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## County Associations Discuss Internet Sales Taxation; Best Practices

This week, CSA participated in the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) meeting held in South Dakota. The annual meeting creates an effective forum to discuss emerging policy issues relevant to the nation's counties and to share best practices in association management and service delivery.

A key issue discussed among the associations was the potential for states and local governments to promote tax equity related to sale of goods via the internet. To this end, South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley (pictured) conducted a session on how his state's 2016 law eventually worked its way to the U.S. Supreme Court and became a national framework for taxation on remote purchases (*South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.*).



Also on hand was Matt Chase of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Mr. Chase facilitated discussions on collaboration between the state associations and NACo to support county staff professional development, data sharing and federal advocacy.

CSA thanks the South Dakota Association of Counties, NCCAE and NACo for their work in convening a productive, informative event.

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## House Land, Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee Discuss Rural Communities



The Land, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (Committee), chaired by Representative Barton, met in the Town of Superior on Tuesday to discuss economic development and the impact of blight and abandoned buildings in rural communities. Committee members Representative Cook and Representative Benally were in attendance. In addition, Representative Shope, whose legislative district covers the Town of Superior, attended the meeting.

Mr. Todd Pryor, Town Manager for the Town of Superior, discussed the efforts being made in his community to combat blight and abandoned buildings, the damage blight causes, and some of the challenges to remediating properties that have fallen into disrepair under current statutory guidelines. He also addressed the impact speculators have had on communities within the Copper Corridor, noting that the decrease of mining within the region caused many homes and businesses to be abandoned and as a result those properties were sold for pennies on the dollar. He indicated that in many cases these properties are left to deteriorate while the owners pay reduced property taxes and the community has to take on the additional liability from the increased fire and criminal activity.



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## NACo Webinar: County Planning, Land Use & Zoning Strategies for Affordable Housing

On October 31, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [Planning Ahead: County Planning, Land Use & Zoning Strategies for Affordable Housing](#).

October is National Community Planning Month, and in celebration, NACo is highlighting the important role counties play in creating healthy, safe and vibrant communities. The 2018 theme of National Community Planning Month is housing as community infrastructure. The webinar will focus on the current need for access to affordable housing and provide best practice strategies, including county case examples from Buncombe County, N.C. and Grand County, Utah that highlight how counties can help residents find affordable housing.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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