



Monday November 28

4:00pm – 6:00pm Registration

5:00pm - 6:00pm Reception Welcoming Newly Elected County Commissioners

Clearwater Ballroom

6:00pm Annual Board of Directors Dinner

Off Site

Tuesday November 29, 2022

7:30am – 4:00pm Registration

Clearwater Lobby

8:00am – 9:00am Continental Breakfast

Clearwater/Metro Lobby

9:00am – 9:45am

Posting of the Colors by the Indiana State Police

**Welcome Diana Biddle, IACC President and Brown County Commissioners
Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch**

Clearwater Ballroom

Valuable Resources Available to County Commissioners

Diana Biddle, IACC President and Brown County Commissioners

Richard Hall, IACC General Counsel with Barnes & Thornburg

Tyler Warman, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Governor Holcomb

Daniel Miller, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Lt Gov Crouch

Denny Spinner, Executive Director of OCRA

David Bottorff, Executive Director Association of Indiana Counties (AIC)

Richard Domonkos, Program Manager In Local Technical Assistance Program LTAP

Paul Joyce, State Examiner State Board of Accounts

Wesley Bennett, Commissioner Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF)

Kevin Sears, Local Government Affairs Liaison, INDOT

Stephanie Yager, Executive Director In Association of County Commissioners

Attendees will learn about the many valuable resources that the IACC provides and meet many of the valuable partners that will assist you along your journey as leaders in your county.

9:45am - 10:30am

Clearwater

Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners in the Budget and Claims Process

Elmer Brames, Dubois 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. It will also educate the attendees of the duties you oversee in the payment of Claims made against the county.

10:30am – 10:45 Break

10:45am – 11:15am

Ethics for County Officials

Clearwater Ballroom

Dustin Meeks, Associate Barnes & Thornburg and IACC Legal Counsel

Jack Coffman, Clark 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.

11:15am- 12:00am

Open Door Laws..Keeping it Legal

Clearwater Ballroom

Luke Britt, Indiana Public Access Counselor

Ken Paust, Wayne 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.

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch

Box Lunch

Suite 4/5 and 6/7

1:00pm – 2:00pm 2022 IACC Achievement Awards Ceremony and Elections

Clearwater Ballroom

Diana Biddle, IACC President and Brown County Commissioners

Suzie Weirick, IACC Awards Committee Chairperson and Elkhart County Commissioner

Stephanie Yager, IACC Executive Director

The IACC will recognize outstanding County Commissioners, County Engineers, Highway Supervisors, County Auditors, and Administrative Assistants. These individuals have consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional service resulting in significant, positive impact to their county. Be sure to join in and celebrate their accomplishments!

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Six Concurrent IACC District Meetings

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

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!

2:00pm – 3:00pm – Affiliate Breakout Sessions

County Auditors **Suite 15**

County Administrators/CEO's **Suite 14**

Attend this session and learn, share, and build relationships with County Administrators across the state to strengthen valuable partnerships.

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

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Grand Opening Reception and Exhibits Hall **Plaza Ballroom Suite 8, 9, 10**

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 30

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

8:00am – 9:00am Continental Breakfast **Clearwater Lobby and Exhibit Area**

9:00am – 12:00pm Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors - Metro Suite

9:00am – 9:45am

Clearwater Ballroom

Collaborative, Forward-Thinking, and Intentional partnerships can lead to success

David Rosenberg, Executive Vice President, Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)

Denny Spinner, Executive Director, Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA)

Kevin Overmyer, Marshall County Commissioner

Attend this session and learn how Collaborative, Forward-Thinking, and Intentional partnerships can lead to success. Bring your biggest, boldest, most out-of-the-box ideas to life by partnering to help businesses play a defining role in shaping the world's economic future with the resources and expertise available in Indiana. Indiana is the right place, with the right people, and the right setting to push businesses forward.

9:45am – 10:00am Break

Clearwater Lobby

10:00am – 10:45am Legislative Update

Clearwater Ballroom

Jacob German, Partner Barnes & Thornburg

Tom Murtaugh, Tippecanoe County Commissioner and IACC Legislative Committee Co-Chair

Brian Baird, Johnson County Commissioner and IACC Legislative Committee Co-Chair

10:45am – 12:00pm Legislative Leaders - 2023 Session Preview

Clearwater Ballroom

Mental Health and Addiction (Rep. Greg Steuerwald/Senator Michael Crider)

Session Preview (Senator Bray/Representative Houston/Jeff Thompson)

12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch and Exhibit Hall

Plaza Ballroom and Suite 8, 9, 10

Buffet Lunch Seating in Suite 4,5, 6, 7

12:00pm – 4:00pm Indiana Association of County Engineers and Supervisors – Metro Suites

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Indiana LTAP Partners – Your Guide to the Road Ahead

Richard Domonkos, Program Manager

Clearwater Ballroom

Patrick Conner, PE, Lead Engineer, Asset Management

Meredith Camp, Senior Training Specialist

Laura Slusher, PE, Lead Engineer, Transportation Safety

Jennifer Sharkey, PE, Lead Research Engineer

John Frey, Montgomery County Commissioner and LTAP Advisory Board Member

The Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) helps street departments, highway departments, and local elected officials better meet the needs of the public by acting as a resource for training technical assistance and technology transfer. Come meet Indiana LTAP staff and learn how we directly work with Indiana counties and their elected officials. Preventing crashes, managing pavements and bridges, homegrown solutions for everyday

challenges, and training tomorrow's workforce are all part of the mission of the Indiana LTAP Center. Best of all, Indiana LTAP provides resources that are digitally and financially accessible, including on-site trainings, to every county and corner of the State.

2:15pm – 3:00pm

Better Together—Driving Success Through Partner Collaboration

Clearwater Ballroom

- **Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Commissioner (Meets regularly with his mayors)**
- **John Frey, Montgomery County Commissioner (Coffee with the Commish – meets with his constituents)**
- **Tom Murtaugh, Tippecanoe County Commissioner (Successfully Collaborates with his County Council)**
- **Jack Coffman, Clark County Commissioner (Meets monthly with neighboring county commissioners for lunch.)**

Far too often, local units of government are put into a position (or forced) to compete with one another. Resources (people and funding) aren't sufficient to support duplication of effort. Collaboration doesn't need to be complex—start small and work from there. This session will explore examples from Commissioners of successful partner collaborations that provide a forum for the discussion of common issues and challenges.

3:00pm – 3:45pm

It Can Happen to You! Responsibilities of County Commissioners Before, During and After Disasters

Joel Thacker, IDHS Executive Director

Clearwater Ballroom

Chetrice Mosley-Romero, Cybersecurity Program Director

Tom Wall, Huntington County Commissioner

Attendees will learn the duties and responsibilities of elected officials so that they may be more adequately prepared for the “what ifs” that may occur in their jurisdictions. From tornados to flooding to cybersecurity, this session will assist County Commissioners to understand their statutory responsibilities in all phases of a disaster. This discussion can also help pave the way for a more effective and efficient way to address disasters in Indiana counties, so our communities are best served.

3:45pm - 4:00pm Traveling Break

4:00 – 5:00pm Concurrent Breakout Session

Participants will select one of four sessions to attend

Bring your whole team to cover them all!

1. County Administrator/Administrative Assistant/HR personnel are worth their weight in gold!

Kent Irwin Waggoner Irwin and Scheele & Associates Suite 3

Tom Klein, Montgomery County Administrator

Deb Verley, Morgan County Executive Assistant

Dotty Miller, DeKalb County Director of Human Resources

Jack Dodd, Howard County Commissioner – Moderator

This session will provide an overview of how the duties and responsibilities of county administrators, human resource directors, and commissioners administrative assistants are structured and function within the framework of Indiana county government.

The presenters will engage participants in a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of having these positions, the services provided to the county, and the pitfalls to avoid.

2. Best Practice Guidance for Solar and other Renewable Energy Development – Suite 4

Richard Hall, Partner Barnes & Thornburg and IACC Legal Counsel

Connie Neining, Center for Infrastructure and Economic Development

Steve Burton, White County Commissioner

Chris Switzer, Vigo County Commissioner - Moderator

Solar energy development is expanding in Indiana, which requires counties to address how and where it occurs locally. Through best-practice guidance and real-life experiences, this session will demonstrate how county elected officials and planners can successfully balance agricultural preservation with private property rights to best integrate community & utility-scale solar development in their county. This session will address common community concerns, as well as highlight the impacts and benefits of large-scale solar development from communities across the state.

3. Partnering is key in pursuing solutions to broadband access! Suite 5

Earnie Holtrey, Deputy Director, In Broadband Office, Office of Lt Governor Suzanne Crouch

Bill Soards, President Indiana AT&T

Cheryl Musgrave, Vanderburgh County Commissioner

John Schellenberger, Floyd County Commissioner - Moderator

Far too many communities and pockets within even our affluent counties are coping with no, or limited, broadband service options for residents to gain access to the economy, healthcare, and education. County officials play a crucial role as policymakers, funders, data aggregators, conveners, and partners in pursuing sustainable solutions to broadband access, affordability, and reliability. Attend this session and learn how to position your county for new broadband infrastructure investment. Additionally, hear from Vanderburgh County who has launched their county wide project to bring fast internet access to underserved parts of their county.

4. Elected officials - 3 Keys for Success: Asset Management, Preservation, Funding

Patrick Conner, PE, Lead Engineer, Asset Management Indiana LTAP Suite 6 & 7

Heather Gries, Spencer County Commissioner – Moderator

This session will take a look at preservation activities that can lower the life cycle costs and extend the life of our county roads and bridges as well as different ways to fund these activities. Well timed preservation treatments are the key in achieving our long-term performance goals for our networks. Get the latest information and requirements to plug into Federal Aid, Community Crossing Matching Grants, as well as your MVH funds so you don't miss out on funding opportunities.

Evening available for individual activities & dinner

9:00pm – 11:00pm

Plaza Ballroom

**IACC's County Fair - Networking Social Event
Fair Games and Prizes**

Music Extravaganza

James Harness *Pat Long ***Ben Beer *** County Musicians
Bring your musical talent and join in!**

Sponsored by Some of our Associate Member Partners

You will not want to miss this event!

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

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Thursday December 1

8:00am – 9:00am Registration

Clearwater Lobby

8:00 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

Clearwater Lobby

Sponsored by Indiana Pork

9:00am – 10:00am

Link and Leverage Local, State, and Federal Road Funding Sources to Maximize Investment

Michael Smith, INDOT Commissioner

Kathy Eaton McKalip, INDOT LPA/MPO Grant Administrator

Jay Dumontelle, Federal Highway Local Program Administration, Project Delivery Team Leader

Gary Pool, Hancock County Engineer

Kellie Streeter, Knox County Commissioner

INDOT Commissioner Michael Smith will update attendees' on INDOTS Next Level investments and partnership opportunities that could provide stewardship and technical assistance to county governments as well as financial resources in constructing, preserving, and improving transportation on local roads.

The cost of construction and materials has significantly increased and the rise in the overall rate of inflation has caused uncertainty. Fast-changing economic environments put pressure on county transportation systems and funding streams. Counties increasingly use local-option taxes to fund transportation projects. Attend this session and hear from local, state, and federal leaders to gain an understanding of how to link and leverage the various local, state, and federal road funding sources to maximize investment in transportation infrastructure projects in your county.

10:00am – 11:00am

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Tips and Tales from County Commissioners

Suzanne Weirick, Elkhart County Commissioner

Amy Blaker, Lochmueller Group

Lora Phillipe from Lochmueller Group

A Conference favorite that you will not want to miss!

This year, we'll check with County Commissioners across the state and get a glimpse of their 2022—the goods, the bads, and the uglies. Don't miss this conference favorite, complete with a "2022 Favorite" prize giveaway!