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WELD COMMISSIONERS MEET WITH FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS HOW TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF CONSTITUENTS

WELD COUNTY, CO – Weld County Commissioners Mike Freeman, Barbara Kirkmeyer and Steve Moreno joined more than 200 members of Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) last week at the annual Summer Conference, which focused on issues that impact Colorado's citizens and communities.

The conference presented a wide range of educational programs covering such subjects as child welfare, protecting people and property after natural disasters, the impacts of marijuana legalization, urban renewal strategies, and challenges related to the state's aging population.

"There are so many issues facing local government," said Freeman. "This conference provides an opportunity for commissioners across the state to stay informed of and become involved in discussions and changes that directly impact our residents."

At the conference, county leaders heard a report from the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging (SAPGA) that was created during the 2015 legislative session to develop a comprehensive strategic action plan on aging in Colorado through the year 2030. SAPGA Chair Jim Riesberg said the initial plan would be presented to the Governor in November, 2016, and be updated in 2018 and 2020. The plan will identify policy recommendations to address key issues that are facing Colorado's aging population, including workforce development and family economic security.

Participants also took field trips to the Yampa Valley Regional Airport, Hayden Generating Plant and downtown Steamboat Springs, and gained perspective on federal issues affecting counties from the keynote remarks of National Association of Counties Executive Director Matt Chase. In addition, Denver-based political pollster Floyd Ciruli briefed delegates on national and state candidates and election issues.

During the conference, CCI honored the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for its 50 years of service to Colorado's local governments and citizens and provided the venue for the Colorado Department of Human Services to present its C-Stat Awards recognizing 13 counties for distinguished performance.

CCI is a non-profit, membership association whose purpose is to offer assistance to county commissioners and to encourage counties to work together on common issues while the CCI Foundation provides training and educational programs for better county management and understanding of common issues. The Foundation's Winter Conference is set for November 28-30, 2016 in Colorado Springs.

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