



Johnson County Supervisor Neuzil helps strengthen the voice of America's counties at NACo's Annual Conference ***Johnson County Also Receives Innovation Award***

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2,100 county officials assemble in Portland to set national policies, share ideas

PORTLAND, ORE. – Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil joined forces with more than 2,100 county officials from across the country to help strengthen the voice of the nation's counties during the National Association of Counties (NACo) 76th Annual Conference and Exposition in Multnomah County/Portland, Ore this past week.

NACo's Annual Conference is the most important gathering of county officials of the year. It offers the best opportunity for leaders in county government to discuss pragmatic solutions to common challenges facing counties and communities.



"This was a great opportunity to feel the pulse of county government officials from across our nation, and learning quickly that the writing is on the wall that our Federal government is going to drastically cut funding," said Neuzil. "We need to continue to realize that our economy is long from being recovered."

During the conference Neuzil also attended numerous continuing education classes and training.

"Learning new strategies for collaboration, green initiatives and promoting local foods are three areas that we need to emphasize more in Johnson County."

Neuzil also was joined by Johnson County Supervisor Sally Stutsman as they received a NACo innovation award on behalf of Johnson County Secondary Roads. The 2011 Achievement Award was given for the County's work on native plant policy for roadside vegetation management.

Delegates adopted dozens of policy resolutions on federal legislation and funding priorities issues affecting county government and communities which will guide the

association's leaders, members and staff over the next 12 months.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.