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## **Washington County Public Works Project Manager Frank Ticknor Awarded 2018 NACE Project Manager of the Year**

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of County Engineers (NACE) awarded Washington County, Minnesota, Project Manager Frank Ticknor, P.E, the 2018 Project Manager of the Year award during its Annual Conference, held April 14-18 in Wichita, Kansas. Ticknor has served as Washington County Design Engineer since 2013 where he leads a team of 5 Engineers, 2 technicians, a GIS Specialist, and a communications specialist who all work collaboratively with internal staff, consultants, municipal and DOT staff, residents, businesses, and elected officials to deliver 25 to 30 transportation projects every year.

Frank was recognized for his work on the downtown Afton revitalization project. In 2008, Washington County partnered with the City of Afton to develop a plan to completely reconstruct the 160-year-old “Old Village of Afton.” It was an eight-year process which assembled a project vision, procured stakeholder funding, prepared preliminary and final designs, provided construction administration, and coordinated with tribal communities to protect the Rattlesnake Effigy Mound.

“Frank’s work with Washington County is nationally acclaimed, and I can think of no one more deserving of this honor,” said Tim Hens, P.E., NACE President and Genesee County, New York Highway Superintendent. “Frank’s work with levee construction and sanitary and treatment systems have exponentially improved the lives of Washington County’s residents. Due to his efforts, Washington County was able to successfully deliver a major public works undertaking, successfully meeting 100-year flood protection benchmarks on time.”

In its 63<sup>rd</sup> year, NACE is a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional association representing over 2,400 county engineers, public works directors, highway commissioners, road managers, and related professionals in the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., local roads account for about 75% of highways and roads, or 2.93 million miles. Counties manage 1.74 million miles of those roads while cities and townships account for another 1.19 million miles. Counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate one-third of the nation’s transit systems.

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