

PLAN 2020: Passion for Public Service

The members of PLAN 2020 are nearing the end of their journey together and will be recognized later this year for their hard work and commitment under the program. The Association promised that the program would help these second-term commissioners have a greater impact in their home counties. Here's a quick look at the Passion Projects they have undertaken:



Hon. David Money

Chairman & Probate Judge, Henry County

▲ **Passion Project** Henry County E-911 Dispatch Centralization

▲ **Project Goal** Consolidating three E-911 dispatch locations into one

▲ **Project Benefit to Community** Streamlining E-911 dispatch will provide substantial savings of taxpayer dollars through reductions of duplicate personnel and equipment while also making possible increased compensation for remaining dispatchers.



Hon. Joseph Parnell

Chairman, Chilton County

▲ **Passion Project** Alabama Farm Center at ALFA Centennial Park

▲ **Project Goal** Advancing construction of the Alabama Farm Center at ALFA Centennial Park, a 520-acre economic development project

▲ **Project Benefit to Community** Adding this facility and related developments are projected to draw upwards of 750,000 visitors a year, generating a \$30-million sales tax impact.



Hon. Arthur L. Crawford Sr.

Chairman & Probate Judge, Hale County

▲ **Passion Project** Community Storm Shelter Expansion

▲ **Project Goal** Establishing safe, protective shelters for use during severe weather

▲ **Project Benefit to Community** Making shelters available to citizens has been a community priority since the 2011 tornadoes took lives and caused catastrophic damage across Alabama.

Step by step — Recent milestones have included reorganizing the local industrial development board into an industrial development authority, hiring a full-time economic developer and engaging every municipality in the county.



Hon. Bertha Kelly-McElrath

Vice-Chair, Coosa County

▲ **Passion Project** Improving Health Opportunities for Physical Engagement (I.H.O.P.E.)

▲ **Project Goal** Establishing a community facility for educational services to aid in combatting obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other health problems facing county residents

▲ **Project Benefit to Community** Providing this new facility will help to educate citizens about practical steps they can take to reduce health risks and strengthen relationships within the community.

Community Partners —

This fire hydrant project has benefitted from private donations, commitments from four fire departments, in-kind contributions from a local water authority, along with county support. The target is to complete installation by spring 2021.



Mr. David Kelley

Former Commissioner, Marshall County

▲ **Passion Project** Fire Safety Initiative

▲ **Project Goal** Installing fire hydrants at 9 local churches

▲ **Project Benefit to Community** Enhancing fire protection at these small churches can help to reduce insurance costs for the struggling congregations.



Hon. Lee Patterson

*Commissioner,
Calhoun County*

▲ **Passion Project** Chief Ladiga Landing Enhancements

▲ **Project Goal**

Improving park attractions and amenities with plantings of native species, construction of two pavilions and the addition of a historic truss bridge

▲ **Project Benefit to Community**

Planting native species will make this park a destination for school field trips, and re-erecting the county's last truss bridge is an act of historic preservation.

Rails to Trails —

Calhoun County claims 27 of the Chief Ladiga Trail's 33 miles, and the landing provides direct access from the western portion of the county.



Hon. Pat Ezell

*Commissioner,
Sumter County*

▲ **Passion Project** 2020 Census Complete Count

▲ **Project Goal**

Promoting Census participation

▲ **Project Benefit to Community**

Conducting special events and boosting communication should promote Census participation, which will benefit an economically disadvantaged county and help increase grant dollars and business investment.



Hon. Joe Hackworth

*Commissioner,
Lauderdale County*

▲ **Passion Project** Response Agency Resource Guide

▲ **Project Goal**

Providing emergency responders with an online database of local resources

▲ **Project Benefit to Community**

Connecting emergency responders and helping them share resources will improve public safety for the citizens of Lauderdale County.



Hon. Jason Black

*Commissioner,
Limestone County*

▲ **Passion Project** Recreational Public Access

▲ **Project Goal**

Redesigning a public boat launch and public fishing area

▲ **Project Benefit to Community**

Increasing recreational opportunities for families will enhance quality of life and help the community enjoy the area's natural resources.

Team Effort —

Through this project, there are 14 volunteer fire departments, a municipal fire department, the sheriff's department and county EMA all working collaboratively.



Hon. Mike Vest

*Commissioner,
Shelby County*

▲ **Passion Project** End Heroin Birmingham Walk

▲ **Project Goal**

Bringing awareness and resources to those who are in need and raising funds to provide scholarships for those who can't afford recovery

▲ **Project Benefit to Community**

Increasing awareness of opioid addiction benefits individuals struggling with substance abuse and their friends and family. Helping people access treatment saves and transforms lives.



Hon. Michael Armistead

Chairman & Probate Judge, Choctaw County

▲ Passion Project Civil Rights Trail Establishment

▲ Project Goal

Memorializing the people who fought for racial equality in Choctaw County and recognizing their achievements

▲ Project Benefit to Community

Honoring local Civil Rights heroes in tangible ways is an important step to close a long-standing gap in the area's historical commemorations.

PLAN 2022 Wants You!

If you are poised to begin your second commission term in November, you are eligible for the next class of ACCA's leadership program, Passion Leadership Accountability Networking (PLAN). Good luck on the campaign trail! Recruiting for PLAN 2022 will be underway in the coming months. Watch your email inbox for details!



Historical Markers —

Substantial progress has been made in this ongoing project, and the following official dedications have occurred:

- Choctaw County Civil Rights Memorial Highway recognizing all who led the charge during the Civil Rights Movement;
- Margaret Ann Knott Memorial Bridge in memory of a protester who died after being struck by a car in Butler;
- Brown-Crowell Bridge recognizing two African-American elected officials — Dandy Brown and the late Odis Crowell, both former county commissioners.