

NACo e-News



The National Association of Counties' biweekly electronic newsletter on current programs, projects and initiatives

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New NACo Officers elected for 2011 – 2012

NACo launches new online county game for students and teachers

Eliason promotes Healthy Counties

Dear INSERT_FIRST_NAME,

NACo is proud to have Commissioner Lenny Eliason of Athens County, Ohio serve as its new president for the coming year. To meet President Eliason, learn about his initiative, and hear some brief remarks, please click [here](#).

This week's poll question, "Do you think the United States news media would resort to hacking methods to gain or create news stories?" Click [here](#) to vote.

The last poll question asked, "Should the Administration and Congress reduce the deficit by: raising revenue/taxes, cutting spending/programs, or a combination of both?" 52 percent said a combination of both, 38 percent said cutting spending/programs and 11 percent said raising revenue/taxes. Interesting, 63 percent thought that raising revenue/taxes should be part of the overall solution.

New from NACo



2011 – 2012 NACo Officers elected at Annual Conference

NACo's new leadership team was elected on July 19 at the Annual Conference in Multnomah County, Ore.: [President Lenny Eliason](#), commissioner, Athens County, Ohio; [First Vice President Chris Rodgers](#), commissioner, Douglas County, Neb.; [Second Vice President Linda Langston](#), supervisor, Linn County, Iowa, and Immediate Past President Glen Whitley, county judge, Tarrant County, Texas. Elected as NACo Southern Region representative was Joe Bryan, commissioner, Wake County, N.C. Re-elected as Western Region representative was Bob Cope, commissioner,

Lemhi County, Idaho. Read the full conference report, including extensive photo coverage, in the August 8th issue of *County News* or online at www.naco.org.

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Eliason announces leadership appointments for 2011 – 2012

NACo President Lenny Eliason appointed the following Steering Committee chairs for the coming year:

Agriculture and Rural Affairs –

Don Larson, commissioner, Brookings County, S.D.;

Community and Economic Development –

Lee May, commissioner, DeKalb County, Ga.;

Environment, Energy and Land Use –

Salud Carbajal, supervisor, Santa Barbara County, Calif.;

Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs –

Dan Troy, commissioner, Lake County, Ohio;

Health –

Liz Kniss, supervisor, Santa Clara County, Calif.;

Human Services and Education –

Hub Walsh, supervisor, Merced County, Calif.;

Justice and Public Safety –

David Hudson, county judge, Sebastian County, Ark.;

Labor and Employment –

Carol Holden, commissioner, Hillsborough County, N.H.;

Public Lands –

Tim Josi, commissioner, Tillamook County, Ore.;

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Telecommunications and Technology –

Joyce Dickerson, council member, Richland County, S.C.;

Transportation –

Leo Bowman, commissioner, Benton County, Wash.;

Eliason also appointed caucus chairs:

Large Urban County Caucus –

Helen Holton, council member, City of Baltimore, Md.; and

Rural Action Caucus –

Keith Langenhahn, board chair, Marathon County, Wis.

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This fall, students in schools across the country will be able to learn about county government through an online game that NACo created in partnership with iCivics, Inc. The game, "Counties Work," will educate students, grades 6 through 12, about the important role and functions of county government by

letting them run their own county. To play the game, visit

www.naco.org/countieswork. Click on the following two links to view the [curriculum/lesson plans](#) and [webquest/county basics](#) developed to assist teachers.

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If you attended the 2011 Annual Conference in Multnomah County (Portland), Ore., you will receive a personalized email with information to access the educational content that was presented, via NACo's online Live Learning Center. You will be able to hear remarks, view presentations and print handouts from sessions whose speakers gave permission to share their materials.

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Video recordings, courtesy of Cisco Systems, of the Technology Summit and Chief Information Officer Forum that took place at the Annual Conference in Multnomah County, Ore. on July 14 and 15 are available [here](#). To read *Government Technology* magazine's coverage of the summit, click [here](#). Plan to attend the next CIO Forum on March 4, 2012 and the Technology Summit on March 5, 2012 in Washington, D.C. as part of NACo's Legislative Conference. Look for more coverage in the August 8th issue of *County News*.

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NACo President Lenny Eliason's key presidential initiative will focus on "Healthy Counties," a county by county public awareness campaign to promote healthy living and lifestyle choices in communities across the country. Related to his initiative, the Appalachian Regional Commission's *Healthy Families: Healthy Future* conference September 7 – 9 in Prestonburg, Ky., will examine key health issues and highlight successful health care programs in Appalachia, with a special focus on children and families. For more information, click [here](#).

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Free NACo webinars

Use Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunities to Strengthen Your Community (Members only)

Wednesday, Aug. 17

2 – 3:15p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Learn how your county can use its Hazard Mitigation Plan to apply for funds to strengthen the community against future disasters. To register, click [here](#).

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Did you miss a webinar because you did not have the time? Have you viewed our Webinars on Demand that highlight topics you might be dealing with? Viewing these webinars at your convenience is a great way to learn how other counties are dealing with issues and programs. Click [here](#) to see what you have missed.

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About NACo – The Voice of America’s Counties

National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the U.S. NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

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