

**MACO District Meeting
Districts 8, 9 and 12
June 5, 2009
Search & Rescue Building
Dillon, MT**

Welcome & introductions: Beaverhead County Commissioner Tom Rice, Chair District #12, opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Counties present:

Dist. 8: Broadwater County, Jefferson County, Lewis & Clark County.

Dist. 9: Gallatin County, Meagher County, Park County.

Dist. 12: Beaverhead County, Madison County, Granite County, Powell County.

MACo Officers: Mike McGinley, 1st Vice President

MACo Staff: Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Sheryl Wood, Associate Director

Guests: Barb Durham, Grant Writer, Madison County; Barb Barberle, Dillon Tribune; Jed Fitch, Beaverhead County Attorney; Vern Peterson, Joint Powers Trust; Debby Barrett, Senator, SD 36.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Schulz moved to accept the August 14, 2008 district meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MACo Officer Nominations: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Murray seconded to nominate Pondera County Commissioner Cynthia Johnson as Fiscal Officer. Motion carried. Commissioner Suzy Browning moved and Commissioner Gail Vennes seconded to nominate Lewis & Clark County Commissioner Andy Huntausen as 2nd Vice President. Motion carried.

MACo Staff Report: Harold and Sheryl provided updates and information on insuring equipment related to Interoperability Montana, Leadership Montana, the use of 9-1-1 funding for salaries, Forest payments and Title III dollars, Energy performance contracting, Nationwide Retirement Services, the 100th MACo Annual Conference, public records regarding blogs, twitters, facebook, etc., minimum wage increase, County Compensation Boards, MERLIN and the reappraisal cycle.

FY 2010 MACo Budget: Harold and Sheryl reviewed the proposed FY 2010 budget including projected revenues and expenses.

Legislative update: Harold and Sheryl reported on the following bills:

HB 244 – Clarify law on absence by county officer;

HB 230 – Employee Incentive Act

SB 208 – Include nonprofit hospital employees in county health plan;

SB 57 & 58 – Special Purpose Districts

SB 148 – Obsolete statutes;

HB 190 – Clarify status of fences attached to bridges:

HB 331 – Food Service Inspection Fees

SB 276 – Inmate medical;
HB 466 – Provide paid military leave for all public employees;
HB 545 – Revise membership of county compensation boards;
HB 82 & 118 – 9-1-1 funding
HB 563 – Legalization of county roads;
SB 74 – Revise fire chief duties;
SB 489 – Revise taxation laws related to pipelines;
HB 645 – Implement receipt of and appropriate federal stimulus and recovery funds;
SB 491 - Revise status of subdivision property tax for health insurance premiums;
HB 678 – Revise openpit mining laws;
SB 86 – Revised gambling laws (raffles);
HB 130, 131, 132 & 634 – Mental Health
SB 157 – Audio/Video hearings for certain mental health proceedings
SB 447 – Clarify preservation of DNA in felony cases.

Harold concluded by stating that the Interim Committees have begun meeting and provided a handout with the Committee appointments and Interim Studies for the 2009-2010 Interim.

MACO officer report:

President McGinley thanked the organization for his time as President. He discussed his time at the Legislative session and thanked Harold and Sheryl for all they do at the session.

Early Return to Work: Marilyn Ross and Maureen Connor discussed the Early Return the Work program. Harold added that the MACo JPA Loss Control Specialists can help with policy development.

STIP/Secondary Roads: Wayne Noem and Gary Larsen, MT Department of Transportation, provided their reports and information on project scope and status for the upcoming year.

Meeting Adjourned