Colorado Counties, Inc. is a non-profit membership association of and for county commissioners and consolidated “city and county” councilmembers and mayors. Each CCI affiliate is designed to represent and enhance the organizations’ ability to provide the best services and solutions available for county government, including legislative and regulatory representation, education and research, as well as venues for facilitations and the exchange of ideas. CCI is governed by a board of directors consisting of eight county commissioners from across the state, who also serve on the boards of CCI’s affiliate organizations. CCI’s legislative policies are determined by nine subject matter-based steering committees. CCI also has five geographically-determined districts that provide opportunities for regional discussions and cooperation.
President’s Message

Fellow Commissioners and Council Members:

As 2015 draws to a close, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on the accomplishments and the challenges that we have faced as an organization over the past year.

The first big challenge threatened to divide our membership. Working together, we overcame that outcome by implementing bylaw changes to help ensure broad county support for issues of statewide significance. Teamwork is always my goal as your CCI President. Former Senator and NBA star Bill Bradley said it best: “Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it.” With continued teamwork I hope we can build our ranks back to 100 percent membership.

This past year’s legislative session proved to be both rewarding and frustrating. Some of our big wins included:

- HB15-1348 Urban Redevelopment Fairness Act
- HB15-1358 Differential Response Program Abuse and Neglect
- HB15-1057 The Statewide Initiative Process
- SB15-288 Compensation of State and County Public Officials

We still have work to do concerning local OHV regulations, severance tax revenues, local taxes on retail marijuana, and state fiscal responsibility for providing courts among others.

I would like to personally congratulate El Paso County Commissioner Sallie Clark as the newly elected President of NACo. Sallie has been a champion for funding of SRS (forest payments) and PILT during her rise in leadership. Her 2015-2016 Safe and Secure Counties Initiative is designed to enhance counties’ capacity to protect public safety, support public health and human services, maintain roads and bridges and build local economies.

I would also like to thank the CCI staff for all their hard work throughout the year. There have been many significant changes in staffing this past year, but the team looks very strong going forward. Good luck to Susan in her retirement, she will be missed.

A big thanks to those of you serving as a representative of CCI on various statewide committees. Your participation is invaluable by bringing the county perspective to various issues throughout the state.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president this past year. I have made many new friends and learned from you all. There are challenges ahead so I encourage each of you remain active with CCI by helping develop common sense state wide solutions and also be a strong advocate for your county.

Best Regards,

Trent Bushner | CCI President | Yuma County Commissioner
Executive Director’s Message

Commissioners,

There is no doubt that 2015 was a year that called on CCI members and staff, to, in the words of REO Speedwagon, “roll with the changes”. These changes have taken place in our own policy-making process, in our efforts at the General Assembly, and in key staff positions. I am pleased to say that, in addition to the wide range of activities included later in this report, CCI has rolled with the changes and is ready to take on whatever lies ahead for us in 2016!

As Commissioner Bushner notes in his letter on the preceding page, early in the year CCI members revised our policy process to ensure broad-based support among counties for positions that CCI staff advocates at the state legislature. This came in the form of bylaws amendments that call for the agreement of 65% of participating members in order to approve CCI’s legislative agenda and policy statement, as well as adopt positions on legislation being considered by the General Assembly. In addition, the bylaws changes created a minority report option that can be invoked when 25% of CCI’s members agree on a dissenting point of view. Requiring a super-majority vote on policy issues gives CCI legislative staff a stronger message in their advocacy on your behalf and minimizes the number of circumstances when a minority of members feel unrepresented by the CCI position. It does not mean that CCI will shy away from difficult issues; it does put CCI in the best position to represent a statewide consensus of counties.

CCI members undertook a number of significant legislative initiatives in 2015 and brought them to a legislature that is under divided control. Having a Democratic majority in the House and a Republican majority in the Senate, widely regarded as the best protection against extreme legislation being sent to the Governor, also means that moving major policy changes through the process is that much more of a challenge. This is reflected in CCI’s good overall success rate of 70% (see the table on page 6), where our success in opposing bills significantly outpaced our success rate in getting bills to the Governor. Urban renewal reform and elected officials’ salaries are two examples of challenging bills that we successfully helped shepherd through the process. Others, such as enhanced county regulation of off-highway vehicles, increased restaurant inspection fees, and more flexibility to increase broadband availability, will require further work to navigate the variety of competing interests at the Capitol.

CCI also made changes in three key staff positions in 2015. Our legislative coordinator resigned at the very end of 2014 to become the legislative liaison for CDOT and the balance of the legislative team stepped up to provide seamless coverage, ensuring that counties were heard and represented at the Capitol. In addition, our conference and communications coordinator took a similar job with a national organization and Susan Scott, who was well-known by all of CCI’s members for her cheerful and caring demeanor when visiting or calling CCI, decided it was time to retire. In these cases, the extra efforts of your behind-the-scenes staff gave us time to ensure that we could hire new employees who would be up to the jobs we asked them to do. Because of this, we were able to hire Paul Thompson, a seasoned association manager from Florida, to take on our communications program, as well as the CCI Foundation conferences and associate program. We were also pleased to find Megan Girard to fill the role at our front desk and we anticipate you will find her energy and friendly disposition make you feel just at home at CCI as always.

It was great to play a supporting role in Sallie Clark’s elevation to president of NACo, to help develop a compromise Public Lands budget and dues formula that was accepted by members, and to conduct a popular and productive New Commissioner Orientation. Many other activities of the three organizations under the CCI umbrella are described in the pages that follow. If you have questions about any of them, or if you have suggestions about things we should consider undertaking, please do not be shy about letting us know!

We’ll be here when you are ready, to roll with the changes . . .

John (Chip) Taylor | CCI Executive Director
Mission

Policy development, legislative services, advocacy on state and federal issues of importance to counties; public relations and affairs; member retention and recruitment; management and support functions for all CCI affiliated entities.

Governance

Comprised of eight members total

- Five members are elected from each regional district
- Elected from the 50,000 plus county caucus

Revenue

- Members dues
- Affinity/partnership payments
- Fees for services from CCI Foundation
- Fees for services from CCI Public Lands
2015 Legislative Priorities  
CCI's legislative process begins in June of each year when counties are asked to submit their legislative proposals for the upcoming legislative session. These are discussed at steering committee meetings in July and at the CCI District meetings around the state in August. During these meetings, commissioners and administrators have the opportunity to highlight and bring attention to their legislative issues and consider both legislative and non-legislative solutions. These are reviewed again and prioritized by the steering committees in September and receive a final recommendation at the legislative meeting in October. The final recommendations are voted on by the membership at the formal membership meeting, also held in October.

2015 Legislative Box Score

As one method of quantifying CCI’s success in influencing the legislative process, percentages of bills won or lost were calculated. The table below provides information on overall CCI’s success in supporting or opposing bills during 2015. The table does not denote those bills that CCI successfully amended or moved to a position of “monitor”.

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During the 2015 legislative session, CCI had 14 legislative issues. Most notably, CCI successfully pursued legislation in the following areas:

• After a disappointing veto by the Governor at the eleventh hour during the 2014 legislative session, HB15-1348 Urban Renewal Fairness Act, a CCI legislative priority, was approved by an overwhelmingly large bipartisan majority in the waning days of the 2015 legislative session. HB15-1348 requires local governments to negotiate, on equal footing, a locally agreed upon financing arrangement to support redevelopment projects in blighted areas. The bill also provides a seat on the urban renewal authority for a county, special district and school district representative. Both provisions take effect for urban renewal authorities created or modified on or after January 1, 2016.

• Providing a context-sensitive approach to suspected incidents of abuse or neglect that have been assessed as lower risk, CCI successfully supported HB15-1358 that removes the repeal date on the Differential Response Program and allows all counties to provide appropriate intervention and services to families who are willing to participate in their county’s program.

• HB15-1367 clarifies local government’s authority to seek voter approval for a local excise tax on recreational marijuana, and refers a ballot issue to voters asking whether or not the state may retain and spend revenues collected from Proposition AA in Fiscal Year 2014-15. HB 1367 also created an impact grant fund, helping local governments that have not permitted retail sales of recreational marijuana but still experience impacts because of sales in neighboring communities.

Interim Committees and Studies - In the interim periods between sessions, CCI regularly helps commissioners take on issues of importance to counties as they serve on various state committees and study groups.

• Restaurant Inspection Fee - Originating as a legislative priority, CCI worked to secure an increase in retail food establishment license fees that would include food safety programs and regular inspections of grocery stores, restaurants and other establishments that serve food. While the legislation did not pass, a stakeholder process was established. CCI continues to participate in this interim committee and is working to explore additional options.

• Off Highway Vehicles - CCI Policy and Research Supervisor, Eric Bergman made a panel presentation with CML and DRCOG to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC) in June. Bergman detailed the various funding sources that counties rely on to maintain and improve the local transportation systems around the state. During his presentation, Bergman reminded the committee members that counties are responsible for maintaining more than 58,000 center line miles in Colorado – more than six times the miles that CDOT maintains.

• Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Task Force - Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, CCI’s Health and Human Services Steering Committee Chair, and CCI Legislative Director Gini Pingenot participated in this task force, created by SB15-109 (mandatory reporting of mistreatment of adults with a disability), to help develop recommendations on how to best finance and implement mandatory reporting.

• To help facilitate finding a path forward in addressing tax increment financing, Policy Director Gini Pingenot participated in conversations between the Metro Mayor Caucus and the Metro Area County Commissioners.

The complete 2016 legislative agenda adopted this October is available on the CCI website at ccionline.org.
Other Legislative Highlights - In addition to legislative priorities identified by membership, CCI provided support for efforts to secure an additional judge in the 12th judicial district, authority to sell state trust lands to local governments and spending authority for the Southwest Chief rail line. In addition, CCI also provided support to the County Elected Officials Salary Commission in securing a salary increase for all county elected officials, as well as state elected officials.

District Meetings - CCI’s regional districts meet at least three times a year. During each district meeting, commissioners and administrators have the opportunity to come together and collaboratively discuss and highlight issues that are most pressing or of most interest to their respective regions. In addition, CCI travels to each district’s region during the months of August and September for district meetings. These regional meetings are a great opportunity for CCI to visit with commissioners from counties that are further away from the Front Range corridor.

NACo Participation - Participation at the national level remains high and this year has proven to be an especially exciting one! El Paso County Commissioner Sallie Clark was sworn in as President of the National Association of Counties at the Annual Conference held in North Carolina and rolled out her NACo initiative, Safe and Secure Counties – focusing on protecting public safety, preserving public health and well-being, and promoting local economies. During the NACo Annual Conference, Ouray County Commissioner Lynn Padgett was appointed as the Rural Action Caucus Chair, positioning Ouray County to host the Fall Symposium. In addition, Larimer County Commissioner Lew Gaiter was appointed to an at-large seat and Otero County Commissioner Keith Goodwin was reappointed to the NACo Board of Directors. Several Colorado commissioners serve as vice-chairs of NACo Policy Committees: Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld in Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs, Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe in Human Services and Education, Jefferson County Commissioner Don Rosier in Transportation, Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen in the Airports Subcommittee of Transportation as well as the Veterans and Military Services Committee, and El Paso County Public Services Director Jim Reid in Telecommunications and Technology. Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway is a vice-chair of NACo’s Immigration Reform Task Force and last but not least, Moffat County Commissioner John Kinkaid serves as chair of the Energy Subcommittee of NACo’s Environment, Energy and Land Use steering committee.

Appointments - Every year, commissioners are appointed to various boards and commissions. CCI and the Board of Directors have a significant role in many of these selections. This year, a total of sixteen commissioners were appointed to governing boards and commissions either directly or with input from CCI.

Metro Area County Commissioners - Comprised of the seven metro area counties – Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, City and County of Broomfield, City and County of Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson – this group of commissioners meets the last Friday of the month to discuss relevant policy and legislative issues. While the MACC is not a formally chartered entity of CCI, staff provides scheduling, planning, and research assistance to the MACC. Once again, the MACC and the Metro Mayors Caucus co-hosted a very successful Legislative Reception at the Denver Art Museum. Additionally, the MACC worked collaboratively with the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments to create peer-to-peer educational opportunities on the statewide water plan. This exercise allowed the two groups to discuss and understand each other’s perspectives on the draft water plan.
Colorado Counties Financials

Revenue - 87% of CCI’s annual revenues are received from county member dues. Additionally, CCI receives administration fees from CCI Public Lands and the CCI Foundation, as well as NACo services payments and interest income.

Expenses - CCI’s commitment to legislative policy development that best fits counties’ needs and priorities, as well as education and communications, is reflected in CCI’s expense allocations below.
Mission

To provide training and educational programs for better county management and understanding of county issues; conduct semi-annual conferences; and facilitate county information sharing and problem solving.

Governance

Comprised of CCI Board of Directors

+4

Plus four members of the community elected by the CCI Board of Directors

Revenue

- Associate dues
- Gifts
- Grants
- Donations
CCI Foundation

Summer and Winter Conferences - Each year, the CCI Foundation hosts a summer and winter conference, giving county officials, statewide an opportunity to learn and share new ideas to help better govern their counties. The conference content is developed in consultation with the Board of Directors based on input received from all county members during the course of the year. As part of CCI’s efforts to help counties be as effective and efficient as possible, the conference also connects commissioners with private enterprises and vendors that help counties do business.

CCI Associates Reception - In January, the CCI Foundation hosted its annual Associates Reception. Associates and commissioners were able to come together and network, as well as celebrate the ongoing business and relationships many of the associate members and commissioners enjoy.

MountainConnect Broadband Award - In partnership with the Colorado Municipal League, and other economic development stakeholders, CCI has been working to advocate for better high-speed Internet service (also known as “broadband”) around the state. This past summer the MountainConnect Conference recognized this work improving rural broadband with a Statewide Collaboration Award that was presented to CCI and CML.

Publications - In an effort to keep commissioners updated on topics of county interest, CCI publishes a bi-weekly electronic newsletter - eCounty Lines - that includes items of ongoing county interest, including available appointments to committees and advisory boards; notices of workshops and educational programs, upcoming meetings, opportunities to comment on proposed federal and state rules; and other news and announcements. This electronic edition supplements the printed County Lines, which is produced twice a year and summarizes the activities and presentations made at each of the CCI Foundation conferences.

Additionally, the Foundation generates policy reports, surveys and white papers as requested by members, including one written this year taking an in depth look at how to foster positive collaborations, cooperation, and communication between special districts and counties.

New Commissioner Orientation - Provided to each incoming class of new commissioners, New Commissioner Orientation is split into three sessions, giving commissioners an opportunity to receive training on a wide variety of responsibilities including the basics of county budgeting, health and human services, road and bridge operations, and the operations of CCI, as well as a six month follow up providing newly-elected commissioners the chance to ask clarifying questions and network with peers.
CCI Foundation

Webinars and Workshops - In keeping with CCI’s commitment to enhancing awareness, understanding and education of county issues, the CCI Foundation participated in workshops and put together several in-house presentations concerning county activities and issues. In an effort to make these more accessible to counties outside the Front Range, we have also provided several workshops via webinar.

- Continuing the collaborative partnership with the Department of Local Affairs, the Colorado Municipal League, and the Special Districts Association, the CCI Foundation participated in the annual workshop for municipal and county government officials that was held this year in Alamosa. The workshop featured sessions on budgeting, intergovernmental cooperation, economic development and human resource issues.

- Presenting at the Special District Annual Conference, Executive Director Chip Taylor and CCI staff Gini Pingenot spoke to the ongoing efforts to address the impacts of tax increment financing on counties, special districts and schools.

- Executive Director Chip Taylor also spoke at the Special Districts Association Fall Conference about county-special district relationships and opportunities for collaboration.

- As marijuana legalization enters into its third year, interest remains high. Policy and Research Director Eric Bergman has made several presentations and conducted numerous workshops including a highly attended session at the NACo Annual Conference covering the legalization process, impacts and best practices to address those impacts of legalization.

The Rural Action Caucus (RAC) - A subset of the National Association of Counties, the RAC held its annual symposium in Ouray County this year. The meeting was chaired by Ouray County Commissioner Lynn Padgett, the incoming chair of the RAC. The symposium attracted more than 50 county commissioners from 20 different states and focused on issues like infrastructure development, rural childhood poverty, substance abuse and drug trafficking, caring for aging community members, outdoor recreation and tourism, and place-based economic development. The symposium also included a tour of the Gold King Mine in nearby San Juan County.
CCI Foundation Financials

Revenue - 86% of the CCI Foundation's annual revenue is derived from the two annual conferences held in the summer and winter each year. Additionally, the CCI Foundation also receives dues from associate members who wish to support the enhancement of county government in Colorado.

Expenses - Foundation expenses for the 2015 year are largely devoted to educational programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops, but also include expenses for administration, as well as research, technical and legal assistance.
Mission

To provide policy development and advocacy related to public lands issues important to members; to help develop and foster public relations and affairs; and to recruit and retain membership.

Governance

Comprised of CCI Board of Directors

+2

Plus the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CCI Public Lands Steering Committee

Revenue

Public Lands member dues
CCI Public Lands

CCI Public Lands - Is both a CCI steering committee and a CCI-affiliated 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation. As a steering committee, Public Lands has responsibility for determining CCI positions on state legislation, identifying state legislative priorities, and adopting a policy statement on its areas of concern. As an affiliated company, CCI Public Lands is actively engaged at the federal level through participation in NACo, the NACo Western Interstate Region, and other regional forums, as well as special lobbying activities such as PILT fly-ins.

Public Lands Steering Committee - Commissioners John Martin of Garfield County and Commissioner Rachel Richards of Pitkin County were re-elected as chair and vice-chair of the 2014 and 2015 Public Lands steering committee. In addition, CCI Public Lands elects six other commissioners to represent Colorado at the national level. This six-member delegation, together with the steering committee chair and vice-chair, ensure that Colorado has the maximum representation allowed on the NACo Public Lands Steering Committee and, consequently, a strong voice in national debates about public lands policy.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes - As always, PILT remains to be a top priority for CCI Public Lands. This year, El Paso County Commissioner and NACo President Sallie Clark along with Ouray County Commissioner and Rural Action Caucus Chair Lynn Padgett played especially important roles by participating in NACo's PILT Fly-In and advocating for the immediate and long-term funding of PILT. In addition to a request for immediate and long-term funding, Commissioners Clark and Padgett reminded Congressional members the very important role that PILT and Secure Rural Schools (SRS, forest payments) play for rural counties in Colorado.

Endangered Species - After several years of county-led efforts to avoid a listing of the greater sage grouse as an endangered species, the federal government decided on September 22, 2015 not to list the greater sage grouse. This decision by the federal government not to list the greater sage grouse as endangered is reflective of the ongoing collaborative efforts to develop conservations plans between counties and the federal government.

CCI Public Lands Revenue - CCI Public Lands is funded exclusively through county membership dues assessed to counties based on federal public lands within their borders. As the federal government owns more than 24 million acres of land in Colorado, all counties recognize the importance of continuing education and collaboration with the federal government and assess their dues above a minimum level, based on PILT acres in each county. The 2015 Public Lands budgeted revenue is $117,840.00.

CCI Public Lands Expenses - Expenses in 2015 covered the costs of eight county commissioners, elected by their peers, to attend National Association of Counties (NACo) conferences to represent Colorado on the NACo Public Lands steering committee. Colorado's eight seats on the committee represents the largest presence of any state and helps to ensure continued input on federal policies affecting constituents. The other major area of expense in the CCI Public Lands budget covers CCI administration and support for the elected representatives who serve on NACo's Public Lands steering committee, members who participate in fly-ins and other activities, and staff time during the year that is devoted to researching, developing and advocating on public lands issues at the federal level.

I-R: Jefferson County Commissioner Libby Szabo, Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Prowers County Commissioner Wendy Buxton-Andrade and Mesa County Commissioner Rose Pugliese
2015 Members of the Board

Left to right; back row: Shawn Bolton (Rio Blanco), Doug Atchley (Delta County), Dennis Hisey (El Paso County), Dave Paul (Teller), Trent Bushner (Yuma), Lew Gaiter III (Larimer), Keith Goodwin (Otero), Barbara Kirkmeyer (Weld)

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• Chris Castilian, Board Member-Anadarko Petroleum
• Ryan Headley, Board Member-Wagner Equipment Company
• Scott “Hutch” Hutchings, Board Member-Waste Management Company

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• John Martin, Public Lands Chair-Garfield
• Rachel Richards, Public Lands Vice Chair, Pitkin
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- ACE/EATON Metals
- Ameresco
- American Fidelity Assurance Company
- Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- AngloGold Ashanti and Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co.
- BIAS Corporation
- Big R Bridge
- Bohannan Huston, Inc
- Broadnet Teleservices
- Butler Snow
- CCOERA
- CenturyLink
- Colorado Barricade Company
- Colorado Oil and Gas Association
- CSU Office of Engagement
- DLR Group
- Developmental Pathways
- Ehlers and Associates
- Encana Corporation
- FirstSouthwest
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- Hall & Evans, LLC
- Honnen Equipment
- Iconergy
- Innovage
- Jviation
- Lombard & Clayton, Inc.
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- MOTOROLA Solutions
- Multi-Bank Securities
- Reiter & Associations
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- Skyline Steel
- Suncor
- Transpan Bridges
- Tri-State Generation and Transmission
- United Power, Inc.
- Verizon
- Wagner Equipment Company
- Waste Management
- Wright Asphalt Co. Inc.
Coming Together for the 2015 CCI Winter Conference

Weld County Commissioner Julie Cozad

Ouray County Commissioners Lynn Pudgett and Ben Tseul

Commissioner Sallie Clark address audience at the 2015 Winter Conference

Prowers County Commissioner Henry Scnabel and Baca County Commissioner Spike Ausmus chat during a coffee break

Commissioners Darius Allen (Alamosa), Kevin Karney (Otero) and Kit Sly (Custer) pose for a quick photo

Huerfano County Commissioner Gerald Cisneros and Huerfano County Administrator John Galusha pose for a photo during the President’s Reception

Secretary of State Wayne Williams speaks to commissioners about recent changes to election law

El Paso County Commissioner Amy Lathen

Mesa County Commissioner John Justman

Alpahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe

Archuleta County Commissioners Clifford Lucero and Michael Whitting stop for a photo during the President’s Reception

Fremont County Commissioner Debbie Ball and El Paso County Commissioner Dennis Hisey chat during dinner

The CCI Board of Directors with NACo President Sallie Clark
2015 CCI Staff

- John (Chip) Taylor - Executive Director
- Kristin Dunn - Deputy Director
- Eric Bergman - Policy and Research Supervisor
  - Transportation & Telecommunications
  - General Government
- Jeanne DeHaven - Administrative Associate
- Brandy DeLange - Policy and Research Associate
  - Agriculture Wildlife & Rural Affairs
  - Land Use & Natural Resources
  - Tourism Resorts & Economic Development
- Megan Girard - Administrative Assistant
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  - Health & Human Services
  - Public Lands
  - Tax & Finance
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