
DEKALB COUNTY

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Chief Executive Officer



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CEO ELLIS AND COMMISSIONER MAY NAMED TO NACo POSTS DURING ANNUAL MEETING

DECATUR – DeKalb County Chief Executive Officer Burrell Ellis and DeKalb County Commissioner Lee May (District 5) were named to key leadership roles during the Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties (NACo), which was held in Nashville, Tennessee, July 24 – 28, 2009.

CEO Ellis was elected to serve as the newly created Southern Regional Representative on NACo's Board of Directors' Executive Committee. He will represent southern states, including Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, and Florida. During the Annual Conference, CEO Ellis completed his second term as Chair of NACo's Large Urban County Caucus, comprised of our nation's 100 largest urban counties.

Commissioner May was appointed chair of the Community and Economic Development Steering Committee, which focuses on all matters pertaining to general community development and redevelopment; residential, commercial, and industrial development; housing programs; building and housing codes; subdivision regulation; and public works and economic development. Commissioner May previously served as Vice Chair to the committee.

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 3,066 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.

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NACo is also involved in a number of special projects that deal with such issues as homeland security, drug abuse and broader access to health care. NACo's Annual Conference affords county leaders the opportunity to learn and gather information to help improve the effectiveness of their counties through educational workshops and networking opportunities.

Several White House officials participated in this year's conference including Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ron Sims, Director of Urban Affairs Adolfo Carrion and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Cecilia Munoz.



Clayton County Commission Chair Eldrin Bell, Cobb County Commission Chair Sam Olens, DeKalb County Commissioner Connie Stokes and DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis



White House Director of Urban Affairs Adolfo Carrion, DeKalb County Commissioner Sharon Barnes-Sutton and DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis



DeKalb County Commissioner Lee May addresses members of NACo during a session



White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Cecilia Munoz and DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis

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