# Farm Bureau – Position Description COUNTY LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### **FUNCTION:**

The function of the County Local Governmental Relations Committee is to direct activities that help solve local problems. They receive direction from the Board of Directors to decide issues of importance to the membership, then analyze them, and create a plan with Board approval to solve those problems.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide details of planned projects when seeking approval from the county Board. All
  activities must relate directly to organizational goals and/or county policies, and be
  local in nature. Projects usually do not focus on one or two member issues but rather
  affects the greater membership.
- Build positive relationships between the County Farm Bureau and local elected government officials.
- Educate elected officials about Pennsylvania agriculture.
- Build relationships with other stakeholder groups and organizations as approved by the County Board.
- Meet with County Commissioners at least once per year about local issues.
- Provide information updates to County Newsletter Editor.
- Be involved in policy development to help make recommendations for future county policy.

## **BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

- Regular Farm Bureau member
- Knowledgeable about local government structure and responsibilities.
- Desire to work with local policy and elected officials to solve problems.
- Comfortable interacting with county commissioners, township supervisors, etc.
- Able to handle delicate situations with diplomacy and confidentiality.

#### **RESOURCES**

- County Governmental Relations Director
- Regional Organization Director
- PFB Government Affairs Counsel

The County Local Affairs Committee is responsible to the Governmental Relations Director.

The term of appointment is two years.