

PRESS RELEASE

Southern Iowa Council of Governments Annual Meeting - Elections Held
Creston, Iowa. March 28, 2018



The annual meeting of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments and the Southern Iowa Development Group was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Karen Zabel, Chairperson, summarized the accomplishments from the agency's "Annual Report 2017". The organization completed a very successful year with over \$2,800,000 in grants coming into the area to benefit the members of SICOG. While SICOG was very successful in accessing money to complete very needed projects, SICOG also assisted with over 165 planning and technical assistance projects, said Ms. **Zabel**. The complete annual report is available for review at the SICOG office or web site.

Ms. **Zabel** said, "It has been a great year serving as the Chairperson of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments. I cannot overstate the resourcefulness, dedication and abilities of our small staff. This small staff is responsible for large grants and beneficial projects being completed in the eight counties served by SICOG." **Zabel** also expressed her appreciation to the entire Executive Board members for their assistance throughout the year.

Karl McCarty representing **Adams County** on the Southern Iowa Council of Governments Executive Board of Directors was elected chairperson for the coming year, during the meeting held at the SICOG office.

Others elected include **Dan Christensen**, representing **Decatur County**, was elected vice chairperson; **Karen Zabel**, representing **Taylor County**, was elected secretary; and **Ron Riley**, representing **Union County**, will serve as the organization's treasurer.

As SICOG chairperson, **McCarty** will assist the organization to promote the concept of regional approaches to problem solving, strengthen the association's ability to help its members, promote the association and define programs.

SICOG is a membership organization for cities and counties within Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor and Union counties. SICOG serves as the source of information for and about various program processes and grants that can help to develop the economic conditions of the region. SICOG and its members help local communities and counties solve problems on an area-wide basis, whether these problems involve economic development, hazard mitigation planning, transportation planning, downtown development, revolving loan funds, housing development, or water and sewer projects.