

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES
Annual Conference
Northwest Arkansas Holiday Inn & Convention Center
Springdale, Arkansas
August 8, 9 & 10, 2012

TENTATIVE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, August 8, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION - Holiday Inn Atrium

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

IDENTIFICATION PHOTOS - Holiday Inn Atrium

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

EXHIBITS OPEN - Hammons Hall III & IV

- Meet your Exhibitors - Renew Old Acquaintances
Use this time to meet the exhibitors and see the products and services they offer to benefit your county

Refreshments served (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

PLATINUM SPONSOR: *Southwestern Energy Company*

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**KOUNTRY KITCHENS HOSPITALITY LUNCHEON
- Hammons II**

*“All Arkansas Products Prepared and Served by your County
Agricultural Agents”*

**GOLD SPONSOR: *Arkansas County Agricultural Agent’s
Association***

12:30 p.m.

SPOUSE PROGRAM - Salon C

“You TOU-CAN Be Fit!”

Becky Comet, “Biggest Loser” finalist

AAC Member Benefits Manager

1:00 p.m.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION - Hammons I

Presiding: The Honorable Mike Jacobs, President

Johnson County Judge

Posting of Colors: Arkansas Sheriffs’ Association Honor Guard

❖ Pledge of Allegiance

Special Music: Carroll Posey, Executive Pastor

Midtowne Church, Benton

Invocation: Father John Antony, Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fayetteville

Welcome: The Honorable Marilyn Edwards

Washington County Judge

Roll Call: Chris Villines, Executive Director

Association of Arkansas Counties

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Honorable Judy Beth Hutcherson
Clark County Treasurer
Guest Speaker: The Honorable Mike Beebe
Governor of Arkansas
Introduction of Keynote Address: The Honorable Marty Moss
Cleburne County Sheriff
Keynote Address: The Honorable Lenny Eliason, Past President
National Association of Counties and
Athens County Commissioner, Ohio

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION AND PHOTO ID (CONT.) – Holiday Inn
Atrium**

3:15 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

County Judges' – Fayetteville/Siloam Springs Rooms
County Sheriffs' – Salon H
County Clerks' – Salon G
Circuit Clerks' – Salon C
County Treasurers' – Salon A
County Assessors – Salon B
County Collectors – Rogers/Bentonville
County Coroners – Salon F
Quorum Court Association – Salons D
(General & 75 Member Meetings)

3:30 p.m.

**SENATE AND HOUSE CITY, COUNTY & LOCAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEES – Salon E**

- Welcome: Chris Villines, AAC Executive Director
- 911 Dispatchers Training
- Coroners Training

4:30 p.m.

**12 MEMBER QUORUM COURT MEETING
– John Q. Hammons Room**

7:00 p.m.

SOUTHERN FISH FRY – Hammons I & II

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Democratic Party of Arkansas; Fidlar Technologies; and Liberty
National Life Insurance Company*

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Arkansas Auditor of State; and Arkansas Game & Fish
Commission*

THURSDAY, August 9, 2012

8:00 a.m.

BUFFET BREAKFAST – Hammons I & II
Invocation: The Honorable Johnny Rye
Poinsett County Assessor

8/1/2012

GOLD SPONSOR: *Institute for Building Technology & Safety (IBTS)*

SILVER SPONSOR: *ADEM/Federal Surplus Property and Warrior of Arkansas*

BRONZE SPONSORS: *AEP-SWEPCO; Apprentice Information Systems, Inc.; and AT&T*

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

EXHIBITS OPEN – Hammons III & IV

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION PHOTOS
CONTINUED – Holiday Inn Atrium**

9:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION – Salons D&E

Presiding: The Honorable Mike Jacobs, President
Johnson County Judge

Introduction of Guest Speaker: The Honorable Leonard Krout
Pope County Coroner

Guest Speaker: The Honorable John Thurston
Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands

Keynote Speaker: Glen Ward, Humorist and
Inspirational Speaker

10:45 a.m.

REFRESHMENT BREAK - Exhibits Hall – Hammons III & IV

PLATINUM SPONSOR: *Southwestern Energy Company*

11:00 a.m.

**SWINGING ON THE VINES OF OUR ECONOMY
- Salons AB&C**

*“Choosing the Right Path to the Happy Hunting Grounds
of Retirement”*

Facilitator: Chris Villines, AAC Executive Director

Presenters:

- ❖ Catalina Gorla, Economist
Nationwide Economics
- ❖ Steve Baker, Program Director and
- ❖ Fran Walker, Retirement Specialist
Nationwide Retirement Solutions

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11:00 a.m.

LOCKING UP LIABILITY– Salons FG&H

“Huts Bursting at the Seams?”

Facilitator: Mark Whitmore, AAC Chief Legal Counsel

Presenter: Tate McCotter, Administrator

National Institute for Jail Operations

BRONZE SPONSOR: *Arkansas Commission on Law*

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Enforcement Standards and Training and the National Sheriffs Association

11:00 a.m.

DON'T MONKEY AROUND WITH PERSONNEL ISSUES - Salon D

"Find Your Management True North"

Facilitator: Jeff Sikes, AAC Legislative Director

Presenter: Mike Rainwater, Attorney
Rainwater, Holt & Sexton Law Firm

11:00 a.m.

THE COLLECTIVE BUYING POWER OF OUR TRIBE - Salon E

"Big Discounts for Counties and Employees"

Facilitator: Wes Fowler, AAC Government Relations Director

Presenters:

- ❖ Becky Comet, AAC Member Benefits Manager
- ❖ Jane Benton, Office of State Procurement

12:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON - Hammons I & II

Presiding: The Honorable Mike Jacobs, President
Johnson County Judge

Invocation: The Honorable Hodijah O. Gray,
Jefferson County Justice of the Peace

Introduction of Guest Speaker: The Honorable Roger Haney
Washington County Treasurer

Guest Speaker: General Wesley K. Clark
Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander
Europe

- ❖ AAC Scholarship Golf Tournament Results
- ❖ AAC Scholarship Presentations

SILVER SPONSORS: *Arkansas Broadcasters Association; Crews & Associates; and Stephens, Inc.*

BRONZE SPONSORS: *Apprentice Information Systems, Inc.; Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation; Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm; Raymond James/Morgan Keegan; and Total Assessment Solutions Corporation (TASC)*

2:15 p.m.

NAVIGATING THE QUICKSAND OF YOUR AUDIT - Salons AB&C

"Don't Sink in the Numbers"

Facilitator: Chris Villines, AAC Executive Director

Presenter: June Barron, Deputy Legislative Audit
Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit

2:30 p.m.

EXPLORING THE CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM

"Spend the Afternoon at the Gem of Northwest Arkansas"

8/1/2012

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art welcomes all to celebrate the American Spirit in a setting that unites the power of art with the beauty of landscape.

Buses begin loading in front of Holiday Inn at 2:30 p.m. departing in 15 minute intervals. Buses will begin loading for return to the hotel at 5:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

RECEPTION - Hammons I, II & III

GOLD SPONSOR: AAC Risk Management Services

7:30 p.m.

DINNER & DANCE - Hammons I, II & II

JUNGLE ADVENTURES

Live Music by The Rockets

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FRIDAY, August 10, 2012

8:00 a.m.

BUFFET BREAKFAST - Hammons I & II

Presiding: The Honorable Mike Jacobs, President
Johnson County Judge

Invocation: The Honorable Jim Crawford
Saline County Assessor

Introduction of Guest Speaker: The Honorable Danny Hickman
Boone County Sheriff

Guest Speaker: The Honorable Dustin McDaniel
Attorney General of Arkansas

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9:00 a.m.

CLOSING SESSION - Hammons I & II

Presiding: The Honorable Mike Jacobs, President
Johnson County Judge

Congressional Candidates Address

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BUSINESS SESSION

- ❖ Legislative Committee Report
The Honorable Debbie Wise
Randolph County Circuit Clerk
- ❖ Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System Report
The Honorable Mike Jacobs
Johnson County Judge
Counties Representative to APERS Board
- ❖ Director's Report: Chris Villines, Executive Director
Association of Arkansas Counties

AAC ATTENDANCE GRAND PRIZE TO BE PRESENTED