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ROCKDALE COUNTY CHAIRMAN RICHARD ODEN NAMED TO LEAD ACCG POLICY COMMITTEE A SECOND YEAR

ATLANTA, Ga. (June 9, 2011) – Rockdale County Chairman Richard Oden was recently named as the 2011-2012 Chairman of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Economic Development and Transportation Policy Committee. The appointment was made by ACCG President and Oconee County Chairman Melvin Davis. This is the second year that Chairman Oden has served in this position.

Legislative advocacy and public policy development are one of the primary services that ACCG provides to Georgia counties. The association uses a consensus-based policy committee process to bring together county commissioners and county staff to discuss issues of concern to local government that require changes to state statute as well as legislation under consideration by the Georgia General Assembly. Policy committees develop positions on key issues, which become part of the County Platform. The County Platform is voted on by the membership at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference held annually in October. ACCG policy staff use the County Platform to guide advocacy efforts on behalf of counties during the legislative session.

“Policy committee leaders serve an essential function by leading their peers in the discussion of critical issues facing Georgia counties,” said ACCG Executive Director Ross King. “These committees provide a forum for learning more about key policy issues, and our chairs and vice chairs are responsible for helping to lead the discussion and develop consensus.”

The Economic Development and Transportation Committee handles issues ranging from transportation infrastructure and funding and the relationship between the Georgia Department of Transportation and counties to job creation, incentives for industry and other issues.

“I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve as chairman of this committee and to work on legislative issues that have a direct impact on our community,” said Chairman Oden. “By actively participating with ACCG we can continue to strengthen and leverage our statewide partnerships for mutually beneficial initiatives that impact all Georgians.”

In addition to legislative advocacy, ACCG also provides leadership development, civic and community engagement programs and membership services such as retirement and insurance programs and discounts for counties and county employees. For more information, visit www.accg.org.

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