



## Minnesota Rural Counties Legislative Priorities 2017

- Address the Governor's concern in the 2016 tax bill and pass the bill as amended.
- Pass the bonding bill that passed the House floor in 2016.
- Pass a long-term transportation funding package ***with a strong focus on local roads that are adequately funded primarily with constitutionally protected revenues.***
- Address and fund growing concerns relating to MnSure, Mental Health, Child Safety and increasing unfunded mandates on county property taxes.
- Bring adequate reliable broadband access to all corners of the state.
- Adopt the AMC formula on County Program Aid and provide adequate funding.
- Address workforce and rural economic development needs by funding the Greater MN Brain Gain pilot project.
- Address private land acquisitions with public funds.

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