



Association of Minnesota Counties

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New County Officials, Staff From Across Minnesota Attend “County Government 101” Conference in St. Paul

(ST. PAUL, MN)-- 81 new county officials (including 55 commissioners) elected last November and staff attended the Association of Minnesota Counties' (AMC) County Government 101 conference in St. Paul, January 23- 25, 2019. The association holds this comprehensive conference every other January following a general election to give new officials the opportunity to network, learn the basics of getting started in county government, and become acquainted with the services and resources that AMC offers members.

County officials come from many different backgrounds and experiences, and this conference is designed to address the wide array of topics important to new county leaders, including:

- Ethics in Government and Commissioner's Personal Liability
- Open Meeting Law: Tips & Traps
- Balancing Your Commissioner Role with Work and Family
- The Role of County Administrator/Coordinator
- The County Budget: How to Effectively Develop, Monitor, and Report on Your County's Budget and Capital Investment Plan
- Vision: Policy Making VS. Micromanaging
- Demographic and Economic Changes in Your County
- The Role of Professional Staff in a Political Organization
- How to Deal Effectively With the Media

AMC has been serving Minnesota's 87 counties since 1909. AMC is a voluntary statewide organization that assists the state's 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. The association works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. In addition, the association provides educational programs, training, research and communications for county officials.

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