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## DISTRICTS 10 & 11 MEETING MINUTES

Missoula, MT – Missoula County Administration Building

May 7, 2014

### District 10

Flathead

Lake

Lincoln

Sanders

### District 11

Mineral

Missoula

Ravalli

**MACo Staff:** Harold Blattie, Executive Director; Sheryl Wood, Associate Director; and Shantil Siaperas, Legislative Analyst & Communications Specialist; Alyce Bailey, Associate Health Care Trust Administrator

**MACo President & Officers:** Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner, MACo President; Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County Commissioner, MACo Immediate Past President; Carol Brooker, Sanders County Commissioner, MACo Past President (2002-2004)

**Guests:** Wayne Noem, Montana Department of Transportation; Katy Walton, House District 13 Candidate; Bob Brown, House District 13 Candidate

### Pledge to Flag

**Welcome & Introductions:** Bill Barron, Lake County, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Shantil Siaperas conducted roll call.

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: June 7, 2013 Minutes

- MOTION: Jean Curtiss, Missoula County, moved to accept the June 7, 2013 minutes. Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### District Chair/Vice Chair Nominations: District 11 Chair & Vice Chair (District 10 Elections Not Until 2015)

- NOMINATION: Laurie Johnston, Mineral County, nominated Suzy Foss, Ravalli County, for Chair—nominations remain open until the election during the fall district meeting.
- NOMINATION: Suzy Foss nominated Laurie Johnston for Vice Chair—nominations remain open until the election during the fall district meeting.

### Next District Meeting Host: August 2014

- District 11 to Host in Polson

### MACo Officer Nominations: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Fiscal Officer

- NOMINATION: Carol Brooker nominated Todd Devlin, Prairie County, for MACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- NOMINATION: Suzy Foss nominated Ron Stoltz, Ravalli County, for MACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- NOMINATION: Greg Chilcott nominated Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County, for MACo Fiscal Officer.
- There were no further nominations from the Districts 10 & 11 meeting; nominations remain open until the elections at the 2014 Annual Conference in September.

**MACo FY 2015 Preliminary Budget:** Harold Blattie & Sheryl Wood

- Projected Revenues
  - Higher Than Anticipated Revenues: Conferences, Total Pool Investment Fee (Health Care Trust, Workers Compensation Trust, Property & Casualty Trust)
  - Dues
  - Tax, Finance & Budget Committee recommendation 1.5 % COLA/CPI
  - NACo – Caremark Prescription Discount Card, Inmate Medical Royalty, Nationwide Retirement Deferred Compensation, US Community Commissions
    - Missoula County: Caremark Marketing Reimbursement funds ID's for homeless; Pilot for dental program
  - CRS Inmate Medical
- Expenses
  - Administration Costs
    - Contracted Services: *Commissioners, Clerk & Recorders and Treasurers Handbook*
      - Working with Local Government Center (LGC)
    - Convention & Workshop Expense
    - Dues Expense
    - Health Insurance: MACo pays 100% of employee portion of plan (Lewis & Clark County plan)—\$25 increase per employee per month
    - Member & Committee Travel: Board and Committee meetings
    - NACo Expense – Travel for NACo Delegation
    - Payroll Expense – No increase for staff built into budget
    - Termination Liability
    - Printing: Cost of printing the MACo Directory and *Counties on the Move*, LGC (final draft)
    - Professional Services – Auditors
    - Staff Travel
    - Looking to Underspend – \$114,000, less travel, vacancy savings
  - Legislative Costs
    - Officers often at Capitol
    - Miscellaneous Expense – MACo's sack lunch at the Capitol for legislators
    - Staff Travel – To Capitol
  - Annual Conference & Midwinter Conference
    - Haven't increased registration costs
    - Overspent at Midwinter – Had Department of Emergency Services there; balanced out with Annual
  - Building I
    - Didn't do the deck or seal the parking lot last year, so it's still budgeted
    - Did do the other building's deck – safety issue
    - Building Appraisals
    - Land Lease Expense
    - Maintenance – Service agreements and phone
    - Telephone – Issue with T1 line and internet; found out the T1 line was installed as a failsafe; looking at alternatives
    - Remodel front desk area – Better services and security
  - Board of Directors meet June 25 to adopt the budget: Questions should be directed to District Chairs, Harold Blattie, or Sheryl Wood

**MACo Updates from Staff:** Harold Blattie, Sheryl Wood, and Alyce Bailey

- Staff Changes
  - Kathy Johnson, Finance Director/CFO – New Hire
  - Summer Intern in Legal Department (Grad Student from University of Montana)
  - Keith Stapley, Claims Administrator, passed away – Denis Jupka filled position

- John Bandy, Claims Specialist – New Hire
- Health Care Trust
  - Cascade County – Joined, large increase in enrollment; temporary employee to help with increased workload
  - Lake County, Madison County, and Wheatland County – enrolled, dental and vision only
  - ACA Workshops on Compliance – notification in next month or two
  - Open to all members, not just Trust members

### **Succession Planning Report**

Joe Briggs, MACo President, Cascade County Commissioner

- Reviewed Operation (including Trusts being under MACo's umbrella) – Better off keeping entities under MACo
- MACo used to be primarily legislative, but not anymore – Growth
- Harold & Sheryl's Time – Segmented, during the Legislative Session, they are both at the Capitol; no direct management of staff
- Two Divisions: Office Management and Policy Management
- Legislative Position – Open, asked not to fill; split into operations side and policy side (Executive Director oversees both)
  - Funding – Not using any additional funds; use extra legislative position and move Sheryl into the operations side
- Harold agreeable to consulting
- Documenting Process – Future guidance and history

### **MACo President's & Officers' Report**

Joe Briggs, MACo President, Cascade County Commissioner

- Jail Advisory Group (JAG) Update
  - Jail Standards
  - Make Commissions aware of true costs of jail
  - Suicides
  - Intake questions
  - Will likely come up during the 2015 Legislative Session – Can show the work from the group of stakeholders' taskforce (about 30 as of now)
    - Standards adopted by MACo & list of counties
    - Peer Review Process
  - Board of Crime Control Grant
- State Interoperability Governance Board (SIGB) & 9-1-1 Advisory Council
  - SIGB
    - No funding source—last of money allocated last month
    - Montana Highway Patrol has been funding majority of transport system—don't want to be the ones to maintain
    - MDT never converted to it
    - SIGB also responsible for FirstNet (data network for first responders)
  - 9-1-1 Advisory Council
    - Asked via email if they wanted to merge with SIGB (Governor asked SIGB for recommendation on putting 9-1-1 under SIGB)
    - Jean Curtiss – Moved to have Joe contact Governor's Office and discuss
    - Harold Blattie – 9-1-1 is in statute; SIGB is not – Changes will need to occur legislatively

### **Lunch Break**

**Legislative Report:** Harold Blattie, Sheryl Wood, Shantil Siaperas

- SJR 14, Resolution Requesting an Interim Study of Local Government Election Procedures
  - Assigned to State Administration & Veterans Affairs Interim Committee

- Focus on cleaning up election statutes
- HJR 2, Interim Study Investigating State/Local Government Electronic Records Management
  - Assigned to Education & Local Government Interim Committee
  - Two potential bills: 1.) Revise & reorganize Montana's open record laws (Title 2 Chapter 6); 2.) Montana Historical Society Digital Archives Consultant
  - Committee Report – State enterprise system recommendation
    - SITSD is working on this already and welcomes local governments to participate
- SJ 15, Study of Public Land Management
  - Assigned to Environmental Quality Council
  - Meet via conference call other week
  - Counties and some Commissions divided – MACO hasn't taken a position
  - NACo has a "state's right" resolution
- Infrastructure Funding
  - Mainly municipalities, water & sewer
- Legislative Council – Looking at shortening legislative session
- Economic Affairs – Looking at restructuring State Fund, put under Insurance Commissioner
- Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee – Prepaid wireless; Oregon passed statute where prepaids are helping pay
- IT Council – System to replace LAWS, current system is antiquated
- Revenue & Transportation Interim Committee – Tax Increment Financing Districts, State Tax Appeal Board
- Water Policy Interim Committee – Rejected proposed Administrative Rules for exempt wells
  - Water Compact – Not a MACo issue—neutral; limited number of counties impacted
- Pensions – Recovering, not sound yet; rates will go up 0.1%
  - MPERA – New Executive Director, Dore Schwinden
  - Looking for two new Board Members
  - Sheriffs' Retirement System (SRS) – Not actuarially sound; potential 1% employer/employee contribution increase and looking for possible 3<sup>rd</sup> source of funding (only system without the 3<sup>rd</sup> source)
  - Dispatchers
  - GASB 68 Implementation
- Mental Health
  - MACo Subcommittee on Mental Health
  - Stakeholders Meeting in February
  - Children, Families, Health & Human Service Interim Committee: Studying health centers
    - Bill to expand HB 130 grants
    - Bill to expand HB 131 dollars (empty bed/full bed reallocation)
    - Emergency crisis response team: expand from 5 to 10 or 15
    - Possible 16-bed facility
- Inmate Medical
  - Oregon law (just passed): Incarcerated individuals won't lose medical coverage
  - Affordable Care Act & Medicaid Expansion
- Satellite Voting
  - Upcoming Federal District Court: June 30
  - Possible Impact: Sequential ballots, need at least two machines, personnel costs, training
- E-911: Extend the sunset on the 84-16 split on the county's share of 911 funds
- MT Votes Database Funding: Secretary of State funded it over the Interim and wanted to work local governments on future funding – it's a state function and federally required
- Notice by Posting: Municipalities have "notice by posting" and counties should have the same ability (language for counties is needed)
- Historic Rights-of-Way: Sunsets in 2015
- Local Government Center Funding: Lost half last session—was made clear that local governments and schools need to come up with the funding

- Special District Minutes: Require that they file with Clerk & Recorder
- Audit Threshold for Public Entities: Decouple from Federal Level—put hard number into statute (\$500,000)
- Antiquated Statute: 7-14-2606
- Board of County Printing Administrative Rules: No one commented—increase of \$1 per folio as of July 1
- Council of County Officials (CCO): Looking at elected officials' salaries
- Unintroduced Bills List: Preliminary, will continue to grow
- Ballot Initiatives
  - “Top Two”: The top two vote-getters, irrespective of party affiliation, would go to the general election—Supreme Court removed
  - Reclassify Cable Companies' Property Tax Valuations: Charter/Bresnan

### **Proposed Resolutions**

- Opening of Mail Ballots, Jean Curtiss, Missoula County, District 11
  - Will bring to next meeting
- Change Mail Date of Mail Ballots, Jean Curtiss, Missoula, District 11
  - Will bring to next meeting

### **Other District Business**

- MACo Annual Conference
  - Conference Planning Committee: Workshops/Presenters
  - Conference Selection Process

### **Federal Lands Access Program Status Report:** Wayne Noem, Montana Department of Transportation, and Harold Blattie

- President's Proposal: Local match reduction from 13.2% to 5%
- Surface Preservation Projects
- Capitol Enhancement Projects

### **STIP & Secondary Roads:** Wayne Noem, Montana Department of Transportation

- Federal Lands Access Program
- Secondary Roads
- STIP
- Off-system Bridges

### **Meeting Adjourned**