General Government Policy Committee  
_Crowne Plaza, St. Paul, MN_  
March 4, 2015

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karla Bingham, Washington County
Charlie Borrell, Wright County
Richard Brenner, Carlton County
Spencer Buerkle, Benton County
Jim Butterfield, Kandiyohi County
Randy Dahl, Fillmore County
Gayle Degler, Carver County
Matt Dotta, Hubbard County
James Ebeling, Steele County
Robert Ecklund, Koochiching County
Thomas Egan, Dakota County
Paul Graupmann, Lyon County
Frank Gross, Clay County
Frank Jewell, St. Louis County
Jim Kochmann, Mahnomen County
Tom Mahoney, Martin County
DeWayne Mareck, Stearns County
Anne Marcotte, Aitkin County
Jim McDonough, Ramsey County
Owen Miller, Douglas County
Rolland Miller, Marshall County
David Nordaune, Chippewa County
Mark Piepho, Blue Earth County
Steve Schuld, Houston County
Paul Setzepfandt, Renville County
Jack Swanson, Roseau County
Dave Thiner, Murray County
Tim Tjosaas, Dodge County
Leo Trunt, Itasca County
Darryl Tveitbakk, Pennington County
Vernell Wagner, Grant County
Marcia Ward, Winona County
Tom Warmka, Faribault County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gene Metz, Nobles County
Brenda Lundon, Mahnomen County
George Rindelaub, Stearns County
Gary Kruggez, Sibley County
Rebecca Young, Stevens County
Janice Fransen, Jackson County
Evan Cordes, MCIT
Mike Pogge-Weaver, Swift County
David Minke, Pine County
Scott Higgins, Martin County
John Allen, Dodge County
Craig Oscarson, Mower County
John Kluever, Freeborn County
Patty O'Connor, Blue Earth County
Michael Stalberger, Blue Earth County
Robert Meyer, Blue Earth County
I. Call to Order
Chair Warmka called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves by providing short county updates.

III. Presentation: Emelia Istrate
Emelia Istrate, Director of Research for the National Association of Counties (NACo), presented an overview of the County Tracker System and took questions from members.

III. Minutes
Commissioner Jack Swanson motioned to move the December 2014 General Government Policy Committee minutes. Commissioner DeWayne Mareck second; the motion prevailed.

IV. Presentation: Mark Griffith
South Central EMS Regional Program Director, Mark Griffith, spoke to committee members on the “Quiet Crisis of Rural EMS Providers”. [Materials available upon request]

V. Legislative Update
AMC Policy Analyst, Matt Hilgart, provided the Committee with a legislative update, highlighting the issues of: CPA, assessor accreditation, PILT, appointed v. elected county row officers, elections updates and more.

Matt Hilgart updated members on a provision moving in both legislative chambers related to the restoration of felon voting rights. Members discussed the issue. Commissioner Anne Marcotte motioned to pass a resolution supporting the working group felon rights voting bill. Commissioner Jim McDonough seconded the motion; the motion prevailed.

VI. Adjournment
Commissioner Tom Warmka adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.