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Capitol Connection Conference
February 4 - 5, 2013



Association County Commissioners of Georgia



2013 CAPITOL CONNECTION CONFERENCE
February 4th and 5th
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta/Fulton County, Georgia



(from left to right) Sam Hart, ACCG 3rd Vice President and Bibb County Chairman; Mike Berg, 1st Vice President and Dawson County Chairman; Clinton Perry, President and Taylor County Commissioner; Kevin Little, 2nd Vice President and Walton County Chairman; Ross King, ACCG Executive Director

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

Registration

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Atrium Foyer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Registration

7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Atrium Foyer



Commissioners Training Program

8:30 am - 3:30 pm



- **County Government 101**
Room A706, Atrium Level
Chrissy Marlowe, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- **County Government Law**
Room A702, Atrium Level
Don Oliver, Walker County Attorney; Ken Jarrard, Jarrard & Davis LLP and Forsyth County Attorney; Kirk Fjelstul, Chief Counsel, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
- **County Government Finance**
Room A701, Atrium Level
John Hulsey, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- **Human Resources**
Room A705, Atrium Level
Harry Owens, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- **Public Health & Safety**
Room A708, Atrium Level
Janet Bittner, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia; Ken Mauldin, Athens-Clarke County District Attorney; Judge Samuel D. Ozburn, Alcovy Judicial Circuit; Mike Yeager, Coweta County Sheriff; Theron Gay, Coweta County Administrator
- **Advanced Financial Management**
Room A707, Atrium Level
Tracy Arner, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

**Standard of Excellence Session:
“The Elections are Over ...
What Does That Mean
to Your County?”**

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Room A704, Atrium Level

Now that the elections are behind us, hear what analysts believe the impact will be on all levels of government. Find out how policy decisions can affect the way you govern your county. Shawna Whatley of Holland & Knight will discuss the federal scene and Dr. Charles Bullock of the University of Georgia will examine the state picture. Charlton County Administrator Al Crace will present the county perspective. Catherine Bennett of the UGA Vinson Institute of Government and ACCG’s Dave Wills will moderate and add the entertainment!



Lunch

Atrium Ballroom A, Atrium Level

**Standard of Excellence Session:
“Economic Development
Resources for Your County”**

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Meet at the ACCG

Registration Desk on the Atrium Level

Road trip! Learn about innovative resources that are available to your county to help you improve your local economic outlook. Travel to the Georgia Resources Center where Emelyne Williams and Tommy Wade of Georgia Power tell you about the amazing tools that can potentially help improve job opportunities and community development. Mike Worley and Jim Lovett of the Georgia Power Company also offer secrets and strategies to enhance your community’s economic health. Meet at the ACCG Registration Desk on the Atrium Level.



Federal Committee Meeting

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Room A703, Atrium Level



Legislative Focus: Health Care and Criminal Justice Reform

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Atrium Ballroom B,
Atrium Level



Hear an update on new laws that will impact your county operations. Matt Hicks, Vice President of Government Relations for Grady Health System, will review the Affordable Care Act and the ways state and federal policies will affect your county. Thomas Worthy, Chief Deputy Counsel-Office of Governor Nathan Deal, will outline criminal justice reform and the changes counties will see.

Opening Reception

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Atrium Ballroom A, Atrium Level

Evening open

Registration

7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Atrium Foyer

Breakfast

7:30 am
Atrium Ballroom B,
Atrium Level



**The Honorable
Casey Cagle**

Lieutenant Governor of Georgia



**The Honorable
David Ralston**

*Speaker, Georgia House
of Representatives*

Legislative Update

9:00 am - 10:15 am
10:30 am - 11:45 am
Rooms A704 and A706, Atrium Level



These sessions will provide a legislative update in each of the seven ACCG policy areas. Three policy areas will meet in one room and the other four in a second room. At the break, ACCG staff will switch rooms so attendees can hear reports on all seven policy areas.

Lunch

12:00 Noon

Atrium Ballroom B, Atrium Level

Remarks



**The Honorable
Nathan Deal**

Governor of Georgia

Georgia Association of Regional Commissions Meeting

2:00 pm

Room A702, Atrium Level



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