CCAP UPDATE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA
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CCAP Elects 2026 Officers

During CCAP's 139th Annual Conference, members participated in the election of the Association's 2026 officers, an important step in shaping the organization's leadership for the years ahead. The election took place during the Annual Business Meeting, where members cast their votes to select officers who will guide CCAP in advancing its mission and priorities.

Starting their term on January 1, 2026, will be:

- **Joe Kantz**, Snyder County Commissioner, President
- **Dave Glass,** Clearfield County Commissioner, First Vice President
- **Ann Coleman**, Mercer County Commissioner, Second Vice President
- **Julie Wheeler**, York County Commissioner, Treasurer
- **Sherene Hess**, Indiana County Commissioner, Board Chair

Excellence in County Government

Each year, CCAP celebrates individuals who set the standard for excellence in county government through their outstanding contributions and achievements.

During CCAP's Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony held in Seven Springs, Somerset County, leaders were recognized for advancing county governance with innovative initiatives, commitment to public service and exceptional service to their communities.

These awards, highlight the dedication, integrity, and visionary leadership in strengthening county government.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

- Outstanding County Commissioner: **Brian Smith, Wayne County**
- Outstanding County Chief Clerk: **Roni Shilling, Mercer County**
- Outstanding County Solicitor: **Robert Cravitz, Snyder County**
- Friend of County Government: **Joseph Saeler, Butler County**
- Affiliate of the Year Award: **John DiMattio, Erie County**
- President's Award - **Lori Vargo Heffner**, **Northampton County**

SAVE THE DATE!
2025 CCAP Fall Conference
November 23-25, 2025
The Hotel Hershey - Dauphin County, PA
REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2!

PFAS Cost Recovery Opportunity

An important legal opportunity to recover costs associated with PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination in drinking water systems is available.

All public entities—including counties, towns, cities, villages, authorities, airports, and wastewater systems—are eligible to participate.

Any public water system with a potential PFAS detection from September 2024 onward should take immediate steps to preserve eligibility. Airports and wastewater systems that have spent any funds on PFAS-related mitigation or remediation are also strongly encouraged to file.

The application window closes as the end of 2025. Click on the link below to apply.

Claim Evaluation →

Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Award

Each year, CCAP, the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association (PHIA), and the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) work together to recognize the best road and bridge safety improvement projects undertaken by local governments across the commonwealth.

This year's award recipient was the Allegheny County Department of Public works for the Armstrong Tunnel Rehabilitation Project.

One of many key improvements was to expand the protected sidewalk for pedestrians to 75" to accommodate wheelchair access by repurposing the existing roadway width and establishing a single travel lane in each direction that expands to two lanes at the traffic signals at each exit.

The award was presented to Jason Molinero of Allegheny County by Chris Metka from the PA Department of Transportation and Jason Wagner from the PA Highway Information Association.

CCAP's Fall Risk Management Workshops Registration is Now Open!

FREE to attend if your county is a member of the sponsoring CCAP Insurance Programs.

The CCAP Insurance Programs collaborate with the Academy for Excellence in County

. These workshops are FREE to current Academy participants.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to Linda Rosito.

We hope to see you this FALL!

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2025 Risk Management Training →

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NACo Webinar:
Legal Considerations for Federal Funding Challenges

The National Association of Counties is offering a webinar, hosted by the Local Government Legal Center (LGLC), which will provide an overview of the most pressing federal funding challenges faced by local governments. |Discussions will cover agency actions affecting local government grants, including terminations, conditions, and related lawsuits, with a high-level overview of key legal principles for officials and attorneys.

For additional information and to register click the link below.

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NACo Webinar →

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CCAP Insurance Programs Risk Management Training - Begins September 24 - **click here for full schedule.**

2025 Cybersecurity Summit - October 1-2, Harrisburg, PA

CCAP Solicitors Conference - October 17, CCAP Office, Harrisburg, PA - **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

CCAP Fall Conference - November 23-25, The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA

CCAP and PA County Career Opportunities

You'll find CCAP and county government career opportunities at the PA County Job Center.

CCAP is currently accepting applications for a Claims Coordinator position.

Is a career opportunity available in your county? Submit a request to have your listing on CCAP's PA County Job Center.

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PA County Job Center →

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