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Southern Iowa Council of Governments Annual Meeting - Elections Held  
Creston, Iowa. March 29, 2016

The annual meeting of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments and the Southern Iowa Development Group was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the SICOG Office, Creston, IA.

Ron Riley, Chairperson, summarized the accomplishments from the agency's Annual Report 2015. The organization completed a very successful year with over \$2,281,482 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 100 planning and technical assistance projects, said Mr. Riley. The complete annual report is available for review at the SICOG office or web site ([www.sicog.com](http://www.sicog.com)).

Mr. Riley said, "It has been a privilege and honor to serve as the Chairman of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments during the past 12 months. I certainly would be remorse if I did not acknowledge the abilities of our small but efficient staff. This small staff is responsible for many grants and projects being completed." Riley also expressed his appreciation to the rest of the Executive Board members for their assistance throughout the year.

**During the annual meeting, Marvin McCann (representing Clarke County) was elected chairperson for the coming year. Others elected include: Aaron Price (representing Madison County) was elected vice chairperson; Ron Riley (representing Union County) elected treasurer; and John Twombly (representing Adair County) will serve as the organization's secretary for the next year.**

As SICOG chairperson, **McCann** will assist the organization to promote the concept of regional approaches to problem solving, strengthen the organization's ability to help its members, promote the SICOG 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, technical assistance, and grantsmanship for various programs, which can help to develop the economic conditions of the region. SICOG assist local communities and counties solve problems locally and on an area-wide basis, whether these problems involve solid waste, environmental issues, transportation, economic and community development, job creation, housing, water or sewer.

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