	1
Hays County.....	2
Henderson County.....	2
Hidalgo County.....	10
Hill County.....	1
Hockley County.....	1
Hood County.....	1
Hopkins County.....	1
Houston County.....	1
Howard County.....	1
Hutchinson County.....	1
Irion County.....	1
Jack County.....	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jasper County.....	1
Jeff Davis County.....	1
Jefferson County.....	5
Jim Wells County.....	1
Johnson County.....	3
Kaufman County.....	2
Kendall County.....	1
Kenedy County.....	1
Kimble County.....	1
Kleberg County.....	1
Lamb County.....	1
Lampasas County.....	1
Lavaca County.....	1
Leon County.....	1
Lipscomb County.....	1
Live Oak County.....	1
Lubbock County.....	5
Marion County.....	1
Matagorda County.....	1
McLennan County.....	4
McMullen County.....	1
Midland County.....	3
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Moore County.....	1
Morris County.....	1

Motley County.....	1
Navarro County.....	1
Nueces County.....	6
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Oldham County.....	1
Orange County.....	2
Palo Pinto County.....	1
Panola County.....	1
Parker County.....	2
Parmer County.....	1
Polk County.....	1
Presidio County.....	1
Rains County.....	1
Randall County.....	2
Real County.....	1
Reeves County.....	1
Robertson County.....	1
Rockwall County.....	1
Runnels County.....	1
San Augustine County.....	1
Schleicher County.....	1
Scurry County.....	1
Shackelford County.....	1
Smith County.....	4
Starr County.....	2
Sterling County.....	1
Swisher County.....	1
Tarrant County.....	27
Taylor County.....	3
Terry County.....	1
Throckmorton County.....	1
Tom Green County.....	2
Travis County.....	15
Trinity County.....	1
Tyler County.....	1
Upshur County.....	1
Upton County.....	1
Val Verde County.....	1
Van Zandt County.....	1
Victoria County.....	2
Walker County.....	2
Waller County.....	1
Washington County.....	1
Wharton County.....	1
Wichita County.....	3
Willacy County.....	1
Williamson County.....	4

Wilson County.....	1
Wise County.....	1
Wood County.....	1
Yoakum County.....	1
Young County.....	1

Total 396

UTAH

Beaver County.....	1
Box Elder County.....	1
Cache County.....	2
Carbon County.....	1
Daggett County.....	1
Davis County.....	5
Duchesne County.....	1
Emery County.....	1
Garfield County.....	1
Grand County.....	1
Iron County.....	1
Juab County.....	1
Kane County.....	1
Millard County.....	1
Morgan County.....	1
Piute County.....	1
Rich County.....	1
Salt Lake County.....	18
San Juan County.....	1
Sanpete County.....	1
Sevier County.....	1
Summit County.....	1
Tooele County.....	1
Uintah County.....	1
Utah County.....	7
Wasatch County.....	1
Washington County.....	2
Wayne County.....	1
Weber County.....	4

Total 61

VIRGINIA

Accomack County.....	1
Albemarle County.....	2
Alleghany County.....	1
Amelia County.....	1
Amherst County.....	1
Arlington County.....	4

Augusta County.....	2
Bath County.....	1
Bedford County.....	2
Bland County.....	1
Botetourt County.....	1
Brunswick County.....	1
Buchanan County.....	1
Buckingham County.....	1
Campbell County.....	1
Caroline County.....	1
Charles City County.....	1
Charlotte County.....	1
Chesterfield County.....	5
Clarke County.....	1
Craig County.....	1
Culpeper County.....	1
Cumberland County.....	1
Dickenson County.....	1
Dinwiddie County.....	1
Essex County.....	1
Fairfax County.....	19
Fauquier County.....	2
Floyd County.....	1
Fluvanna County.....	1
Franklin County.....	1
Frederick County.....	2
Giles County.....	1
Gloucester County.....	1
Grayson County.....	1
Greene County.....	1
Greensville County.....	1
Hanover County.....	2
Henrico County.....	6
Henry County.....	1
Highland County.....	1
Isle of Wight County.....	1
James City County.....	1
King And Queen County.....	1
King George County.....	1
King William County.....	1
Lancaster County.....	1
Lee County.....	1
Loudoun County.....	3
Louisa County.....	1
Lunenburg County.....	1
Madison County.....	1
Mathews County.....	1

Mecklenburg County.....	1
Montgomery County.....	2
Nelson County.....	1
New Kent County.....	1
Northampton County.....	1
Northumberland County.....	1
Nottoway County.....	1
Orange County.....	1
Page County.....	1
Patrick County.....	1
Pittsylvania County.....	2
Powhatan County.....	1
Prince Edward County.....	1
Prince George County.....	1
Prince William County.....	5
Pulaski County.....	1
Rappahannock County.....	1
Richmond County.....	1
Roanoke County.....	2
Rockbridge County.....	1
Rockingham County.....	2
Russell County.....	1
Scott County.....	1
Shenandoah County.....	1
Smyth County.....	1
Southampton County.....	1
Spotsylvania County.....	2
Stafford County.....	2
Surry County.....	1
Sussex County.....	1
Warren County.....	1
Washington County.....	1
Westmoreland County.....	1
Wise County.....	1
Wythe County.....	1
York County.....	2

Total 138

WEST VIRGINIA

Barbour County.....	1
Berkeley County.....	2
Boone County.....	1
Braxton County.....	1
Brooke County.....	1
Cabell County.....	2
Calhoun County.....	1
Clay County.....	1
Doddridge County.....	1
Fayette County.....	1
Gilmer County.....	1
Grant County.....	1
Greenbrier County.....	1
Hampshire County.....	1
Hancock County.....	1
Hardy County.....	1
Harrison County.....	2
Jackson County.....	1
Jefferson County.....	1
Kanawha County.....	4
Lewis County.....	1
Lincoln County.....	1
Logan County.....	1
Marion County.....	1
Marshall County.....	1
Mason County.....	1
McDowell County.....	1
Mercer County.....	2
Mineral County.....	1
Mingo County.....	1
Monongalia County.....	2
Monroe County.....	1
Morgan County.....	1
Nicholas County.....	1
Ohio County.....	1
Pendleton County.....	1
Pleasants County.....	1
Pocahontas County.....	1
Preston County.....	1
Putnam County.....	1



Commissioner Mike McGinley of Beaverhead County, Mont. gets help with voting during the NACo Annual Business meeting July 12, 2021 at the NACo Annual Conference in Prince George’s County, Md. Photo by Denny Henry

Total 131**WISCONSIN**

Adams County.....	1
Ashland County.....	1
Barron County.....	1
Bayfield County.....	1
Brown County.....	5
Burnett County.....	1
Calumet County	1
Chippewa County	2
Clark County	1
Columbia County	1
Dane County.....	9
Dodge County.....	2
Door County.....	1
Douglas County.....	1
Dunn County.....	1
Eau Claire County	2
Florence County.....	1
Fond du Lac County	2
Forest County	1
Grant County.....	1
Green County.....	1
Jackson County.....	1
Jefferson County	2
Juneau County	1
Kenosha County.....	3
Kewaunee County	1

WYOMING

Albany County.....	1
Big Horn County.....	1
Campbell County	1
Carbon County.....	1

Total 25

by John Losh

- Thursday, July 7 – 12-1 p.m. EDT
- Monday, July 11 – 12-1 p.m. EDT
- Wednesday, July 13 – 1-2 p.m. EDT
- Monday, July 18 – 12-1 p.m. EDT

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NITRATES IN WATER RAISE ALARM FOR OREGON COUNTY

Ana Pineyro (right) speaks to Morrow County, Ore. residents about groundwater contamination. Photo by Jim Doherty

by **Charlie Ban**
senior writer

SPOTLIGHT ON: WATER

The hardest thing Ana Pineyro felt was the sense of resignation. As she and Commissioner Jim Doherty went door-to-door in Morrow County, Ore. informing households about dangerous nitrate levels, she learned that some residents knew there was a problem with their drinking water, and either couldn't or wouldn't do anything about it.

Couldn't, because the cost of buying water could run between \$80-\$300 a month. Wouldn't, because what was the difference?

"They have been dealing with this issue for so long that they are used to it, they no longer find themselves entitled to request clean water," she said. "They essentially say, 'We deal with what we have.'"

Maybe they had come from Central American countries where the daily risks inherent in their lives were so prevalent that they feel fortunate just to have safety from immediate bodily harm. Morrow County is on the verge of being the first minority-majority coun-

ty in Oregon, an agricultural center with the state's busiest port. There, processing of crops leaves the wastewater full of nitrogen, and the port pumps water laced with nitrogen to farm fields, where it can convert into nitrate and seep into the aquifer beneath Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Some of the Morrow County residents who rely on wells for drinking water

said they knew about the nitrate problem but confidently boiled their water beforehand, which was fruitless in reducing the dangerous health effects from drinking it: elevated risks of cancer or miscarriage.

Drinking water that has high levels of nitrate can cause other health effects, according to the Oregon Health Authority, such as:

- Methemoglobinemia or "blue baby syndrome," which results from nitrate decreasing the blood's capacity to carry oxygen, especially in infants

who receive baby formula mixed with water containing nitrate above 10 mg/L.

- Potential increased risk of: Recurrent respiratory infections; thyroid dysfunction; negative reproductive outcomes such as spontaneous abortion and certain cancers including cancer of the stomach or bladder.

It became crucial to let residents know how to keep themselves safe and make their needs apparent.

"I'm beginning to understand what environmental justice is," Doherty said. "These folks don't have a voice, and if you're going to do something to the air they breathe or the water they drink, you have to give them a voice."

Pineyro has been giving them that voice in her role in Morrow County's public health department. She's a communicable disease coordinator and her native Spanish has been crucial to reaching non-English speaking residents who make up most of the population at risk.

"I was trying to visit with these folks who didn't speak my language and I thought

'this is just not working,' plus I don't know the health implications," Doherty said. "Ana put together a protocol of questions about drinking the water, all the information in English and Spanish, and she's been the one making the difference."

It's a stunning change in perspective for Doherty, who was dismayed when she saw test after test come back showing dangerous water.

"You grow up thinking that you can turn on the taps and water is always going to be there, it's always going to be fresh and pure," she said. "We recognize that that's not the case."

Now, Morrow County and the Association of Oregon Counties are not only looking after the issue with a galvanized focus, but they are trying to raise awareness in agricultural counties across the nation.

"This is a public health crisis — this is our Flint, Michigan," said Gina Nikkel, executive director of the Association of Oregon Counties. "When it appears in such a small rural Oregon county, you wonder 'How many other counties are in the

same situation?' particularly in states where agriculture is as important as it is in Oregon. If you think what happened in Flint can't happen where you live, you're wrong."

The state Department of Environmental Quality fined the Port of Morrow \$1.3 million in January 2022, but the consequences of that sustained contamination may cost more than that to fix. Morrow County and the state association have put their hopes in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development state office while awaiting response from the Environmental Protection Agency, while also applying for a Rural Community Assistance Partnership grant to help pay for water delivery and filter installation.

Doherty had planned to make nitrate contamination a priority when he took office in 2017, but it fell by the wayside until recent testing of deep wells showed almost universal contamination. He has used those regrets of not starting work earlier as his driving force in addressing the problem.

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County-led coalition navigates Superfund river cleanup

by **Charlie Ban**
senior writer

Adam Payne's dad used to joke about how he would glow after swimming in the Sheboygan River while growing up in Wisconsin. When Adam Payne took over as the Sheboygan County administrator in 1999, he soon found out that his dad's jokes weren't that far off from the truth.

SPOTLIGHT ON WATER

"I wasn't here long before I found out we had an actual Superfund site on our hands," Payne said. "We never knew it was that bad."

The manufacturing that made Sheboygan a strong economy also left a cornucopia of carcinogens in the water.

"How do you encourage that or market people to do that when it's 'Yeah, build your new

business or apartment next to a Superfund site,'" Payne said. "Knowing you couldn't fish in your local river? That's not a place people would want to live."

Even though there was a will to fix the problem, it was hard to find a way to tackle such a significant task. Eventually, Payne and Sheboygan County helped the community lead the way to finally clean up what was becoming a 14-mile eyesore for the region. It wasn't a drinking water source for the county, but the issue remained that the concentration of carcinogens in the water made it unsuitable for swimming or fishing.

Sheboygan County took the lead coordinating the river-dredging committee, roping together the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office, the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the city, the Army Corps of Engineers and the entities responsible.

"It was just a perfect storm where all these entities came together and some real strong



Sheboygan River

leadership from the Environmental Protection Agency, just really strong people, came together and joined us at the table," Payne said.

"We started holding these meetings and asking what could be done," he said. "How do we draw resources together? How do we all collaborate to leverage our resources to actually stretch and clean the Sheboygan River and harbor? Not only for the benefit of the environment and future generations, but our economic development and the livability of our salmon."

In 2009, with the Great Recession's aftershocks still rocking the national economy, the

county, the city and the DNR put in some seed money, a few hundred thousand dollars. Ultimately we leveraged upwards of \$100 million to do all of this dredging to do all of these improvements.

The approximately \$107 million project funded a 24-hour-a-day operation dredging 400,000 cubic yards of the river. That pace meant a truck would leave the site every 3-5 minutes for an offsite landfill in 2011 and 2012, during the dredging.

"It was enough to fill Lambeau Field up to the 45th row," Payne said.

Ten years later, the county is still waiting for the EPA to take the Sheboygan River off the Su-

perfund site list, but the work is already paying off. In 2018, a consent decree was finalized for the NRDA (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) process. More than \$60 million in new residential development is now adjacent or very close to the river—unthinkable a decade ago.

"A lot of times it felt like we were taking two steps back for every step forward," Payne said. "It just was a very challenging process. But at the end of the day, as I think of my career if I have a top 10, it's definitely on there, because of all of the intergovernmental cooperation, public and private entities pulling together to get it done." **CN**

GROWTH IN TEXAS COUNTY DRIVES WATER IMPORTS

by **Charlie Ban**
senior writer

Go looking for liquid in unincorporated Midland County, Texas and you're probably going to find oil before you find water.

That oil has been driving development in the West Texas county for decades, and as the city fills up and sprawl extends beyond the city of Midland's water service area, the county is working to bring in water from the same place it gets its new neighbors — somewhere else.

"All they have are water wells and a lot of the water wells out there have run dry," said Commissioner Luis Sanchez. "Some of them have been contaminated with chromium and different things. We've got oil companies

that are actually out there, trying to clean that water, but there's not enough."

But wells won't match the demand from a growing county, so Midland County spent \$4.3 million to buy the water rights to a ranch in Winkler County, near the New Mexico border, with a much deeper aquifer and is working to pipe in that water. And with oil prices high during Russia's war with Ukraine, Sanchez sees potential for more residential growth, and soon.

"Our biggest thing is to make sure that we have anything and everything available, especially water," he said. "We're working on that right now, trying to make sure that water does not become a reason why people don't move here to Midland County."

SPOTLIGHT ON WATER

The county's purchased water rights — the Roark Ranch — is 70 miles away, and close to two water sources that supply the city. That will take an agreement among the county, city, county utility district and the county's freshwater district. The city has already built a water pipeline from Winkler County.

"We do have aquifers down here that recharge but they recharge so slow that you can't depend on that water," Sanchez said. "And that's before you figure in a drought."

"In the last few years, [water

supply] has gone from being maybe the top five issue to the number one concern we have as a county."

As Sanchez lays it out, oil comes first, then housing comes next, but the last thing the county wants is for those subdivisions to run on well water, and while bringing in water from two counties away doesn't seem like the ideal solution, it's the most efficient use of resources. Midland County, in the productive Permian Basin, has the oil and the residents, while Winkler County has few residents and comparably more water.

"Oil is the bloodline of this community and it's more important for us to build oil wells," Sanchez said. "I don't say that as a bad thing. I see that as a great

thing to build oil wells. There's just no other place to build, unless we become like New York and start building up. I don't see that happening anytime soon, because we are Texans; everybody wants their land. They want to have open space."

But with that open space, and lower population density, comes the economics that water will be more expensive for county residents than their neighbors in the city.

Because the unincorporated Midland County is within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border that has a majority population composed of low-income residents, it is eligible for infrastructure funding and able to

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BRIGHT IDEAS | CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLA.

Urban Poultry Can Be Polarizing Issue

PROBLEM: People want to raise chickens in their suburban or urban backyards, but they can sometimes be messy and annoying to neighbors.

SOLUTION: Charlotte County came up with an ordinance that everyone can live with — keepers of backyard fowl and their neighbors.

by **Stephenie Overman**

Urban poultry raising is increasingly popular, but county officials find that a “not-in-your-backyard” attitude often applies.

It took years for Charlotte County, Fla., to pass an ordinance allowing backyard chickens, said Shaun Cullinan, the county’s planning and zoning and code enforcement official. “I’ve been with the county for about 10 years and every two or three years, it would come up” but be rejected after divisive debate.

It wasn’t until October 2020 that commissioners passed an ordinance allowing the keeping of hens in residential lots. Before, chickens only were allowed in agricultural areas or by residents involved in the 4H club.

“It is a polarizing topic,” Cullinan said. “People move to a residential area and don’t want to have six chickens next door. I see both sides.”

But since the ordinance passed, “it’s working pretty well. There have been some complaints. And some people wanted to expand to other kinds of fowl or increase the number but that has not gained traction.”

Even the definition of poultry can be polarizing. “Some define poultry as livestock, which pretty much rules them out” for urban settings, said Jacqueline Jacob, project extension manager at the University of Kentucky. “Some places regulate them as pets and then have different noise regulations for them. Some have a unique classification.”



Jacob is coauthor, with Ken Anderson, North Carolina State professor and poultry extension specialist, of the book “Developing Regulations for Keeping Urban Chickens.”

There were an estimated 215 million laying hens in backyard flocks before the pandemic, Anderson said. Since the pandemic, “my colleagues have said the number went up 50 percent, up to 320 million. That’s equal to the commercial flock” in the United States.

Having served as a consultant for a number of local governments, Anderson finds that poultry-related ordinances “are really variable.” For example, he said, the limit on the number of hens can range from eight to 100.

There are constants, according to Anderson. “Most ordinances prohibit males; they crow and disturb the neighbors.” Plus, “your chickens have to be on your property. If they are on someone else’s property, then [the property owner] can do whatever they want.”

The Charlotte County ordinance requires residents who want backyard chickens

to register and to submit to inspection if necessary. The ordinance requires an entirely enclosed coop in a yard of least 10,000 square feet, with some exceptions for small, subdivided lots. The number of hens allowed depends upon lot size.

Cullinan said the county requires a six-foot opaque fence in the area around the coop — a less common feature in local ordinances — because “we felt we wanted more protection for neighbors.”

In addition, residents who plan to raise backyard chickens must take a course with the state extension service, he said.

“We want to teach people who are new to this. Chickens carry diseases [such as Salmonella]. Wash your hands. Don’t wear shoes from outside in the house. Chickens are wild animals.”

Ken Anderson also warned about the downsides. “If you want to have a backyard flock and you think they’re going to save you money, it will cost you about double what it costs you for a dozen eggs in the store.” Plus, at least in his opinion, “they make lousy pets.” **CN**

Stephenie Overman is a freelance writer who specializes in workplace issues and has written for publications including HR Magazine and Employee Benefit News.



BERRIEN COUNTY, Mich.

The Latin motto on the Berrien County, Mich. seal, “Terra de Quattuor Vexilli,” translates to “Land of the Four Flags,” reflecting the southwestern Michigan county’s shifting ownership.

The French built Fort St. Joseph near the southern shore of Lake Michigan in 1691, which they lost to the British in 1763 after the French and Indian Wars.

The Spanish briefly raided the fort and claimed the territory in 1781 before it was reclaimed by the British, who handed it over to the United States after the Revolutionary War.



Those owners are represented by stars (Americans), towers (Spanish), fleur de lis (French) and lions (British).

If you would like your county’s seal featured in “Behind the Seal,” contact Charlie Ban at cban@naco.org.

ON THE MOVE

NACo STAFF

- **Cathleen Clime** has joined NACo as conferences director. She previously worked as a project manager and event specialist for Conference Direct and as director of meetings and events for the American Intellectual Property Law Association. She earned an associate's degree in Applied Science and Tourism.
- **Owen Hart** has joined NACo as a legislative assistant. He previously worked as a research assistant at the Center for Effective Lawmaking and held internships at the Niskanen Center, for Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and the UCLA Center for Middle East Development. He earned a Master of Public Policy from the University of Virginia and a BA in International Development Studies and Geography from UCLA.
- **Chloe Murphy** has joined NACo as a legislative assistant. She previously worked as a substitute teacher at New London Public Schools and a peer educator at Planned Parenthood. She earned a bachelor's degree in African Studies.
- **Kimberly Ransom** has joined NACo as the technology network program manager. She worked in various positions at AT&T, including senior solutions architect, agile project manager and senior IT business manager. She earned a law degree from Northwestern University, a master's degree from North Carolina A&T State University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia.
- **Beth Roberts** has joined NACo as an events coordinator for the Counties Futures Lab. She previously worked at the Mississippi County, Ark. Regional Chamber of Commerce as executive assistant and programs manager and the Mississippi County Library System as public relations specialist and grant manager. She earned a BA in Spanish from Hendrix College.
- **Denise Soto-Martinez** has joined NACo as a senior executive associate. She previously worked at the Department of Energy as personal and confidential executive support specialist and at the Akima Corporation as a project analyst and administrative assistant supervisor. She earned an associate degree in applied science.
- **Samantha Waldman** has joined NACo as a graphic designer. She previously worked as a graphic designer for Sassy Jones and as a freelance graphic designer. She earned a BFA in Graphic Design from James Madison University.
- Executive Director **Matt Chase**, Chief Research Officer **Teryn Zmuda** and Counties Futures Lab Director **Ashleigh Holand** discussed county authorities, how NACo engages with counties, policy priorities and research NACo is conducting at the Urban Institute.



Clime



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Roberts



Soto-Martinez



Waldman

PROFILES IN SERVICE

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NACo Board Member
Mariposa County, Calif.
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Number of years active in NACo: The California State Association of Counties appointed me to represent rural California on the NACo Board in 2019.

Years in public service: took my seat on the Mariposa County BOS January 2017. I volunteered with the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue team for 15 years before being elected.

Education: High school

Occupation: 39 years in construction, 23 years self-employed contractor.

The hardest thing I've ever done: Having to put my beloved dog companions to rest.

Three people (living or dead) I'd invite to dinner: I'd like to have dinner with Clint Eastwood, Joe Montana and Katerina Witt.

A dream I have is to: Attend a Joe Bonamassa show at Red Rocks Amphitheater, Colo. (I have tickets this Aug. 8).

You'd be surprised to learn that I: Never played basketball. I was 6-foot, 6-inches in high school.

The most adventurous thing I've ever done is: A Jeep trip across the 22-mile Rubicon Trail in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

My favorite way to relax is: Ice cold beer at the river with my dogs.

I'm most proud of: Being elected to my supervisor seat by the folks in my community.

Every morning I read: The Drudge Report

My favorite meal is: Smoked pork ribs, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, with corn bread (fried okra I have missed since my grandmother passed).

My pet peeves are: Reckless drivers on the highway when I have to travel to Sacramento. (We have no traffic in Mariposa County.)

My motto is: Quality never happens by accident! (Left over from my years in construction.)

The last book I read: I do not remember – not a book reader, however some of my agendas are like novels!

My favorite movie is: "All the Pretty Horses," "Open Range," and "The Cowboys."

My favorite president is: Ronald Reagan

My county is a NACo member because: It is important to be at the table if you want to be heard. NACo has a loud voice at a level of government that does not know where Mariposa County is.

My favorite music is:
THE BLUES!!!



County allocates \$1 million for water delivery

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It wasn't the first time he saw government react slowly, and it wasn't the last. A recent Oregon Capital Chronicle investigation showed the state Department of Environmental Quality was soft on the Port of Morrow's industrial pollution for years, never revoking the port's wastewater permit or mandating reduced nitrogen

levels in wastewater. "In the '90s we started noticing the nitrates were starting to rise in some of the wells and so it's a bit of a concern," Doherty said. "The county put a citizen committee together, and it was, I always thought, that those folks at the state in charge were looking after these things." Morrow County has allocated \$1 million for water delivery

SPOTLIGHT ON WATER

services and is in the process of finding a contractor. "...we know everybody together kind of created this challenge a little," Doherty said. "It's a little discouraging that the port industrial park willfully violated their permit 11,164 times. "It's going to be a daunting task. People have told me that that I'm tilting at windmills and that I'll never clean that aquifer in my lifetime. I said, "That's not a reason not to start." CN

Texas county looks outside its borders for water

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access additional grants and resources. "We can't get that Roark Ranch water to Midland because it would cost another \$600 million, so we're trying to work with the city to be able to say, for every gallon of water that they can pump out at the Roark Ranch, we get it back on the end here in Midland and be able to distribute it to our residents. Like everything, it's a negotiation.

"I know the city is wanting to work with us because, again, there is no room to grow," he said. "There's no other place but the county, so we want to be able to provide that to all of our residents out here. It's imperative now out here in West Texas that we work with each other to be able to come up with that solution." Sanchez also sees opportunities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help the county out. "We're very excited about everything that President Biden

has done in regard to the infrastructure bill because it came at the right time for us as a county, as we're looking to increase our water resources and being able to connect county-rural residents to water," he said. "We're wanting to make sure that rural residents are getting potable water, water that they can drink; that they don't have to worry about when they turn it on, that it's coming out this lime green color because it has chromium or it has any other thing that we may find out there." CN

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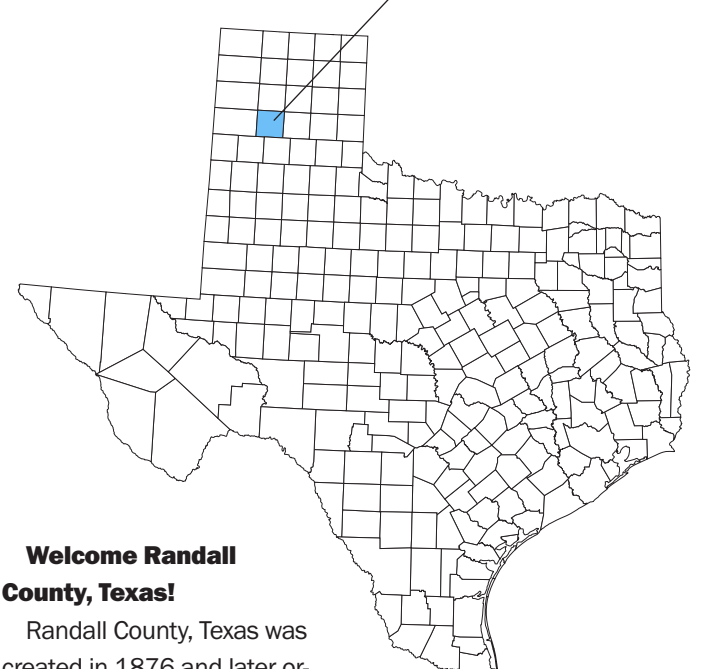
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ARCADE: Founded in 1919 and still going strong, The Arcade is touted as the oldest café in Memphis; it is now run by the family's fourth generation. BARBECUE: There are plenty of options in Shelby County but the oldest is Leonard's Pit Barbecue, which opened in 1922.

CHICKASAW: The county was once a hunting area for the Chickasaw tribe. FAMOUS: In addition to Elvis Presley, more big names in show business also once called Shelby County home, including Aretha Franklin, Morgan Freeman and Justin Timberlake.

FEDEX: Founded in the 1970s, delivery giant FedEx is headquartered in Shelby County. GRACELAND: The home of Elvis Presley welcomes more than 500,000 visitors each year. HISTORY: The county was founded Nov. 24, 1819. MAYOR: In addition to county commissioners, Shelby County, since 1976, has also elected a mayor. MEMPHIS: The city of Memphis is the county seat. MISSISSIPPI: The county is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River. NEWSPAPER: The local newspaper, The Commercial Appeal, has been reporting on news in the county since its beginnings in 1840. PEABODY: "The South's grandest hotel" opened in 1869 and visitors flock to watch the "Peabody ducks" make their way to the lobby fountain each day at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. POPULATION: The population of the county stands at about 936,000. SHELBY: The county is named for the first governor of Kentucky and Revolutionary War hero Isaac Shelby. WESTERN: Shelby County is the westernmost county in Tennessee.

GET TO KNOW... Randall County, Texas



Welcome Randall County, Texas!

Randall County, Texas was created in 1876 and later organized in 1889. The county gets its name from a Confederate brigadier general, Horace Randal (just one "l") who was killed at the Battle of Jenkins Ferry.

The county seat is Canyon, part of metropolitan Amarillo. The largest city in the Texas Panhandle, Amarillo has a population of more than 200,000 and extends into the county from neighboring Potter County. Randall County is 922 square miles; its highest elevation is at 3,892 feet.

Palo Duro Canyon, located in the county, is the second-largest canyon in the country and visitors can camp and hike at the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, also part of the county, is comprised of nearly 8,000 acres, home to migratory and year-round wildlife including black-tailed prairie dogs and burrowing owls.

The county is also home to the Jack Sisemore RV Museum, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and the Texas Outdoor Musical, located at Palo Duro Canyon.

"Get to Know" features new NACo member counties.



NEWS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

ARIZONA

PIMA COUNTY is trying to **cut down on gas-powered landscaping equipment** with its lawn and garden equipment replacement program. The program allows residents to turn in one gas-powered lawn mower in exchange for a \$150 voucher for an electric mower. Commercial mowers are good for a \$200 voucher and up to five smaller, handheld gas-powered devices will be accepted for \$50 vouchers.

CALIFORNIA

• **SAN DIEGO COUNTY** will **offer free legal services** to immigration detainees facing deportation, making the county the first along the U.S.-Mexico border to do so. More than 8,000 deportation cases are pending in San Diego Coun-

ty. The county has budgeted \$5 million in the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program's first year to pay for legal services provided by three nonprofits: the Southern California Immigrant Project, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, and the American Bar Association's Immigrant Justice Project. The money also includes \$500,000 for translation services.

Under the new program, people facing deportation who are not in some form of detention, including alternatives to incarceration, would not be eligible for the free legal services, *The Times of San Diego* reported.

• Threatened with wildfire, **PLACER COUNTY** wants its residents to "Learn To Burn," by accepting instructions on

ILLINOIS

• Missing person cases can hinge on the speed with which they can be addressed, so the **WILL COUNTY** Sheriff's Department is offering residents free **scent preservation kits** that store a person's uncontaminated scent, which the department's bloodhound picks up when trying to locate a missing person. The kits are good for children, people with autism or other special needs and adults with memory disorders such as dementia or Alzheimer's.

A look at the kits used by the Will County Sheriff's Department. Photo by Michelle Mullins,

Daily Southtown



using **controlled burns**. The program, funded by Cal Fire, is part of an effort to get 1 million landowners statewide to burn at least one acre per year.

FLORIDA

PINELLAS COUNTY commissioners voted to sue the state over a new **elections reform law**. The county says a

provision illegally targets Pinellas, the *Tampa Bay Times* reported.

Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) signed a bill creating an executive branch office to investigate election crime, requiring county commissioners in single-member districts to run again for their seats following a redistricting process. Pinel-

las finalized its redistricting in December, but the language included multiple exceptions, singling out Pinellas County as the only government affected in the state and setting two sitting commissioners up to run for reelection with two years left in their terms.

ILLINOIS

• Every first Friday of the month, anyone with an outstanding warrant in **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY** is eligible to resolve the case through a new **warrant removal program**. Minor offenses like ordinance violations, traffic tickets, petty offenses and failure to appear in court are covered by the program, which is considered a way to streamline minor offenses, rather than a get-out-of-jail-free card.

People with eligible warrants would give information to the circuit clerk's office and then meet with a judge, state's attorney, public defender and prosecutor to get their case resolved and later set up a payment plan.

MICHIGAN

The **OTTAWA COUNTY** Department of Public Health has launched a **composting program** for residents and businesses. Once bags or bins are full of food waste, people can return the filled items to one of the health department's four sustainability centers around



ARKANSAS

JOHNSON COUNTY adapted NACo's "I Love My County Because..." calendar art contest locally, soliciting submissions from local students and recruiting elected officials to judge them. Winning entries are hung in an impromptu art gallery in the county courthouse lobby. Photo courtesy of Johnson County

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the county for composting. The health department identified a need for a composting program in spring 2021, after seeing more public interest in such programs.



MISSOURI

In its first year, a sheriff's office program in **PLATTE COUNTY** has helped 15 jailed individuals **earn their diplomas**. The program focuses on diploma creation, rather than GED requirements, to give students more flexibility when looking for jobs. The diploma program can be started in the jail but finished in another facility or while the inmate is out on bond or released, allowing them to finish the program regardless of their status. The jail's intake program collects information about education levels so classes can be tailored to a prisoner's needs.

MONTANA

MISSOULA COUNTY has developed a policy to respond to domestic violence cases involving **strangulation**, in collaboration with a domestic violence resource center. Strangulation is now treated as a potentially life-threatening condition regardless of whether injuries are apparent. Survivors are encouraged to quickly seek a medical evaluation to diagnose possible life-threatening effects of strangulation like blood clots, Montana Public Radio reported. The county is considering a policy to pay for medical expenses for survivors.

NEW JERSEY

MORRIS COUNTY collected 674 firearms during a two-day **gun buy-back program**. The program paid out \$104,675, sponsored by Morris County Crimestoppers, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and the Morris County Board

of County Commissioners through American Rescue Plan Act funds and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office Forfeiture Funds, paid for by the County Law Enforcement Trust Account.

NEW YORK

Instead of issuing tickets for defective taillights, **SUFFOLK COUNTY** police will award **vouchers** in its Lights On! Initiative, awarding up to \$250 and \$70,000 overall to help with repairs. Drivers have 14 days to use the vouchers.



NORTH CAROLINA

When COVID-19 shut down classes to get paramedic licenses, it pinched shut the flow of new candidates. Now **RANDOLPH COUNTY** Emergency Services is trying to widen the pipeline by offering **ride-along** opportunities to help recruit potential paramedics, in addition to bonuses. Recruits can spend the day shadowing paramedics and going out on calls.

OREGON

MULTNOMAH COUNTY has launched a new program that incentivizes landlords to rent units to people without homes. **Move-In Multnomah** will pay up to a year of rent for a tenant when they are unable to make a payment. Landlords will be connected to tenants through organizations that work with people experiencing homelessness. Move-In Multnomah also includes funds to cover any damages to a unit beyond the costs covered by the security deposit. That rent money will come from \$4 million in proceeds from the tri-county Supportive Housing Services measure approved by Multnomah, **CLACKAMAS** and **WASHINGTON** county voters in 2020.

PENNSYLVANIA

• **LEHIGH COUNTY** has created the **Office of the Community Liaison** to help improve



PENNSYLVANIA

• Three neighboring counties have joined in an effort to restore passenger train service between Philadelphia and Reading. **BERKS, CHESTER** and **MONTGOMERY** counties will each have three members on the **Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority**.

trust and awareness among residents and connect them with county government resources. The office focuses on facilitating diverse representation in the county and collaborating with local government, community groups and business leaders and will advise the county executive, commissioners and other officials "on sensitive matters related to disadvantaged and traditionally unrepresented communities."

TEXAS

After watching overweight trucks tear up its roads, particularly near oil fields. **BRAZOS COUNTY** commissioners approved fines of up to \$500 for **unpermitted trucks weighing more than 30,000 pounds**.

The order excludes emergency response vehicles, vehicles used in the agri-business industry, concrete ready-mix vehicles and solid waste disposal vehicles.

VIRGINIA

LOUDOUN COUNTY found a home for one of its older fire engines — **HOLMES COUNTY**, Miss. The vehicle can cost as much as \$700,000 when purchased new and the two counties made the trade for \$25,000. The counties started working together through NACo's Economic Mobility Leadership Network program and signed a "sister county" agreement, committing the counties to "beneficial exchanges between schools, cultures, business re-

lationships, as well as connections between citizens and the institutions designed to serve them."

WASHINGTON

Following several pot shop robberies over the last several months, the **KING COUNTY** Council has passed legislation to create a **Cannabis Safety Taskforce**. Those businesses cannot use banks, leaving them with a great deal of cash on their premises and vulnerable to robbery.

The task force includes the King County Sheriff's Office, prosecutor's Office, cannabis business members and local residents to help aid local police in finding ways to prevent robberies.

WISCONSIN

The **DANE COUNTY** Health Council and the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness have launched a program designed to **support Black mothers and their infants**. Connect Rx provides support through pregnancy and afterward, including career counseling for economic stability and helping new parents find reliable housing. Eligibility requirements include meeting criteria for at least one of five Social Determinants of Health, which can help identify high-risk pregnancies: Economic stability, education, health care, neighborhood and environment and social and community context, *The Badger Herald* reported.

NORTH DAKOTA

When a late-season, catastrophic blizzard knocked out power to thousands in **DIVIDE COUNTY**, the local newspaper *The Journal* was in trouble. Recognizing that it was no time for residents to be without the news, the county **opened up its courthouse** to the newspaper staff, electricity and all, and served as a newsroom for two issues of the paper.

Journal staff Tia LaCombe and Cecile Wehrman wheel suitcases carrying their production equipment out of the Divide County courthouse. Photo courtesy of The Journal.



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BEST IN CATEGORY

Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation

Catawba County, N.C.

Hmong Keeb Kwm: The Hmong Heritage Project

Children and Youth

Boulder County, Colo.

The Young Leaders Academy (YLA)

Civic Education and Public Information

Chesterfield County, Va.

'Mental Health Is A Puzzle, But We Have The Missing Piece' Youth-Centric Social Media Campaign

Community and Economic Development

Harford County, Md.

The Grove at Harford

County Administration and Management

Clark County, Nev.

Online Mineral Processing Tool for Air Quality Permitting

County Resiliency

Santa Barbara County, Calif.

Santa Barbara County ReSource Center

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Saline County, Kan.

Community Corrections UPTrust

Financial Management

Palm Beach County, Fla.

Palm Beach County Community Services Prevention of Improper Client Assistance Payments

Health

Summit County, Ohio

Utilizing collaboration and innovation to abate the opioid epidemic

Human Services

Lassen County, Calif.

Fatherhood Initiative Outreach "The Brandon Story"

Information Technology

Miami-Dade County, Fla.

Surfside Building Collapse Support

Libraries

Yuma County, Ariz.

Smart Start Kits

Parks and Recreation

Charlotte County, Fla.

Sam and Charlotte's Super Safari

Personnel Management, Employment and Training

San Diego County, Calif.

Investing Learn to Earn Virtual Event

Planning

Union County, N.C.

Union County 2050 Comprehensive Plan

Risk and Emergency Management

Larimer County, Colo.

COVID-19 Recovery Outreach Dashboard

Transportation

Outagamie County, Wis.

Outagamie County Highway "CA" / West College Avenue Reconstruction

Volunteers

Salt Lake County, Utah

Hounds Around Town (HAT)

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