Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris Addresses Statewide Conference of County Officials

(St. Paul, MN)--- Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) 2018 president Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris delivered her ‘State of the Counties’ address on March 1 to nearly 300 county officials from across Minnesota who gathered in St. Paul last week for the association’s annual legislative conference.

During her speech, Morris stressed the importance of engagement at the local, state and national levels. She focused on the importance of community engagement and public service, which has been a lifelong theme for her beginning with her days in 4-H. Morris saluted the 4-H Community Leadership Award winners in attendance by calling them up onstage and leading the audience in reciting the 4-H pledge.

“I love the 4-H motto ‘to make the best better’,” Morris said. “After all, isn’t that why we ran for public office and isn’t it what we all aspire to do in our counties every day?”

“You need to build consensus by listening to other perspectives, being respectful of others, and remembering to ask the right questions, in the right way, and at the right time,” she continued. “I learned all the way back in 4-H that the potential for success increases greatly by encouraging people to think creatively and innovatively.”

Morris’ speech concluded the two day conference, which focused on legislative issues facing Minnesota counties. Attendees spent the day Wednesday, February 28, at the Capitol, meeting with legislators to discuss a wide variety of issues including combatting the opioid crisis, mental health bonding, transportation funding and more.

AMC has been serving Minnesota’s 87 counties since 1909. AMC is a voluntary statewide organization that assists the state’s 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. The association works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. In addition, the association provides educational programs, training, research and communications for county officials.

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Editors: Photos Attached

Caption 1: 2018 Association of Minnesota Counties president Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris delivered her ‘State of the Counties’ address to nearly 300 county officials from across Minnesota who gathered in St. Paul last week for the association’s annual legislative conference.
Caption 2: The AMC Executive Committee met with Speaker Kurt Daudt during AMC’s County Day at the Capitol last Wednesday. (From left to right: AMC Second Vice President Rich Sve (Lake), AMC Past President Gary Hendrickx (Swift), AMC First Vice President Scott Schulte (Anoka), AMC Secretary/Treasurer Mary Jo McGuire (Ramsey), AMC President Susan Morris (Isanti), and former Isanti County commissioner and current Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt.