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## County Commissioners Named to Leadership Positions on Statewide Legislative Policy Committees

(St. Paul, MN)--County commissioners from **BECKER, BLUE EARTH, CARVER, LAC QUI PARLE, PENNINGTON, ROSEAU, STEELE,** and **WRIGHT** counties have been named to leadership positions on the Association of Minnesota Counties' (AMC) five policy committees.

Development of the AMC legislative platform is based largely on the recommendations of the five policy committees: **Environment & Natural Resources, General Government & Taxes, Health & Human Services, Public Safety, and Transportation & Infrastructure.** AMC's legislative platform encompasses virtually all areas of county concern, including financing of human services programs, administration of jails, county board authority, funding for health and long term care services, economic development, affordable housing, agriculture policy, solid waste management, transportation financing, the county/state fiscal relationship and many other areas.

More than 130 delegates serve on these committees, with each member county is represented by at least one delegate on one of the five policy committees. The policy committees meet several times during the year to refine policies related to their respective areas.

***The county commissioners named to AMC policy committee leadership positions are as follows:***

<b>Environment &amp; Natural Resources:</b>	Barry Nelson (Becker County), Chair Todd Miller (Roseau County), Vice Chair
<b>General Government &amp; Taxes:</b>	Darryl Tveitbakk (Pennington County), Chair Gayle Degler (Carver County), Vice Chair
<b>Health &amp; Human Services:</b>	Nina Huntington (Steele County), Chair Todd Patzer (Lac qui Parle County), Vice Chair
<b>Public Safety:</b>	Will Purvis (Blue Earth County), Chair Karla Bigham (Washington County), Vice Chair
<b>Transportation &amp; Infrastructure:</b>	John Okeson (Becker County), Chair Michael Potter (Wright County), Vice Chair

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. Visit us online at [www.mncounties.org](http://www.mncounties.org).

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