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ACCG NAMES NEW POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATLANTA, Ga. (May 22, 2009) – The Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) has named new policy committee chairmen and vice-chairmen that are slated to serve through April 2010. ACCG works through a series of six standing policy committees led by these chairmen and vice-chairmen to develop the annual county legislative platform, which establishes the association's positions on state and federal legislative issues that may impact local government.

ACCG President Jan Tankersley, a Bulloch County Commissioner, announced the new policy committee leadership as follows:

General County Government

- Chairman: Elmo Richardson, Bibb County Commissioner

Natural Resources & Environment

- Chairman: Reggie Loper, Effingham County Vice-Chairman
- Vice-Chairman: Billy Webster, Putnam County Commissioner

Economic Development & Transportation

- Chairman: Patty James, Taylor County Chairman
- Vice-Chairman: Lynn Riley, Fulton County Commissioner

Revenue & Finance

- Chairman: Bebe Heiskell, Walker County Sole Commissioner
- Vice-Chairman: Brent Williams, Sumter County Chairman

Public Safety & Courts

- Chairman: James Williams, Baldwin County Chairman
- Vice-Chairman: Donnie Hester, Tift County Commissioner

Health & Human Services

- Chairman: Rick Gardner, Bryan County Commissioner
- Vice-Chairman: Desse Davis, Emanuel County Commissioner

“These individuals facilitate discussions with their peers on issues that are critical for county government and work to build consensus on a position that is taken before the entire membership at our Fall Policy Conference,” said ACCG Executive Director Jerry R. Griffin. “The policy platform developed by the policy committees and approved by our members guides our interaction with state and federal legislators on behalf of all Georgia counties.”

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About ACCG: It is the mission of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia to enhance the role, stature and responsiveness of county government in Georgia. Since counties are the level of government closest to the people and serve all the people of the state, ACCG will promote the ability of Georgia counties to provide public services responsibly, efficiently, and cost effectively through cooperative legislative action, education of public officials, provision of quality member services and technical assistance, and increasing public awareness of critical local government issues. For more information, go to www.accg.org.