



INDIANA COUNTIES

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2019 AIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE | SEPT 30 - OCT 3 • ORANGE COUNTY

Conference Workshops

Three Concurrent Workshops:

Round I

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Infrastructure Reporting and Financing: LTAP Data Management System and Innovative Solutions to Capital Investments

The gas tax and our highway funding have seen a significant increase over the last three years. However, to prove these investments are improving roads, there are requirements to report road conditions over time. To make these reports easier to produce, Indiana LTAP has created a new tool to streamline submissions of asset management plans and annual operation reports. LTAP staff will explain how to use their Data Management System and other resources created to assist with required reports. See how these tools can also be used to tell your pavement condition and financial needs story.

For any major capital improvements, the conventional funding mechanisms of bonds and leases have been used in the foundation for capital acquisition for a substantial portion of the local government infrastructure across the State. Over the last several years, strategies that aim to increase efficiency, reduce cost and reduce uncertainty have become key focal points in the bond and lease marketplace. Accomplishing these three goals as part of your financing plan can be worth the effort. How do you incorporate these innovative solutions into your traditional financing plan? In this workshop, we will discuss how to effectively integrate innovative financial tools into your toolbox in order to achieve greater value for your county.

Speakers:

Patrick Conner, P.E., LTAP

Rich Domonkos, LTAP

Jason Semler, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors

Moderator:

Jennifer Sharkey P.E., Wells County Highway Engineer

Presentations:

Still being added to the website.

Alternative Energy

Although millions of Americans are choosing to power their lives using renewable resources, many households and businesses face physical or financial barriers to benefiting from solar energy. Community solar projects offer the opportunity to build stronger, more resilient electric grids while expanding energy access and reducing energy burdens for low-to-moderate income residents. Learn best practices for installing and using community solar projects through development case examples.

Speakers:

Brian Habacivch, Constellation
Christian Dick, Ameresco

Moderator:

Paul Sinders, Clay County Commissioner

Presentations:

[Renewable Energy](#)
[Shale Revolution](#)

Crazy Things that Happen at Work

This workshop will highlight some of the strange challenges that county officials sometimes find themselves when confronted unusual and challenging personnel matters. The speaker will feature true-to-life scenarios that will engage workshop attendees in an interactive discussion about crazy things that happen at work, including a list of dos and don'ts for navigating a variety of rules and regulations that apply to public employees. The presenter assisted the AIC in developing human resources courses for both the DIPLOMA Program and the Institute for Excellence in County Government. He regularly conducts human resources seminars for Indiana county affiliated associations.

Speakers:

Kent Irwin, Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Assoc.

Moderator:

Mendy Lassaline, Perry County Assessor

Presentation:

[Crazy Things That Happen at Work](#)

Three Concurrent Workshops:

Round II

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Overcrowded and Underfunded? Jail Management, Liability and Finance

Understanding a county's responsibilities and liabilities relating to jails can help you make many financing decisions in and relating to jails. From federal mandates to alleviate overcrowding to proper staffing levels for jails, this workshop will discuss topics that can help your county better protect itself against costly liability while also properly meeting the needs of inmates. Such issues to

be discussed include a statewide survey of county jails, best practices for financing expansion projects, and case studies of jail management.

Speakers:

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions

Lisa Lee, Ice Miller, LLC

John McKnight, Bliss McKnight

Moderator:

Therese Brown, Allen County Commissioner

Presentations:

[Overcrowded & Underfunded? Jail Management, Liability, and Finance](#)

[Jail Financing and Operating Costs](#)

Archiving and Digitizing

This session will focus on archiving and digitizing. Come learn about what recourses are available, how is preservation being achieved, when to digitize, when to use microfilm, and when to outsource or keep in house. This seminar will help make sure your county is up -to- date on all the options for archiving.

Speakers:

Kim Hagerty, Indiana State Archives

Moderator:

Jennifer Hayden, Hamilton County Recorder

Presentation:

[Archiving and Digitizing Records](#)

Medicare Eligible Employees, What Are the Options? Also, the next generation of wellness, DNA testing.

A panel of health care experts will be discussing two different topics as Indiana counties continue to navigate through the terrain of health care. In part one; the panel will discuss the options and strategies for Medicare eligible employee who has the option of staying on the employer plan or moving to Medicare. Part two will discuss the growing practice of pharmacogenetics, and how DNA testing can enhance the effectiveness of the treatment of diseases in today's world.

Speakers:

Todd McLaughlin, Indiana Coverage Solutions, Inc.

Bill Sylvester, Apex Benefits Group, Inc.

Michelle Volk, Great Lakes Labs

Bob Wichlinski, Great Lakes Labs

Moderator:

Elise Nieshalla, Boone County Council

Presentations:
Still being added to the website.

Three Concurrent Workshops:

Round III

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Rural Revolution: What's Ahead for Delivery of Services in Rural Indiana

Because of a lack of population density, rural Indiana has faced significant, unique challenges across a wide range of public and private investment. Lack of a robust tax base has led to fewer governmental services, while lack of a customer base has led similarly to fewer private business opportunities and service options. This workshop will present a discussion of challenges and opportunities from rural officials and service consumers alike. From delivery of rural broadband to the future of rural governmental units and schools, this panel will also consider what roles counties should play in sustaining *and promoting regional cooperation*.

Speakers:

Karen Arland, Ice Miller
Katrina Hall, Indiana Farm Bureau
Chris Lagoni, Indiana Small & Rural Schools
Scott Rudd, Director of Broadband Development

Moderator:

Al Logsdon, Spencer County Commissioner

Presentations:

Still being added to the website.

How to Run an Effective Meeting

Many county government meetings are routine and uneventful, but are your meetings providing a good experience for your constituents, or even causing you to accidentally run afoul of the law? This seminar will not only focus on best practices, but help you to understand what is legally required and what isn't. From notice to ordinance drafting to dealing with public testimony, make sure your county is putting its best foot forward!

Speakers:

Luke Britt, Public Access Counselor
Mara Hoff, DeFur Voran

Moderators:

Ken Paust, Wayne County Commissioner

Presentations/Handouts:

[Parliamentary Procedure Table](#)
[Myths and Half Truths Concerning Parliamentary Procedures](#)

Retirement: You Lucky Dog

Public employee retirement benefits have evolved over the years. What is your responsibility to ensure that your benefits are ready when you leave the courthouse? Join this workshop to learn about retirement options, how you – as an employee – can plan in advance, and when to begin the process to meet your retirement needs.

Speakers:

Lisa Anderson, INPRS

Kevin Mitchell, Nationwide Retirement Solutions

Moderator:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Kosciusko County Council

Presentations:

[Social Security: Considerations for Government Employees](#)

[Public Employees Retirement Fund](#)

Featured Workshop

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Marijuana Legalization – Experiences From Other States

This featured workshop will review other states that have approved medical and recreational marijuana and discuss the implications for counties as an employer, a potential regulator and how county resources are affected by legalization.

Speakers:

The Hon. Jim Lucas, Indiana State Representative

Linda L. Chezem, Professor(Adjunct), Indiana University School of Medicine, Alcohol Research Center and Attorney at Law, Foley, Peden and Wisco, P.A.

Moderator:

Larry Hesson, Hendricks County Council

Presentations:

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