Swift County Commissioner Gary Hendrickx Receives Association of Minnesota Counties’ President’s Award

(St. Paul, MN) — Swift County Commissioner Gary Hendrickx received an Association of Minnesota Counties’ (AMC) President’s Award for years of dedicated service and exemplary leadership in county government. 2019 AMC President Scott Schulte (Anoka County Commissioner) selected Hendrickx to receive this honor.

The prestigious President’s Award is presented to an individual who has a deep history of public service to their community and to their county.

Commissioner Hendrickx was first elected to the county board in 1996 and has served the public for more than 22 years. Within Swift County, he is known for being supportive of staff development by encouraging staff to broaden their thinking beyond their individual job. He is also a champion for the professionalization of county government through development of county administration and human resources.

Hendrickx is a champion of joint powers work as a method to effectively and efficiently meet the needs of his rural area. He has served on the Regional Development Commission, Woodland Centers Mental Health Board, the Private Industry Council, 6W Community Corrections, Southern Prairie Community Care, and PrimeWest.

As AMC president in 2017 and transformed the governance of the association by pushing the board to think strategically and generatively while chairing AMC’s first Governance Committee. AMC has turned to this commissioner for leadership on challenging topics, like mediation for health care procurement.

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.