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CCAP WRAPS UP 140TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND POLICY-SETTING PROCESS

CCAP successfully concluded its 140th Annual Conference and Trade Show in Monroe County, held August 2-5, bringing together more than 400 county leaders, state officials, exhibitors, and partners from across the Commonwealth.

A highlight of the conference was Tuesday's Annual Business Meeting, where members completed CCAP's annual policy-setting process by approving 33 resolutions to amend the Pennsylvania County Platform, the Association's comprehensive statement of county policy. Members also completed CCAP's four-year platform review, ensuring every policy position remains current and relevant. The adopted platform reflects months of work by the Association's ten policy committees and more than 150 county officials who reviewed existing positions and advanced recommendations throughout the spring and summer.

Conference programming featured discussions on many of the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvania counties, including early in-person voting, crisis stabilization, EMS sustainability, data centers, and property reassessment. Attendees also heard from several distinguished guest speakers, including State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, U.S. Representative G.T. Thompson (R-PA), U.S. Senator Dave McCormick (R-PA) and Governor Josh Shapiro, who delivered remarks via video.

During the conference, members also elected CCAP's 2027 officers and district representatives.

2027 Officers

- President: Dave Glass, Clearfield County
- Vice President: Ann Coleman, Mercer County
- Second Vice President: Pat Fabian, Armstrong County
- Treasurer: Julie Wheeler, York County

District Representatives

- District 1: Braxton White, Clarion County
- District 2: Scott Hunt, Cambria County
- District 3: Amy Webster, Blair County
- District 4: Preston Boop, Union County
- District 5: Christine Reuther, Delaware County
- District 6: Antonio Pineda, Lehigh County
- District 7: Brian Smith, Wayne County

The conference also featured CCAP's Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, recognizing county officials and partners whose leadership, service, and commitment have strengthened counties and the Association. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- Outstanding County Commissioner: Brian Hoffman, Sullivan County
- Outstanding County Chief Clerk: Carrie Gray, Franklin County
- Outstanding County Solicitor: Robert Grimm, Greene County
- Affiliate of the Year Award: Annie Strite, Cumberland and Perry County
- President's Award: Chuck Steininger and Adam Ewig, Snyder County
- Partner of the Year Award: Aaron Poole with Marsico Financial Group
- Technology and Innovation Award: Dave Glass, Clearfield County

Looking ahead, policy committees will reconvene this fall to develop work plans and refine priorities for the coming year. Members will then consider and adopt CCAP's 2027 priorities during [CCAP's Fall Conference](#), November 22-24 in Hershey.



GOV. SHAPIRO ANNOUNCES NEW STATEWIDE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

On August 5, [Governor Josh Shapiro announced](#) a new Statewide Behavioral Health Action Plan, developed in collaboration with the Commonwealth's Behavioral Health Council. The Council was established through a prior executive order and charged with developing a comprehensive roadmap for state leaders, local governments, healthcare providers, and community organizations to strengthen Pennsylvania's behavioral health system.

The Action Plan is organized around six key goals:

- Develop an integrated behavioral health system
- Expand access to behavioral health services
- Strengthen the behavioral health workforce and support providers
- Enhance accountability and transparency
- Advance equity in behavioral health
- Improve coordination between the criminal justice and behavioral health system

To achieve these goals, the Council identified 41 recommendations supported by nearly 200 actionable implementation steps. The recommendations are intended to guide state and local partners in improving access to care, strengthening service delivery, and creating a more coordinated behavioral health system across

the Commonwealth. The association is currently reviewing the plan to identify synergy with key county priorities around behavioral health services, including increased support for county mental health services. We expect to have more information for counties in the coming days.

The Council's full Statewide Behavioral Health Action Plan is available to read below.

Behavioral Health Action Plan

DCED OPENS MAIN STREET MATTERS GRANT APPLICATIONS

On August 3, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Rick Siger announced that the department is accepting applications for the [Main Street Matters program](#), which provides funding to support the revitalization of Pennsylvania's downtowns and commercial corridors while strengthening small businesses and local economies. The Fiscal Year 2026-27 state budget includes \$20 million for the Main Street Matters program.

DCED is accepting [funding applications](#) through **August 31, 2026**. Eligible applicants include local governments, redevelopment and housing authorities, nonprofit organizations, community development corporations, and business, neighborhood, and downtown improvement districts. The program is intended to support community-driven projects that promote economic development, business growth, and the long-term vitality of Pennsylvania's Main Streets.

U.S HOUSE PASSES DEFENSE BILL AND RECONCILIATION PACKAGE, ADVANCING THE SAVE AMERICA ACT

The U.S. House of Representatives [advanced](#) the SAVE America Act ([H.R. 7296/S. 1383](#)) through two separate legislative vehicles, moving the proposal forward on parallel tracks.

On July 22, the House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800), which includes the full text of the SAVE America Act. Among other provisions, the legislation would establish new federal requirements for documentary proof of citizenship during voter registration, voter identification requirements, and criminal penalties for certain actions by election officials.

The House also approved a separate budget reconciliation framework (H. Con. Res. 113), which directs the development of legislation that could include grant incentives tied to provisions similar to those contained in the SAVE America Act. Both measures are before the U.S. Senate, where each will follow a different procedural path.

From a county election administration perspective, implementing these requirements without a transition period would present significant operational challenges. Adopting changes of this magnitude requires adequate time, resources, funding, and strong coordination among federal, state, and local governments. NACo, in partnership with CCAP, encourages counties to contact their U.S. Senators while the legislation is still under consideration.

For additional information, please review [NACo's SAVE America Act County Resource Hub](#).

NACo has also prepared a template letter that counties may use when contacting their U.S. Senators. Please find the template below.

SAVE Act County Template Letter

SMALL COUNTY PILT PARITY ACT PASSES OUT OF U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE

[The Small County PILT Parity Act](#) would amend the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) formula so that counties with populations smaller than 5,000 would get fairer funding. This helps rural counties that are providing government services on and around federal land. The formula in the bill adds population tiers below 5,000 instead of the floor currently being at 5,000. With this change, rural counties will be better supported and funded.

The bill passed the U.S. Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee on July 17 where it now awaits full Senate consideration.

For a comprehensive analysis of the legislation and its impacts on counties, please refer to [NACo's summary](#).

IFO RELEASES JULY REVENUE UPDATE

The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) released the monthly revenue update for [July 2026](#), showing that General Fund collections totaled \$3.36 billion, an increase of \$322 million (10.6%) compared to July 2025. Because the IFO will release new monthly revenue projections for fiscal year 2026-27 in August, this update does not include comparisons to official revenue estimates and instead compares collections only to the prior year.

Strong year-over-year revenue growth was driven by increases in corporate net income tax, sales and use tax, personal income tax withholding, inheritance tax, and gaming revenues. Corporate net income tax collections increased 41.3%, while sales and use tax collections rose 9.1%, led primarily by strong non-motor vehicle sales tax revenues. Personal income tax collections increased 3.8%, largely due to higher withholding revenues, although non-withholding collections declined slightly.

The IFO also highlighted continued strength in inheritance tax collections, which increased 49.1% over July 2025, as well as gaming revenues, which rose 35.8%, largely driven by sports wagering activity associated with the FIFA World Cup. Non-tax revenues also increased 25.7%, primarily due to higher escheat collections.

CCAP COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS OPEN

CCAP members who wish to play an active role in shaping Association policy are encouraged to apply for a position on one of our policy committees. These committees tackle a wide range of county government issues and provide a platform for members to engage in both state and federal policy discussions. To learn more and submit an application, please complete the [Committee Interest Form](#) available on our website.



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