

## **Minutes**

### **Iowa State Association of Counties**

### **Fall School General Sessions and Presidential Candidate Forums**

### **Cedar Rapids Convention Center**

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### **November 18, 2015**

ISAC President Melvyn Houser called the General Session and Presidential Candidate Forum to order at 9:00 am and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Denny Wright, Sioux County Supervisor, performed the invocation.

Ray Garringer, Iowa County Supervisor, introduced former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum. Senator Santorum addressed the audience as part of the Counties Connect America initiative Presidential Candidate Forum.

Lonny Pulkrabek, ISAC 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Johnson County Sheriff, introduced Keynote Speakers Carol Grannis and Cindy Maher who gave the presentation Maximizing Energy in a World that Sucks you Dry.

President Houser adjourned the session at 5:30 pm.

### **November 19, 2015**

President Houser called the General Session and Presidential Candidate Forum to order at 9:00 am.

Linda Langston, Chair, Linn County Board of Supervisors, welcomed the membership to Linn County.

President Houser introduced the ISAC Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Bill Peterson gave conference announcements and thanked the sponsors, exhibitors and ISAC Preferred Vendors.

Bill discussed the Counties Connect America initiative and introduced a video provided by former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton as part of the Counties Connect America initiative Presidential Candidate Forum.

### **Excellence in Action Awards**

Scott Belt, CoSTAR Committee Chair and Pottawattamie County Supervisor, presented the 2015 ISAC Excellence in Action Award to the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards' MyCountyParks.com website and portal.

### **Legislative Priorities Proposal**

Jamie Cashman, ISAC Government Relations Manager, presented the policy creation process and an outlook of the 2016 legislative session.

Peggy Rice, ISAC Legislative Policy Committee Chair and Humboldt County Auditor, presented the 2016 ISAC Legislative policy statements to the membership.

Moved by Lynn Grobe, Pottawattamie County Supervisor, seconded by Betty Wambach, Muscatine County First Deputy Auditor, to accept the 2016 ISAC legislative policy statements. The motion passed with one opposed.

Peggy presented the 2016 ISAC Legislative objectives to the membership.

Moved by Grant Veeder, Black Hawk County Auditor, seconded by Marge Pitts, Clay County Auditor, to accept the 2016 ISAC legislative objectives.

Moved by Laura Oliver, Monona County Treasurer, seconded by Eric Stierman, Dubuque County Treasurer, to amend the 2016 ISAC legislative objectives to include the proposed Delinquent Taxes for Buildings on Leased Land objective.

Concerns were raised by the membership.

The motion passed by a vote of 95 in favor and 47 opposed.

The legislative objectives passed with opposition.

Peggy presented the 2016 ISAC Legislative top priorities to the membership.

Moved by Darin Raymond, Plymouth County Attorney, seconded by Linda Langston, Linn County Supervisor, to accept of the 2016 ISAC legislative top priorities. The motion passed with one opposed.

### **ISAC Golden Eagle**

Bill gave a background on the ISAC Golden Eagle and introduced Kim Painter, Johnson County Recorder. Kim honored and introduced Sue Vande Kamp, former Story County Recorder, as the 2015 ISAC Golden Eagle. Sue addressed the General Session.

President Houser gave his thoughts on his year as president. Vice President Joan McCalmant shared the goals of her upcoming term as ISAC President.

President Hansen adjourned the General Session at 10:45 am.