Lake County Commissioner and AMC President Rich Sve Joins County Leaders from Across the Country to Advance Local Priorities

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Lake County Commissioner and Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) 2020 President Rich Sve and AMC Executive Director Julie Ring joined county leaders from across the country in the nation's capital last week to discuss issues important to America’s counties.

During a meeting of the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE), a group affiliated with the National Association of Counties (NACo), Sve and Ring met with members of President Trump’s administration and congressional leaders to strengthen local-state-federal partnerships and advocate for counties’ federal policy priorities, including infrastructure, federal regulations, emergency preparedness and recovery, and the substance abuse epidemic.

“Federal policies have direct, long-lasting and often costly impacts on county government, our states and our residents,” Sve said. “Last week's meeting was an opportunity to strengthen our partnership with federal leaders and share information about how federal decisions can help us achieve results for our residents.”

Sve met with Eighth District Congressman Pete Stauber to discuss statewide and regional priorities including jail health costs, transportation funding, and federal lands. They also discussed the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) reappraisal issue that affects Lake, Cook and St. Louis Counties.

“We appreciate Congressman Stauber's commitment to county priority issues.” Sve said. “As a former St. Louis County Commissioner, he understands the impact of decisions made in Washington, D.C. on the ground in northern Minnesota.”

Attendees also visited the George Washington Leadership Institute at Mount Vernon for a seminar on the integration of leadership, strategy and management, led by Dr. Peter Cressy, RADM (Ret.) and Dr. Joseph Stolz, co-directors of the Institute.

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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