

REVISED August 27, 2013 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #3

**APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION** August 27, 2013  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MANATEE COUNTY**

Subject

2013 National County Government Month Award

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Contact: Nick Azzara, Information Outreach Coordinator

Presenter: Karen Windon, Deputy County Administrator

Action Requested

No action required.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Background Discussion

The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages counties to participate in National County Government Month and recognizes those counties that sponsor outstanding programs to reach out and educate citizens about county government during the month of April.

As part of NACo's 2013 National County Government Month Award program, Manatee County was awarded with a First Place Prize (Suburban County Category) for the National County Government Month Celebration Smart Justice Showcase. This showcase was hosted by the County on April 24, 2013, on the front lawn of the Historic Courthouse, with displays highlighting community contributions to a safer Manatee.

Throughout the month of April, Smart Justice Month, the County featured public safety and wellness tips, which were highlighted on the County's website. The month-long event highlighted Manatee County Government's commitment to promoting a safe and healthy community.

Brenda Rogers, Community Services Director, has led County Government Month events over the past three years when Manatee County has been recognized with first-place finishes for its County Government Month efforts.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

Attachment: [NACo Letter.pdf](#)



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Manatee County  
June 26, 2013

The Hon. Larry Bustle, Chair  
Manatee County Board of Commissioners  
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*Chairman Bustle,*

Dear Chairman Bustle:

Congratulations! I am pleased to tell you that Manatee County's entry in NACo's 2013 National County Government Month (NCGM) Award program has won first place in the Suburban County Category.

The independent judges, public relations specialists from the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO), were most impressed with your county's program: National County Government Month Celebration Smart Justice Showcase. Your county's entry was submitted by Brenda Rogers, who was notified of this award via e-mail on June 25.

As a result of this award, your county will be recognized during the 2013 County Solutions and Idea Marketplace: The Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties, July 19-22, in Tarrant County/Fort Worth, Texas.

If you or another representative(s) from your county will be at the conference in Tarrant County, please consider attending the first annual **NACo Awards Luncheon Program, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sunday, July 21, Exhibit Hall A**. Note that advance registration and an additional fee of \$15 are required to participate in the luncheon. NACo President Chis Rodgers will serve as the Master of Ceremonies to congratulate counties who are receiving awards from various NACo programs. NACo is currently making separate arrangements for photos to be taken of NCGM Award recipients and President Rodgers.

**In addition, your county has won TWO free NACo conference registrations that can be used at any NACo conference, including next month in Fort Worth.** Please contact Tom Goodman at [tgoodman@naco.org](mailto:tgoodman@naco.org) or 202.942.4222 when you wish to obtain your free conference registrations.

As you may know, the purpose of the National County Government Month Award program is to encourage counties to participate in NCGM and recognize those counties that sponsor outstanding programs to reach out and educate citizens about county government during the month of April.

Congratulations again on your county's fine achievement and thank you for celebrating National County Government Month! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or NACo Media Relations Manager Jim Philipps at 202.942.4220 or [jphilipps@naco.org](mailto:jphilipps@naco.org).

Sincerely,  
*Matthew Chase*  
Matthew D. Chase  
Executive Director

*Congratulations again!*

