



## ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 21 – Thursday, July 23, 2026

Hampton Inn & Suites  
2075 N Michigan Avenue  
Greensburg, IN 47240

### AGENDA

#### TUESDAY, JULY 21

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| 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | <b>ICOM Business Meeting &amp; Lunch</b><br><i>Mayors Only</i>  |
| 12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | <b>Welcome, Introductions, Recognition of Sponsors</b><br><b>Joshua Marsh, ICOM President &amp; Mayor, Greensburg</b> |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.   | <b>WORKSHOP: Municipal Revenue Policy Changes –</b><br><b>Current Events and Roundtable Discussion</b>                |

Stay informed on the shifting municipal fiscal landscape. Aim presenters will outline expectations for legislative action, including state LIT system modifications, Governor Braun's property tax relief plans, and statewide MUST trends. The session will

conclude with an interactive roundtable for attendees to share 2027 budget projections and local collaborative updates.

**Presenters:**

**Jenna Bentley**, President and CEO, Bentley Strategies, LLC

**Matt Greller**, Chief Executive Officer, Aim

**Campbell Ricci**, Policy & Financial Resources Director, Aim

**Jennifer Simmons**, Chief Operating Officer, Aim

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Break**

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Indiana State Police Alliance

Presenters from the Indiana State Police Alliance will share general information about the foundation, provide a QR code linking to the project inquiry/request form, and explain the process for submitting project ideas for board review and consideration. The goal is to identify innovative community projects and initiatives that may be eligible for funding support through the foundation.

**Presenters:**

**Shaun Armes**, President, Indiana State Police Alliance

**Cory Martin**, Executive Director, Indiana State Police Alliance

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Comprehensive Planning Today: Peer Insights for Municipal Leaders

Developing and updating a comprehensive plan looks radically different today than in years past. This session equips mayors with the proactive strategies

needed to secure community buy-in and minimize friction when local development begins, use data to help guide decision-making, and incorporate the expertise inside city (and sometimes town) hall. Learn directly from the real-world experiences of fellow municipal leaders, analyzing both the proactive successes and reactive lessons of modern community planning.

**Presenters:**

**Ryan Daniel**, Mayor, Columbia City

**Matt Gentry**, Mayor, Lebanon

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**WORKSHOP:** What's on your Mind, Mayor?

Emerging as the most popular segment of mayor-only events, this roundtable-style discussion will allow for a continuation of workshop conversations from earlier in the day, time to tee up new topics, and maybe even a few minutes to celebrate a success or two.

**Facilitators:**

**Matt Greller**, Chief Executive Officer, Aim

**Joshua Marsh**, Mayor, Greensburg, ICOM President

5:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Dinner**

Big Sky Steak & Spirits

1804 Memorial Way

Greensburg, Indiana 47240

*\*Shuttle available*

8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**Entertainment** – Brothers McGee

Hampton Inn

2075 N Michigan Avenue

Greensburg, Indiana

*\*Please note this event is taking place outside.*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Coffee Cart**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Registration and Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Does Indiana’s Property Tax Assessment System Need a Façade Lift?

In 2002, Indiana rolled out a court mandated market value-based assessment system, leading to large increases in gross assessed values (and tax bills). As a remedy, property tax caps were introduced and subsequently incorporated into Indiana’s constitution. Another increase in assessed values resulting from extreme property demands during and after the Pandemic, led to additional business and homeowner property tax cuts. This rollercoaster of increases in AV and property tax reduction efforts is causing many to suggest that Indiana’s assessment system needs, at best, a thorough analysis. Attendees will learn more about Indiana’s current system, where changes are necessary, and some potential impediments for improving the system.

**Presenter:**

**Ginny Whipple, Bartholomew County Assessor**

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Community Showcase – Stellar Greensburg

What happens when community organizations stop working in silos and start working together? The Stellar Team Panel brings together local leaders who have built a collaborative approach to strengthening Greensburg. Through shared goals, open communication, and strategic partnerships, these organizations have amplified their impact and created

new opportunities for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. Join us as they discuss the origins of their partnership, the successes they've achieved together, lessons learned along the way, and what's next for this unique model of community collaboration.

**Presenters:**

**Allison Beck**, Director of Main Street Greensburg  
**Amber Coyne**, Panel Moderator and STELLAR Team Coordinator

**Erica Gunn**, Director of Visit Greensburg Tourism

**Dawn Lowe**, Director of the Greensburg Decatur County Chamber of Commerce

**Joshua Marsh**, Mayor, Greensburg

**Chris Nobblit**, Director of Decatur County Parks Department

**Bryan Robbins**, Director of Greensburg Decatur County Economic

**Tami Wenning**, Director of The Decatur County Community Foundation

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Lunch**

Mayors and other attendees will continue conversations from the Greensburg Stellar discussion by discussing their own programs that bring together both the public and private sectors with a common goal of increasing the quality of place in their city.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**WORKSHOP: Indiana's New LIT System – Part 1**

In this session, presenters will talk about some of the most concerning provisions existing in both SEA 1 – 2025 and HEA 1210 – 2026, how LIT back debt will be handled under Indiana's new LIT system. What are the unintended consequences and some foreseen landmines ahead without additional changes? Our

panelists will review the laws, their potential effects, and answer your questions.

**Presenters:**

**Matt Eckerle**, Principal, Baker Tilly

**Lisa Lee**, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

**Anna Uboytseva**, Director, Lead Analyst, S&P Global – Ratings

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Break**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Indiana’s New LIT System – Part 2

The discussion regarding LIT will continue with a municipal advisor from Baker Tilly. Having developed an approach to MUST that encourages cooperation among all local units of government, Baker Tilly will discuss their MUST work with cities, towns, counties, and other units, while also providing some anecdotes from the road on how these discussions have progressed.

**Presenter:**

**Susan Cowen**, Senior Manager, Baker Tilly

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Risk Management Strategies and How to Avoid Finding your City without Property and Casualty Coverage

The consequences of a weak risk management strategy can be catastrophic. Today, the ultimate risk isn't solely a budget deficit—it's losing your community's insurance protection altogether. In this session, longtime Aim partner Bliss McKnight explains why some insurance companies walk away from municipalities. Learn from real-world scenarios and

discover how to keep your city protected in an increasingly concerning landscape.

**Presenters:**

**Nicole Broch**, Senior Account Executive, Bliss McKnight, Inc.

**Conner Cox**, Territory Sales Manager, Bliss McKnight, Inc.

**John McKnight**, President & CEO, Bliss McKnight, Inc.

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**WORKSHOP: ICE and Indiana's Cities**

This workshop offers a unique opportunity to hear briefly from a leader within ICE responsible for implementing federal policy. Following introductory comments, mayors can ask questions regarding communication, ICE implementation plans, requests ICE has for local units, or specific concerns you have that are unique to your city.

**Presenter:**

**Douglas Thompson**, Assistant Field Office Director, Chicago Enforcement and Removal Office, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Dinner**

Heritage Hill

208 S East Street

Greensburg, Indiana 47906

*\*Roundtrip transportation provided*

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**Entertainment – Boo's Band**

The Beach Tiki Bar & Grill

107 N Broadway Street

Greensburg, Indiana

**THURSDAY, JULY 23**

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Coffee Cart**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast Chat with Superintendent Anthony Scott**

During breakfast, attendees will have an opportunity to chat with Superintendent Anthony Scott from the Indiana State Police regarding the ISP and local community partnerships.

**Speaker:**

**Superintendent Anthony Scott**, Indiana State Police

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Consolidated Look at the Federal Government's Indiana Funding Obligations

Earlier this year the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute reviewed the FY 24/25 funding commitments to Indiana from the Federal government. IFPI President Stephanie Wells will be on hand to review this data and answer questions about what it does (and does not) tell Mayors about Federal spending policy and plans.

**Presenters:**

**Becca McCuaig**, Chief Legal Officer, Aim

**Stephanie Wells**, President, Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Fire Protection under an Increasingly Stressed Budgeting Environment

Indiana's changing fiscal framework has increased local reliance on volunteer fire departments, as well as how small communities approach this vital yet cost-heavy public service. This dynamic has created strain on a system already operating mostly with low budgets and dwindling numbers of volunteers willing

to put their lives on the line for little or no compensation. Likewise, cities facing infrastructure needs, equipment upgrades, growing post-service obligations, and competition for higher salaries are being faced with unwelcomed decisions about the future of their public safety departments. Panelists will share how their community provides fire protection, some of the accompanying complications, and how Indiana's local funding system changes and shortfalls are having ripple effects that make a difference.

**Presenters:**

**Lynda Dunbar**, Mayor, Greencastle

**Chad Frank**, Mayor Connersville

**Chou-il Lee**, Partner, Taft Law

**Joe Yochum**, Mayor, Vincennes

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Break**

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**WORKSHOP:** Indiana Energy Association Workshop:  
Energy Trends and Utility Issues Impacting Indiana

Join the representatives from the Indiana Energy Association for an informative discussion on the key energy and utility issues shaping Indiana's future. This session will provide an overview of current developments across the utility sector, with a particular focus on the growing impact of data centers and their energy demands. Participants will also explore related topics including renewable energy development, such as wind and solar resources, utility rates, and other emerging challenges and opportunities facing the state's energy landscape.

**Presenter:**

**Danielle McGrath**, President, Indiana Energy Association

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks, Adjourn & Lunch**