



# Association of Minnesota Counties

## AMC Policy Committee Priorities\* - 2018

### Environment & Natural Resources

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Pursue alternatives for generating more state-owned wetland banking credits to be available for use by counties for local road projects.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Require federal and state agencies to formally notify and solicit county input prior to all proposed land acquisitions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Enact ability to count the use of crushed glass in roads and landfills toward county recycling goals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Provide funding for counties to help reimburse costs associated with the cleanup of blighted, tax-forfeited properties.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Demolition land disposal facility permitting: require the MPCA to issue and/or reissue all demolition land disposal facility permits in a timely manner.

### General Government

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Support data practices legislation that maintains current transparency and public access to data while balancing government cost and efficiency.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Support the ability for a county board to choose to appoint county row officers at a local level.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Promote a sustainable approach to Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding that includes proposals to address instability in PILT payments for acquired acres lands.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Promote legislation that preserves tax base in response to increased property tax appeals, utility tax refunds and potential "dark store" assessing practices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Support an omnibus human resources bill that combines several general government HR priorities, including: changing aggregate value of benefits clause, allowing counties to pool active employees and retirees separately, requiring employer consent for employee groups going to Public Employers Insurance Program (PEIP), and more.

### Health & Human Services

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Support bonding proposals that strengthen the mental health continuum of care through regional triage centers for crisis intervention, and the creation of new housing options.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Support the continued improvement and functionality of the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS).

\*Priorities as Identified by AMC Policy Committees at the Fall Policy Conference - September 2017

## Public Safety

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Provide the resources necessary to improve the public safety response to the opioid epidemic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Funding Community Supervision: both core county probation functions and programs to control jail populations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Regional EMS Boards: Create a stable source of revenue to replace declining fire revenue.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Disaster Aid: Replenish the Disaster Aid Contingency Account.

## Transportation & Infrastructure

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Support continued comprehensive transportation funding that includes new revenue for roads, bridges, and transit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Support the build-out of broadband infrastructure in Minnesota, including legislation that would provide continued funding for the Border to Border Broadband Development Grant Program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Support general obligation bonding authority for funding the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program, the Local Road Improvement Program, and the Local Bridge Replacement Program, outside of dedicated dollars for specific projects.