



**ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**2021 Annual Conference Agenda**  
**Embrace our Past, Impact our Future**

Monday November 29

1:00pm – 4:00pm AIC Institute Class – ***You must register with the AIC to attend.*** Clearwater Ballroom  
Indiana Tax & Business Climate

*The purpose of the class will be to educate county officials of the impact of LIT and proposed changes to the LIT reserves and potential changes to business personal property.*

6:00pm IACC Board of Directors Dinner Off Site

TUESDAY, November 30

7:30am – 3:00pm Registration Clearwater Lobby

8:00 am – 9:00am Continental Breakfast  
Sponsored BY: Indiana Pork

9:00 am - 10:00 am Opening Session Clearwater Ballroom  
Welcome Tom Wall, IACC 2021 President and Huntington County Commissioner  
Posting of the National and State Colors by the Indiana State Police  
Pledge of Allegiance Kendell Culp, IACC Past President and Jasper County Commissioner  
Keynote Speaker Lt Governor Suzanne Crouch

10:00 am - 11:00 am 2019 IACC Achievement Awards Ceremony Clearwater Ballroom  
Stephanie Yager, IACC Executive Director  
Tom Wall, IACC 2021 President and Huntington County Commissioner  
Suzie Weirick Awards Committee Chairperson and Elkhart County Commissioner

11:00am – 11:15am Break  
Sponsored by: Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP

11:15am - 12:00 pm Connecting Indiana Counties to Next Level Opportunities Clearwater Ballroom  
Denny Spinner, Executive Director of OCRA  
Elmer Brames, Dubois County Commissioner, Moderator

*This session will discuss the importance of connecting Indiana counties to opportunities and resources within the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, whether it be grant funding, broadband access or information and support.*

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

Sponsored by: Banning Engineering, EMCS Inc., Krieg DeVault LLP

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm County Commissioners - How to tell your Story Clearwater Ballroom  
Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Commissioner  
Tammy Sander, Hamilton County Communications  
Vittoria Meyer, RJLSolutions

*Your county is doing great things, but do your residents know about it? Don't miss out on the opportunity to share your wins with the public! Hiring a communications professional to help tell your story is money well spent - especially when the inevitable crisis does occur or if you are trying to gain public support for a project. Hear from Hamilton County Commissioner and County Communications PIO about the benefits of being more transparent, building a social media following, and establishing meaningful relationships with the media.*

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Six Concurrent District Meeting / Elections  
Sponsored by: VS Engineering

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. Each District will elect a District President and Vice President that will serve as members of the IACC State Board of Directors and support County Commissioners in their district. Your participation is very important!*

2:00 pm – 4:00pm County Auditors Affiliate Meeting Suite 13&14

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Grand Opening Reception and Exhibits Hall Plaza Ballroom

Evening available for individual activities & dinner  
HOSPITALITY SUITES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL WEE HOURS

### WEDNESDAY, December 1

8:00am – 3:00pm Registration Clearwater Lobby

8:00 am - 9:00am Continental Breakfast and Exhibit Hall Open Suite 8, 9, 10  
Sponsored by: Ameresco, Janssen & Spaans Engineering

8:30am – 4:00pm Indiana County Highway Engineers and Supervisors Metro Suite

9:00am – am 10:00am American Rescue Plan Act – Where we are, and where we are going Clearwater Ballroom  
Jacob German, Associate Barnes & Thornburg  
Kellie Streeter, Knox County Commissioner Moderator

10:00am – 10:15am Break  
Sponsored by: GRW

10:15am – 11:15am 2022 Legislative Leadership Update Clearwater Ballroom  
Roderick Bray Indiana Senate President Pro Tempore  
Representative Greg Steuerwald, Majority Caucus Chair  
Tom Murtaugh, Tippecanoe County Commissioner and Co-Chair IACC Legislative Committee  
Kevin Overmyer, Marshal County Commissioner and Co-Chair IACC Legislative Committee  
Jacob German Associate Barnes & Thornburg and IACC Lobbyist

*Attendees will hear from Top Legislative Leaders about the key issues set to be considered at the Indiana state legislature in 2022. Be a part of the policy discussions on issues impacting your communities in Indiana.*

11:15am – 12:00pm Open Door Laws..Keeping it Legal Clearwater Ballroom  
  
Luke Britt, Indiana Public Access Counselor  
Ken Paust, Wayne County Commissioner, Moderator

*This course will explore the recent changes to virtual meeting practices for local and county government. We will discuss the differences between options during times of disaster emergency and when normalcy resumes. Executive sessions, notices, and audience participation will also be covered.*

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch and Exhibit Hall Open

1:30pm- 2:30pm Developing Strategies to Address Behavioral Health, Addiction, and Criminal Justice Challenges within your County Clearwater Ballroom  
  
Douglas Huntsinger, Executive Director for Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement and Chairman of the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse State of Indiana, Office of the Governor  
Matt Brooks, President of Matt Brooks Consulting  
Lisa Hall Owner and Founder of Glory Girl Productions  
Diana Biddle, Brown County Commissioner Moderator

*Hear from statewide leaders as we meet to review strategies and innovative approaches aimed at addressing the challenging issue of behavioral health, addiction, and criminal justice within your county. Increasingly, County Commissioners are hearing from their constituents on the need to enhance alternatives for individuals with substance use disorders. Additionally, county jails are increasingly taking on the role for providing mental health and addiction treatment. These challenges are requiring innovative and strategic approaches on the part of Commissioners to address these community needs. Presenters will discuss strategies and opportunities for determining the best use of funding to address mental health and addiction and how to utilize your local JRAC. We will also hear stories of communities coming together to address alternatives to incarceration. Plan to attend this important and timely session!*

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm and Repeat 3:35pm-4:15pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions  
Participants will select one of five sessions each time slot to attend.  
Bring your whole team to cover them all!

1. Containing Healthcare Costs for Counties Suite 15  
Bill Sylvester, Advisor, Apex Benefits  
Shawna Schwegman, Business Development Consultant, Apex Benefits

**Jack Dodd, Howard County Commissioner Moderator**

*Learn different strategies on ways that counties can address the rising cost of healthcare from choosing a network to pharmacy benefits and wellness programs. These best practices will provide an overview of some of the best strategies for budgeting, managing, and containing these costs while still promoting a healthy workforce. This workshop will also include creative and non-traditional approaches that some counties have implemented across Indiana.*

2. Connected Virtual Government Suite 16  
Matt Dietz, IT Director, Elkhart County  
Suzanne Weirick, Elkhart County Commissioner Moderator

*The pandemic has forced local units to rely on technology to conduct business. This has been one of the beneficial outcomes that has come out of the Public Health Emergency. Attend this session and learn about the Innovative technology advances that Elkhart County has implemented.*

3. Cybersecurity Valuable Resources for Counties Suite 11  
  
Chetrice L. Mosley-Romero, Cybersecurity Program Director  
Joe Beckman, Lead Information Security Analyst with the Purdue University CyberTAP  
Mary Moran, Director of Emergency Management Response & Recovery Division IDHS  
Kent Kroft, Tippecanoe County Chief Information Officer  
Kellie Streeter, Knox County Commissioner Moderator

*Cyberattacks have increased in frequency on local governments. Attend this session to hear from Indiana's Top Cybersecurity Leaders on what local governments can do to improve their cybersecurity posture with free resources and best practices.*

4. Planning the Procurement of a Facility Project: Defining Scope, Procurement Method, and Financing Suite 12  
Eric Ratts, AIA I Principal Architect, DLZ Architects & Engineers  
Rick Hall I Partner, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP  
Jason Semler, CPA I Partner, Baker Tilley  
Paul Okeson, Garmong Construction Services,  
Brian Baird, Johnson County Commissioner Moderator

*Are you thinking about a construction project and wondering what the steps are? We will provide a road map on how to define a scope of work, decide which is the best procurement process, and various ways to finance the project. The expert panelists will discuss how procurement methods such as Design Bid Build, Design Build, Construction Manager as Advisor vs Constructor, and Build Operate Transfer can impact how you plan and finance a project.*

5. INDOT Pass-through Responsibility and Federal Rural Public Transit Funds Suite 13  
Todd Jennings, 5311 Program Manager, INDOT  
Lynne Liechty, Steuben County Moderator

*Local County governments will be introduced to the basics of Federal and State requirements for Pass-through entities of federal transit funds. These funds are awarded through the Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) Section 5311 Program and in-part regulated by 2 CFR Part 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Multiple counties within Indiana act as Grant Applicants and Pass-through Entities of these federal transit funds that are then provided to a local non-profit through a subaward (Pass-through Agreement) for the provision of rural public transportation within their county. Through this session, INDOT Office of Transit seeks to provide helpful program basics, technical assistance, and other valuable resources to those acting as Pass-through Entities in order to assist with ongoing compliance and future success with federal and state grant audits.*

4:15pm – 5:15pm Special Population Discussion Clearwater Ballroom

Evening available for individual activities & dinner

9:00 pm – 12:00am “Networking Social Event” Casino Night

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

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THURSDAY, December 2

8:00am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast Clearwater Lobby

Sponsored by: Tax Management Associates, Milestone Contractors

8:00am – 9:00am Registration Clearwater Lobby

9:00am – 10:00am Local Transportation Funding Progress and Opportunities for Counties

Patrick Conner, Lead Engineer – Transportation Asset Management Indiana LTAP

John Frey, Montgomery County Commissioner Moderator Clearwater Ballroom

*This session will explore the progress and impacts that the gas tax increase and legislative constraints has had on the MVH, LRS, Wheel Tax, and Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund. This session will also review transportation funding opportunities from the federal government and funding requirements for road and bridge preservation type of work projects.*

10:15am – 11:00 Tips and Tales from County Commissioners Clearwater Ballroom

Amy Blaker, Lochmueller Group

Suzanne Weirick, Elkhart County Moderator

*This year, we'll check with County Commissioners across the state and get a glimpse of their 2021—the goods, the bads, and the uglies. Don't miss this conference favorite, complete with a “2021 Favorite” prize giveaway!*

*At the close of the conference each attendee present will be eligible to win a Fabulous Prize. You must be present to win!*