



# COUNTY NEWS

## Maine County Commissioners Association Newsletter

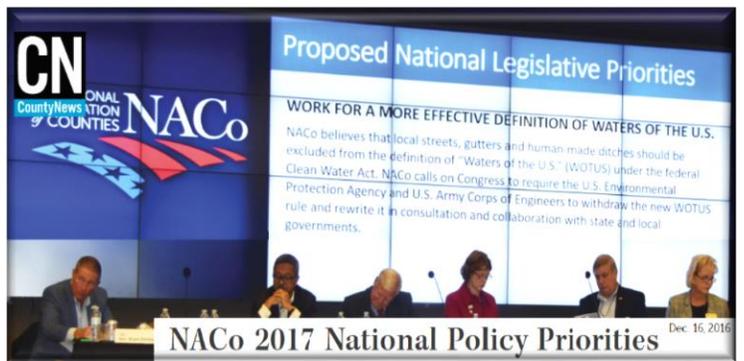
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NACo's Board of Directors set the 2017 national priorities for the organization at its recent meeting in Leon County, Florida.

The Basic Principles: NACo supports federal policies and programs that equip the 3,069 county governments in the nation with the resources and tools needed to effectively serve their residents. NACo works to preserve local decision-making and protect counties from unfunded mandates and preemption of local authority. Some of the priorities include:

- Protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds
- Protect the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid
- Promote county surface transportation priorities
- Work for a more effective definition of "Waters of the U.S."



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# Androscoggin County Departments

## Longevity in the Treasurer's Office



In the picture above, Deputy Treasurer Linda Boucher has been serving Androscoggin County for 39 years, Senior Accounts Clerk Deb Sawyer for 18 years, and Treasurer Robert Poulin for 15 years and counting. Congratulations to all of them for their dedicated service and hard work.

The Treasurer's office is responsible for the fiscal accounting matters of the County. The office processes approximately \$10,000,000 annually which includes numerous reserve/investment accounts, grant monies, special funds and the weekly processing of payroll and general operating expenses.

## Facilities Department



The maintenance team is comprised of Facility Technicians Daniel Gagne and Chris Seddon, and Facilities Director David Cote. They are looking forward to working on the 911 relocation project in 2017. The Communications department is planning a complete over-haul and relocation of the Communications Center in the first quarter of 2017. They are also planning a major upgrade to the radio system to improve the county-wide radio network.

## News from the Sheriff's Office



Sheriff Eric Samson takes the opportunity to update radio listeners with his Breakfast Club interviews on Maine's Big Z Station. Click the following link to listen to his latest informative interview recorded during the show on December 5<sup>th</sup>: [goo.gl/2UOiVJ](http://goo.gl/2UOiVJ).

The Sheriff's Office enlists the help of K-9 Bosco shown to the right. Bosco likes his new office on wheels. It's a great improvement to his 2011 Ford Crown Vic that had 136,000 miles on it.



## Registry of Deeds Office

Not to be out-done by the Treasurer's Office, the employees in the Registry of Deeds Office have worked for the County for a combined total of 80 years! Clerk Melissa Brackley has served Androscoggin County for 17 years, Clerk Abby Gurschick, 15 years, Register Tina Chouinard, 31 years, and Clerk Jane Horrigan 17 years.



## Civil Department

Civil Process Supervisor Dale Fifeild has been busy serving Civil papers regarding small claims, eviction notices, divorce or family matters, and civil subpoenas with his crew of two full-time deputies Jason Chaloux and Robert Murphy while part-time Clerk Daniel Asselin works at the front desk."



## Historical Society

Sound the trumpets to announce what the Androscoggin County's Historical Society has on display! The museum is located on the third floor of the County Building. The museum is open to the public for viewing from 1:00-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Thursday, and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. View their website at [www.androhist.org](http://www.androhist.org).



Androscoggin County employees would like to congratulate Captain Chute, their jail administrator, for winning this year's unofficial Ugly Christmas sweater contest. Everyone likes a sharp dressed man!



Recently Sheriff Eric Samson helped deliver hats and mittens which were being donated to the Androscoggin Head Start Program by the county. The winter weather apparel was made by female inmates at the Androscoggin County Jail. Their donation will ensure that these children stay warm in the coming winter months. The program is overseen by Sgt. Victoria Langelier who is the Programs Director at the jail. Sheriff Samson is pictured above with some of the children and staff at Head Start, and a few samples of the donated items.

The Salvation Army also received donations of the hats and scarves crafted by inmates. In this photo (from left to right) is Sergeant Langelier, the Programs Supervisor at the county jail, Lt Holly Johnson from Salvation Army, Sheriff Eric Samson, and Soldier Pam Downs from Salvation Army.

