

ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF ALABAMA

2016 ACCA Legislative Conference

December 7 - 8, 2016

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and
Convention Center

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If you have not yet reserved your hotel accommodations, please do so quickly. Sleeping rooms at the Renaissance Montgomery are \$140 and can be reserved by calling 334-481-5000. The deadline for making hotel reservations is November 6. When you call for reservations, please identify yourself as a member of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama to receive the special room rate.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!

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The 2016 Legislative Conference is scheduled for December 7 - 8, 2016, at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Convention Center in Montgomery, Ala. We hope you will make plans to attend.

Each year the Association's membership meets to discuss the upcoming Legislative session and approve the Legislative program that will guide our activities during the session. *It is important that your county be represented at the conference to have input into the Legislative program.*

Dr. David Bronner will kick off the Opening General Session with a look at state pension reform and how those possible changes could affect employment in our state for years to come. Senator Clyde Chambliss will talk to us about budget reform and Rep. Dexter Grimsley will give us an update on Juvenile Detention Reform. In addition we'll look at Board of Registrars Reform and Inmate Medical Care as well as looking at ACCA's Road and Bridge Proposal for the 2017 Legislative Session. This is a general session you don't want to miss!

On Thursday morning breakout sessions will be held for county commissioners, administrators, engineers, 911 directors, emergency managers and revenue officers.

The next page contains a preliminary conference agenda. You may register for the conference online at www.alabamacounties.org. Click on Events in the top left hand side of the page. From there go to the month of December on the calendar and click on the ACCA Legislative Conference.

The deadline for the reduced registration price of \$125 is Wednesday, November 18. After November 18, the registration fee will be \$150. Registration cancellations made after November 18 will not be refunded. You must pay by credit card or PayPal account when you register.

If you have any questions about the conference, please email me at dkey@alabamacounties.org or call the ACCA office at 334-263-7594. We look forward to seeing you in December!

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Tuesday, December 6

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New Commissioner Orientation

Wednesday, December 7

8 a.m. - Noon

New Commissioner Orientation

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ACCA Legislative Conference

Registration

10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

AAEM Board of Directors Meeting

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ACCA Board of Directors Meeting

1:30 - 5 p.m.

Opening General Session

- **On the Horizon: State Pension Reform**, *Dr. David Bronner, Retirement Systems of Alabama*
- **On the Horizon: State Budget Reform**, *Sen. Clyde Chambliss, Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Task Force for Budget Reform*
- **On the Horizon: Juvenile Detention Reform**, *Rep. Dexter Grimsley, Chair, Alabama Juvenile Justice Task Force*

- **On the Horizon: Board of Registrars Reform**
- **On the Horizon: Medicaid Coverage and Inmate Medical Care**
- **On the Horizon: ACCA's Road and Bridge Proposal**, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*
- **On the Horizon: Communication Strategies for the Future**, *Terri Reynolds, ACCA Director of Public Affairs*

5 - 6 p.m.

Opening Reception

Dinner on your own.

Thursday, December 8

7:30 - 9:15 a.m.

Legislative Conference

Registration

8 - 9 a.m.

Breakfast and 2017 Legislative Session Briefing

(ACCA Legislative Program and Priority Legislation)

Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director, speaking

9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Commissioners Breakout Session

- **Firearms in Public Places**, *Andrew Brasher, Attorney General's Office, State of Alabama*
- **Simplified Sellers Use Tax**, *Joe Garrett, Alabama Department of Revenue*
- **Priorities for ACCA's Strategic Plan**, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*

9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Engineers Breakout Session

- **Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Task Force (Roadside debris, etc.)**, *Richie Beyer, Elmore County Engineer, Task Force Member*
- **Right of Way Use for Broadband**, *Kathy Johnson, Office of Broadband Development, State of Alabama*
- **Road Material Annual Bids**, *James Hall, Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts*
- **Bid Law/Public Works Amendments**, *Terri Reynolds, ACCA Director of Public Affairs*
- **Effective Use of the 10 Year Plans**, *Terri Reynolds, ACCA Director of Public Affairs*

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Administrators Breakout Session

- **Collecting Sales Tax on Digital Goods**
- **Video Conferencing for Juveniles, Administrative Office of the Courts**
- **Legislative Priorities for Administrators, ACCA Staff**

⇒ RSA Board, Dark Store Settlements, Board of Registrars, commission not liable for improper expenditures authorized at the sole discretion of a particular elected official, Forever Wild, etc.

9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

AAEM Breakout Session

- **Report on the Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Task Force, Art Faulkner, Director, State EMA**
- **Status Report on the Certification Program, Mike Evans and Jonathan Gaddy**

- **Roundtable Discussion of Best Practices, Chase Cobb, Mike Evans, Jonathan Gaddy and Others**
⇒ *Coordination of Emergency Response Plans with State Agencies; Use of VOADS; Use of Lights; Additional Topics*

9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

AAND Breakout Session

- **ANGEN Legislation Review, Morgan Arrington, ACCA Staff Attorney**
- **FirstNet**

9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

CROAA Breakout Session

- **Collecting Sales Tax on Digital Goods (with Administrators)**
- **Retail Accountability Act and Rule Changes from ADOR, Mike Gamble and Rouen Reynolds, ADOR**

- **Legislative Priorities for CROAA, ACCA Staff Member**
⇒ *Changing Business License Minimum Fine to \$10*
⇒ *Amending Tax Payers' Bill of Rights*
⇒ *Definition of Tangible Personal Property*

11:30 a.m. - Noon

ACCA Business Session

Noon—Adjourn Legislative Conference

12:30 - 2 p.m.

- **Administrators Board of Directors Meeting**
- **CROAA Board of Directors Meeting**
- **Engineers Board of Directors Meeting**

Please remember that in order to comply with the Alabama Ethics Law, you may only accept an invitation to dinner, etc. from a vendor that is a registered participant in the Legislative Conference.

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