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SWITZERLAND COUNTY HOSTS THE 2008 INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE

Vevay, IN (Thursday, September 25, 2008) –

Switzerland County was selected as the host community for the 2008 Association of Indiana Counties Conference. The conference, which was attended by over 700 Indiana elected officials, was held at the Belterra Hotel and Conference Center earlier this week.

The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) was established in 1957 for the betterment of county government. The AIC was founded to represent the interests of county government. AIC's purposes and goals are to seek the betterment of county government through: representation of counties at the Indiana General Assembly; research and dissemination of information; communications through publications and seminars; professional training and educational programs; liaison between counties, state and federal agencies; and technical and managerial assistance.

"There are 92 counties in Indiana and only one annual conference," said Switzerland County Council President Mike Jones, who serves as Vice President of AIC's Southeast Indiana Region. "Getting the conference to come to your community can be very competitive." Aside from the economic benefit of the large conference coming to Switzerland County, the AIC Conference brings a particular impact because of the focus on getting the participants out into the community to enjoy local attractions. It also gives many current and future leaders from across Indiana their first impression of Switzerland County.

A Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation representative served on the host committee for the event. Also serving on the host committee were elected officials from Switzerland County and neighboring communities. The local host committee played a crucial role in the attraction, planning, and coordination of the event. Planning began over two years ago. The event gave Switzerland County great exposure with elected leaders from across Indiana. Local events included an evening of shopping, dining, and entertainment in Vevay's Main Street District.

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