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Pennsylvania's County Leaders to Gather for 130th Annual Conference

Leaders from counties in Pennsylvania will meet in Carbon County, August 7 through August 10, at the Split Rock Resort, to discuss issues of concern to counties during the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Annual Conference, the association's premiere event.

On **Monday, August 8, 8:30 a.m.** (in the Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will kick off the Opening General Session with **CCAP President and Franklin County Commissioner Bob Thomas** presiding over the session.

Opening session speakers include **Patrick Armstrong and Carl Reynolds of the Council of State Governments** discussing "The Justice Reinvestment Project." Author **Christine Cashen**, recently inducted into the National Speakers Association CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame, is the conference's keynote speaker.

On **Tuesday, August 9, 8:30 a.m.** (in the Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will hold its Annual Business Meeting. **Harlan Shober, CCAP First Vice President and Washington County commissioner**, will preside over the session's presentations which will include the President's Report, the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Task Force Report, an update on CCAP's new branding

initiatives and CCAP/PCN courthouse videos and committee reports. **Bob Thomas** will preside over consideration of resolutions and election of officers, and **CCAP Board Chair and Lancaster County Commissioner Craig Lehman** will conduct the membership's vote to select the 2021 CCAP Annual Conference location.

On **Tuesday, August 9, 12:00 p.m.** Two Tours will be available for the attendees of the CCAP conference hosted by the Pocono Mountains. A tour of Historic Jim Thorpe will be available from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with various activities including a stop and Photo Opportunity at the Jim Thorpe Memorial, at 2:00 p.m. a Tour of the Asa Packer Mansion and at 3:00 p.m. a Historic Jim Thorpe Walking Tour. There will also be a tour available of Pocono Raceway from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with various activities that include at 2:30 p.m. a tour of the Pocono Raceway Solar Farm and at 3:30 p.m. Laps around "The Tricky Triangle." Transportation will be provided for the attendees for both tours.

On **Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 p.m.** (in Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will hold its Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. **Bob Thomas** will preside over the presentation of CCAP's annual awards: President's, Excellence in Websites, Friend of County Government, Affiliate of the Year, Solicitor, Chief Clerk/County Administrator, and County Commissioner/Council Member.

On **Wednesday, August 10, 10 a.m.** (in the Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will conclude its 2016 Annual Conference with the Closing General Session. The session will feature presentations by **Erick Coolidge, Tioga County commissioner and Chair of CCAP's Health Alliance Board of Directors** on "The CCAP Health Alliance;" and **Dave Harman, Deputy Director, CCAP's Insurance Member Services** on "The Guardian Program." Also addressing CCAP members will be **The Honorable Justice Debra McCloskey Todd, Pennsylvania Supreme Court** on "Initiatives of the Court in Support of Pennsylvania's Veterans;" and **The Honorable Teresa Osbourne, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Aging** on "Provision of Services to the Aging in Pennsylvania."

The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) is the voice of county government; a statewide nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing all 67 counties in Pennsylvania. CCAP members include county commissioners, council members, county executives, administrators, chief clerks and solicitors.

CCAP strengthens the counties' abilities to govern their own affairs and improve the well-being and quality of life for every Pennsylvania resident. It advocates for favorable state and federal legislation, programs and policies on behalf of counties. CCAP is committed to service excellence through education, information, insurance, technology and other programs that support effective county government. Founded in 1886, CCAP is an affiliate of the National Association of Counties.

For more information about Pennsylvania's counties and CCAP, log on to www.pacounties.org and visit CCAP's Twitter page @PACountiesGR. For a full conference program including workshop sessions, times and presenters, visit the CCAP website, and click on the "Education" link.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES:

Please contact Ken Kroski, CCAP Director of Media and Public Relations, (717) 576-5372, if you plan to attend the conference. Ken may be reached on-site at the conference using the same number.

*For media attending these sessions, please note **the question and answer portion of any presentation is for CCAP conference attendees only.** Speakers may, at their discretion, make themselves available to the media following the session for questions and interviews, which should be arranged independently with their scheduling offices. CCAP suggests that you make pre-arrangements for any special audiovisual/ technology needs directly with the Split Rock Resort prior to the sessions.*