

UCCI FALL CONFERENCE

October 28th- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum ,Springfield , Illinois : Dinner and NACo –(National Association of Counties) award presentations til 9:30 pm.

October 29th-UCCI MEMBERSHIP MEETING Held at the ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY/MUSEUM –Breakfast PRIOR at 8:30.

9:00 am Before Seminar. The membership meeting was called to order by President Dave Meyer and welcoming new members. Pledge of Alliance cited.

Opening comments by the new Executive Director Ryan McCreery, encouraged all new members to come to a very important meeting **November 14 at the Sangamo Club at 9:30am**. This meeting will cover Duties and Responsibilities, Procedure for conducting meetings, i.e. Roberts Rules of order, Freedom of Information act, Open Meetings Act and training in Ethics, etc.

Dave Meyer ,President of UCCI encourages use of the website: UCCI @ initedcounties.com . He also discussed concerns on county challenges facing counties in lieu of the Safe-T Act going into effect January 1,2023, which had already addressed body cameras, impacts on budgets-and mixed opinions as to where will we stand with cashless bail. All anticipate more change after the election.

There was discussion about the Voting in this election proposed addition of section 25 of the changes to the Illinois Constitution by Giving: Right of workers to unionize-a fundamental right to organize. To collective bargain and negotiate wages, hours, and safety at their workplace. And it would prohibit any law that interferes with any rights of these employees.

Following membership meeting the Educational Seminar took place until 12 noon. The seminar detailed #1 Benefits of NACo National Association of Counties Presented by Kim Hall- gave firsthand knowledge a seat at the table-Nurturing leadership skills and expand network and resources to help counties be heard-work with ARPA, Access experts like FEMA, talk about issues that matter to all counties and enrich understanding of county government to make them succeed. Discussed utilizing a TEST IT ap and QR Code to access funding table where you can compare your county with others stand and up to date info is available at all times. What to do if there is a cyber attack, Discussions like if a person going to jail county has to foot the expense. The CR code can be scanned to operation green light for Veterans which assures veterans in our counties have access to resources to help they need to survive. Help with Mental Health resources and support. Access to Healthy Living discount programs, prescriptions, Health, and dental. Speaker emphasized We are here to help.

#2 Craig Sondergeroth and Laura Harmon Discussed solar and wind energy/Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) for solar and deconstruction plan and financial assistance provisions in the standard AIMA. Craig presented maps of counties with projects. Counties with moratoriums to not build, Concerns of battery storage, Importance of having company comply with AIMA, Important areas to consider when dealing with energy company-Contracts should cover **all** aspects of anything to go wrong from beginning to end.

Marvin Williams