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# **President's Perspective**

By Ron Watson, CCAWV President

A look back in TIME...

Sometimes one has to take a "peak" back in order to move forward. In the past few weeks it has come to my attention that my September letter to WVACo BOD's received less than favorable comments regarding CCA's legislative agenda and how we do business. As a standalone Association there should be no doubt in any County Commissioner's mind as to why we are a seperate organization. We have a different role and responsibility from other elected constitutional officers......\$\$\$

In order to refresh seasoned Commissioner's memories and to enlighten new Commissioners I have reprinted the 2004 letter from then WVACo's president Sam Hall and the Agreement in which the CCA approved. (See insert).

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

See you all at the Legislative Meeting in January!

# **Director's Discussion...**

By Vivian Parsons, Executive Director

#### Merry Christmas Everybody!

# May the joys of the season follow you throughout the coming year!



This newsletter will be my parting message to 36 veteran county commissioners across the state and my 1<sup>st</sup> message to 36 newly elected commissioners.

Let me say it is a bittersweet time for Jennifer and I as we first say goodbye to "veterans" that we've come to know and enjoy through this organization. Some have "retired" voluntarily and some not so voluntarily, but either way, we have enjoyed your participation, your loyalty and your friendship. Your part in our endeavors has been noted and appreciated and will be missed.

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### **Director's Discussion...**

Vivian Parsons, Executive Director (Continued from page 2)

To our 36 newly elected commissioners, we are excited to have you on board and look forward to working with you. The position of county commissioner is a wonderful, yet sometimes frustrating, job and we hope to be helpful to you in what ever way we can. Thank heavens for people willing to serve the public – congratulations!

It has been a busy couple of months here at the Association. We've just completed eight CCAWV Regional Legislative Roundtables across the state with good attendance at all. In the midst of regional meetings, we also hosted a 3-day Basic Training in Bridgeport for newly elected and veteran commissioners. It was a great success. We had some 70 folks there with 33 of the 36 new commissioners attending.

Currently we are planning for the CCAWV Legislative Conference. Mark your calendar for January **30-February 1, 2011 at the Charleston Marriott**. This is a great time for everyone to meet with their legislators and discuss legislation that is important to all County Commissions. The Legislative Reception will be on Monday, January 31st. Please plan to attend. Registration will be coming to you soon!

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

### **CCAWV** Calendar of Events



January 12, 2011 WV Legislative Session Starts

January 30 – February 1, 2011 CCA Legislative Association Meeting and Educational Training Marriott, Charleston

March 12, 2011 WV Legislative Session Ends

April 9-10, 2011 Local Government Leadership Academy Morgantown, WV

# County Commissioners' Association Participates in GIS Day at Capital!!!



Vivian Parsons, Melissa Scott, Jennifer Webb, Del. Ray Canterbury

The County Commissioners Association participated in GIS Day at the Capital during the legislative interim meetings. Vivian serves on the Council for Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Melissa Scott is the CCA representative on the GIS Steering Committee. If you would like information regarding GIS in your county please feel free to give our office a call.

# **IN SYMPATHY**

Our Sympathy goes out to the family of Fayette County Commissioner Kenneth Eskew. Ken was a CCAWV Board Member for many years and will be missed by his many friends in the Association. His smiling face will be missed at future board meetings



He was a great inspiration during his illness with his positive attitude. The way he lived his life was a great example for everyone. We will all miss him very much!