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State Association Elects Edge & Council to Offices, Honors King, Recognizes Mental Health Program

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Two Cumberland County Commissioners were elected to offices in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at the group's annual conference Aug. 26-29 in Greenville, and a third commissioner was honored for his long-time county service.

Kenneth Edge, the vice chairman of the Commissioners, was elected first vice president of the association. **Jeannette Council**, who has served as a Commissioner since 2000, was elected the District 6 Director. District 6 includes Cumberland, Harnett and Sampson Counties.

Chairman **Billy R. King** received a Long-Time County Service Award in honor of his more than 20 years as a commissioner.

Cumberland County Mental Health Director **Hank Debnam** accepted a \$1,000 Local Government Federal Credit Union Employee Productivity Award on behalf of the center's Crisis Intervention Team jail diversion program.

NCACC is one of the most successful and active statewide local government associations in the nation. The association serves as the counties' advocate before the executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government.

The association employs a professional staff to run the day-to-day operations and provide expertise in the areas of lobbying, fiscal and legal research, communications, intergovernmental relations, information technology, field visits and risk management services.

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