



**Monday November 26**

**4:00pm - 5:00pm Registration**

**Clearwater Lobby**

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Reception Welcoming Newly Elected Commissioners** Clearwater Ballroom

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Board of Directors Dinner (off site)**

**Tuesday November 27**

**8:00am to 3:00pm Registration**

**Clearwater Lobby**

**8:00 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast**

**Clearwater Lobby**

**9:00am-4:00pm IN Government Technology Leaders Association Meeting (IGTLA)** Suite 15

**9:00 am - 12 Noon Newly-Elected Commissioner Training (open to everyone)**

**Clearwater Ballroom**

**9:00am - 10:00am**

**Valuable Resources Available**

**Nathan Gabhart, IACC President and Daviess County Commissioner**

**Stephanie Yager IACC Executive Director**

**Richard Hall, Attorney at Barnes & Thornburg and IACC Legal Counsel**

**10:00am - 10:15am Break**

**10:15am to 11:00am**

**Open Door Laws..Keeping it Legal**

**Luke Britt, Indiana Public Access Counselor**

**Judy Anderson, IACC Vice President and Vigo County Commissioner Moderator**

*This session will discuss both of the Indiana Public Access Laws, the Open Door Law and Access to Public Records Act, including common pitfalls and mistakes made by public agencies in attempting to comply.*

**11:00am to 12:00pm**

**Ethics for County Officials**

**Buddy Downs, Partner Ice Miller**

**Karen Arland, of Counsel, Ice Miller**

**Bob Clutter, Boone County Attorney**

**Kendell Culp, IACC Treasurer and Jasper County Commissioner Moderator**

*An overview of specific ethics laws that regulate official conduct. You'll gain an understanding of how to avoid the "appearance of impropriety" in the decision-making process. This session will review the key criminal statutes of which all public officials should be aware in order to comply with ethical standards. Learn more about bribery statutes, official misconduct, conflicts of interest, profiteering from public service, and ghost employment.*

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch** **Suites 4,5, 6, & 7**

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** **Opening Ceremony** **Clearwater Ballroom**  
**Posting of the Colors by the Indiana State Police**  
**Welcome Nathan Gabhart IACC 2018 President and Daviess County Commissioner**  
**Stephanie Yager, IACC Executive Director Opening Remarks**

**Keynote Panel - Shaping a Safe and Secure Community**  
**Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Commissioner**  
**Mark Bowen, Hamilton County Sheriff**  
**Shane Booker, EMA Director for Hamilton County**  
**Mike Snowden, Executive Director of Communications for Hamilton County**

**2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**County Auditors' Breakout Session** **Suite 13**

**Administrative Assistant Breakout Session** **Suite 14**

**2:00pm - 3:00pm Six Concurrent IACC District Meetings**

**Northwest District** **Suite 2**  
**Northeast District** **Suite 3**  
**West Central District** **Suite 4**  
**East Central District** **Suite 5**  
**Southwest District** **Suite 6**  
**Southeast District** **Suite 7**

**Be sure to attend your District Meeting to discuss issues important to you and collaborate with County Commissioners in your district.**

**3:00pm - 6:00pm Grand Opening Reception and Exhibits Hall**  
**Please be sure to visit with the participating trusted exhibitors who support our association!**

**Evening available for individual activities & dinner**

**HOSPITALITY SUITES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL WEE HOURS**

**Wednesday November 28**

**8:00am - 3:00pm Registration** **Clearwater Lobby**

**8:00am - 9:00am Continental Breakfast and Exhibit Hall Open** **Clearwater Lobby**

**Please be sure to visit with the participating trusted exhibitors who support our association!**

**8:30am - 11:45am**

**Indiana LTAP Road Scholar Core Course #10 Drainage** **Metro Suites**

*This course will cover legal aspects/drainage law, basic hydrology, structure types and hydraulic design/sizing.*

**9:00am – 10:15am**

**Current Trends that are Shaping the future of County Jails** Clearwater Ballroom

**Bill Wilson, Indiana Sheriffs Association  
Tom Wall, IACC Secretary and Huntington County Commissioner Moderator**

**Dollars and Sense – Utilizing new taxing authority and feasibility study requirements to meet county jail challenges**

**Richard Hall, IACC Legal Counsel and Partner at Barnes & Thornburg  
Matt Eckerle, Principal at Umbaugh  
Garmong**

*This year, legislation was amended that provides some help for counties funding expenses related to correctional and rehabilitation facilities. Under the legislation, county fiscal bodies are permitted to adopt an ordinance to impose (within the local income tax expenditure rate) a tax rate to assist with funding expenses related to correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in the county. There are advantages and disadvantages to adopting this new legislation. It is important to carefully evaluate the option and determine if it is best for your county.*

**10:15am – 10:30am Break**

**10:30am – 11:15am Successful Cyber Security Awareness Programs** Clearwater Ballroom

**Chris Mertens, Hamilton County Director of Information Technology  
Jeremy Stevens, Howard County Director of Information Systems  
Mike Yoder, IACC Past President and Elkhart County Commissioner**

*Counties should be embracing and encouraging the highest-level cybersecurity best practices and standards to enhance risk reduction. Technology users are often the weakest link. Attendees will gain an understanding of how to gauge your counties risk and ways to insure good cyber hygiene.*

**11:15am – 12:00pm General Session - Workforce Development** Clearwater Ballroom

**Danny Lopez, Governor's Workforce Cabinet Chairman  
Ryan Goodwin, Morgan County Commissioner**

*The Chairman of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet will speak on the development of Indiana's next generation workforce and how county government will play a vital role. He will also discuss the Governor's priorities for workforce development and the positive impact for economic development throughout the state.*

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch and Exhibit Hall Open** Plaza Ballroom  
**Please be sure to visit with the participating trusted exhibitors who support our association!**

**1:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors (IACHES)** Metro Suites

**1:30 pm – 2:30pm**

**2018 Legislative Update** Clearwater Ballroom

**Heather Willey, IACC Lobbyist with Barnes & Thornburg  
Tom Murtaugh, IACC Legislative Committee Chairman and  
Tippecanoe Co. Commissioner**

**2:30pm – 3:30pm**

**Successfully shaping your highway projects to match available funding sources** Clearwater Ballroom

**Rich Domonkos, Indiana LTAP Program Manager**

**Kathy Eaton MCKalip- INDOT LPA/MPO Grant Administrator**  
**Stephanie Heath, Director of County Services with State Board of Accounts (SBOA)**  
**Kevin Woodward, Wells County Commissioner Moderator**

*Attendees will hear about funding updates for County Highway MVH, LRS, and Community Crossing Matching Grants and gain insight on how to shape your highway projects effectively to best match up with the various funding sources.*

**3:30pm - 3:45pm Break**

**3:45pm - 5:00pm**

**Concurrent Breakout Session**

**Participants will select one of five sessions to attend  
Bring your whole team to cover them all!**

- 1. Drainage Projects with More Gain and Less Pain** **Suite 3**  
**Joseph Miller, PE Banning Engineering**  
**Bob Gentry, Hendricks County Commissioner**  
**Ken Hedge, Boone County Surveyor**  
**Justin Schneider, Indiana Farm Bureau**  
**Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Commissioner, Moderator**

*Attendees will hear from panelist about the 5 P's for Success with Drainage Projects; Planning..Process..Politics..Perseverance..Patience.*

- 2. Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioner's in the County Budget, Capital Improvement Plans, and Claims Process** **Suite 4**  
**Jacque Clements, AIC Director of Professional Development**  
**Paige Sansone, CPA, Partner at Umbaugh**  
**Ken Paust, Wayne County Commissioner Moderator**

*Congratulations! You're a new commissioner! Or maybe a veteran in search of a better understanding of the budget and claims processing processes. In any case, this workshop will focus on who's who and the roles they play in the budget process and Capital Improvement planning. It will also educate the attendees of the duties you oversee in the payment of Claims made against the county.*

- 3. Indiana Broadband.... Is your County Ready?** **Suite 5**  
**Scott Rudd, Director of Broadband Opportunities**  
**Diane Biddle, Brown County Commissioner Moderator**
- 4. TIF: The Beginning, Middle, End and More** **Suite 6**  
**Wes Bennett, Commissioner of In Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF)**  
**Matt Eckerle, Principal at Umbaugh**  
**Lynne Liechty, Steuben County Commissioner Moderator**

*This session will highlight the "life" of a TIF area and its operation, from a community's creation of its redevelopment commission, the establishment of its first allocation area, and what happens after an allocation area is terminated. Topics to be addressed include considerations for the use of TIF as a development tool, annual administrative requirements for TIF, the basics of TIF operations and financings, and the impact of TIF on overlapping taxing units.*

- 5. Introduction to the State Board of Accounts** **Suite 7**  
**Stephanie Heath, Director of County Services**  
**Larry James, Perry County Commissioner Moderator**

*Attendees will gain knowledge of the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) audit process and what role County Commissioners have in the process.*

**Evening available for individual activities & dinner  
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**9:00 pm - 12 Midnight  
Casino Night Networking Social Event**

**Plaza Ballroom**

**Sponsored by Some of our Associate members**

**This is a great opportunity to not only have fun  
but to also network with other officials and mentors!**

**Thursday November 29**

**8:00am – 9:00am Registration**

**Clearwater Lobby**

**8:00 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast**

**9:00am – 10:00am**

**The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Tips and Tales from County Commissioners  
Mike Yoder, IACC Past President and Elkhart County Commissioner  
Whitney Pierle, Lochmueller Group, Moderator**

**A Conference favorite that you will not want to miss!**

*This year, we will hear from Commissioners that will share their experiences and helpful tips regarding innovative initiatives in their counties. We will hear from our speakers on strategies, goals, and collaborative efforts that they had success with. Please join us for an exciting discussion!*

**10:00am – 11:00am**

**2018 Achievement Awards Ceremony and IACC Elections**

**Clearwater Ballroom**

**Nathan Gabhart, 2018 IACC President and Daviess County Commissioner  
Diana Biddle, IACC Awards Committee Chairman and Brown County Commissioner**

***At the close of the conference each attendee present will be***