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Please read and confirm: 2014 County Legislative Coordinator

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To: Ines Owens <iowens@accg.org>

Good morning,

The 2014 legislative session is more than half way through and ACCG wants to update the list of county legislative coordinators (CLC). ACCG established the CLC network in 2010 to help improve communications with members while the General Assembly is in session. The CLC will serve two primary roles: help keep county commissioners and county management updated on legislation of importance to counties and provide county-specific information to ACCG, as requested, to help legislators assess the impact of proposed legislation.

County chairmen are asked to officially designate the CLC by passing a resolution at a commission meeting. **If you are receiving this email, your county has not confirmed last year's CLC or appointed one.** ACCG is requesting your assistance in the following areas:

1) If your county legislative coordinator is the same person, please confirm that this is correct. **(A list is attached for your convenience of last year's appointments)**

2) If your county legislative coordinator will be someone else or your county did not designate one last year and you would like to do so this year, ACCG recommends that the resolution be brought before the commission for consideration. Once the resolution passes, ACCG will need a copy of it for our files as well as the name, title, office and cell phone numbers and email address for your designee. Please fax the resolution to 404-589-7843.

3) Please confirm if you are willing to receive updates by text.

Attached is a copy of the draft resolution and more details on the responsibilities of a CLC.

To update, confirm or appoint, please contact Ines Owens at iowens@accg.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you,

2013 ACCG County Legislative Coordinators

First Name	Last Name	Position	Employer
Chrissy	Harris	Clerk	Appling County
Linda	Davis	Clerk	Atkinson County
			Augusta-Richmond County
Connie	Hobbs	Chairman	Baker County
Scott	Downing	Commissioner	Ben Hill County
Cora	Wilkerson	Special Projects Coordinator	Bulloch County
			Candler County
Melissa	Hannah	Clerk	Catoosa County
Jason	Winters	Chairman	Chattooga County
Geoff	Morton	Agency Director Public Works/ Eng.	Cherokee County
Lee	Hubbard	Commissioner	Clay County
Tim	Lee	Chairman	Cobb County
David	Hankerson	County Manager	Cobb County
Faye	Hughes	County Administrator	Cook County
James	Lawrence	Chairman	Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Robert	Goff	Commissioner - Vice Chairman	Dade County
J. Brown	Moseley	County Attorney	Decatur County
Dan	McCranie	Chairman	Dodge County
Brenda	Stalvey	Administrator/Clerk	Echols County
Casey	Burkhalter	Administrator	Evans County
			Gordon County
Helen	Hudson	Chairman	Hancock County
Alison	Palmer	County Clerk	Haralson County
Shay	Mathis	County Clerk	Henry County
Thomas	McMichael	Commissioner	Houston County
Joey	Whitley	Chairman	Irwin County
Karen	Degges	County Manager	Jasper County
L. Guy	Singletery	Administrator	Johnson County
Michael	Underwood	Administrator	Jones County
Bobby	Walker	Chairman	Long County
George	Neal	Chairman	Marion County
Brett	Cook	County Manager	McIntosh County
Matt	Sanford	Project Manager	Murray County
John	Middleton	County Manager	Newton County
JoAnn	Wrye	County Clerk	Pike County
Addie	Taylor	Clerk	Randolph County
Bill	Sawyer	County Administrator	Schley County
Charles	Orrick	Commissioner	Seminole County
J. William	Twomey	Administrator	Sumter County
Franklin	Holmes	Vice Chairman	Talbot County
Jerry	Weldon	Commissioner	Taylor County
Beth	Parnacott	Clerk	Terrell County
Jeff	McCormick	Commissioner	Toombs County
Lamar	Paris	Sole Commissioner	Union County
Kevin	Little	Chairman	Walton County
Blanca	Cardona	County Clerk	Whitfield County
Mick	Cosby	Chairman	Worth County

County Legislative Coordinator Responsibilities

While the Georgia General Assembly is in session, County Legislative Coordinators will be responsible for:

- Monitoring and evaluating on a continuing basis legislative reports and alerts from ACCG for their impact on county government operations.
- Presenting a brief legislative report or update to the Board of Commissioners at each commission meeting during the legislative session.
- Informing Commissioners and other county officials of ACCG's position on legislation affecting counties.
- Ensuring that Commissioners, county officials and staff receive the ACCG legislative reports and action alerts.
- Informing and training Commissioners, County Officials and staff on the use of the legislative tracking feature on the ACCG website and references the resources available at www.accg.org.
- Initiating action in response to action alerts from ACCG and coordinates that response with the ACCG policy team.
- Coordinating the counties response to requests for information made by ACCG.
- Receiving notification when local legislation is introduced for the county.
- Working to strengthen the relationship between the Board of Commissioners and the local legislative delegation.
- Maintaining contact information on the local legislative delegation.
- Assisting ACCG Policy staff in contacting and communicating with local legislative delegation.

The person designed to serve in this capacity should have:

- Access to all department heads and county officials to obtain information and data.
- Access to the Board of Commissioners.
- Working knowledge of county operations.
- Ability and time to respond to requests for information from the ACCG policy staff in a timely manner – even brief responses are helpful.
- Authority within the county government structure to receive timely responses to request for information.
- Knowledge of the various departments within the county and the point of contact within each to obtain information and feedback.
- Ability to provide periodic reports to the Commissioners and other county officials on the legislative reports and activities of ACCG.

RESOLUTION

_____ **County Board of Commissioners**
Appointment of County Legislative Coordinator (CLC)

WHEREAS, legislative decisions made by the Georgia General Assembly increasingly impact county governments; and

WHEREAS, ACCG monitors and reports on legislative proposals on a regular basis during and after each legislative session; and

WHEREAS, ACCG regularly seeks input and comment from county officials and staff in assessing the impact of legislative proposals and in developing responses to such proposals; and

WHEREAS, to ensure an effective and accurate response, there must be a process whereby reports from ACCG and requests from ACCG for information or analysis of legislative proposals are directed to the most appropriate county officials or staff for a response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to most effectively respond to legislative proposals affecting counties, there shall be one county official or staff person designated by the board of commissioners to serve as the County Legislative Coordinator (CLC) for _____ County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CLC for _____ County shall have the following:

1. Access to all department heads and county officials to obtain information and data.
2. Access to the members of the board of commissioners.
3. Working knowledge of county operations.
4. The ability and time to respond to requests for information from ACCG policy staff in a timely manner.
5. Authority within the county government structure to request and receive timely responses to requests for information.
6. Knowledge of the various departments within the county and the points of contact within each to obtain information and feedback.
7. Ability to provide periodic reports to the members of the board of commissioners and other county officials regarding the legislative reports and activities of ACCG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of commissioners hereby designates -
_____ to serve as CLC for _____ County and until further notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment be immediately transmitted to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

This the _____ day of _____, 2014.

