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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, June 26, 2008
MACo Conference Room
Helena, MT
8:30 A.M.

Officers

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Johnson, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernie Lucas, District #9 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike McGinley, 1 st Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Hall, District #10 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Seilstad, 2 nd Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Stang, District #11 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allan Underdal, Fiscal Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Rice, District #12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Chilcott, Urban Representative | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Prinkki, Past President | |

District Chairs/Representatives

- Richard Dunbar, District #1
- Mark Rehbein, District #2
- Donald Reiger, District #3
- Harvey Worrall, District #4
- Arnie Gettel, District #5
- Jerome Kolar, District #6
- John Ostlund, District #7
- Mike Murray, District #8

Association Representatives

- Leo Gallagher, County Attorneys
- Cyndy Maxwell, Clerk and Recorders
- Marilyn Hollister, Clerks of Court
- Steve Immenschuh, Coroners
- Gary A. Olsen, Magistrates
- T. Gregory Hintz,
Sheriff & Peace Officers
- Jo Anne Johnson, Treasurers
- Jules Waber,
School Superintendents

Others: Harold Blattie, MACo Executive Director; Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director;
Tom Swindle, MACo Finance Officer.

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MINUTES

7:45 A.M. MACo Executive Committee

- a) Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2008; May 28, 2008: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- b) Executive Director Performance Evaluation: The Executive Committee reviewed the annual performance evaluation and approved recommending to the full Board of Directors that the salary for the Executive Director to be set at 95% of mean plus 2.8% COLA for fiscal year 2009.

8:30 A.M. MACo Board of Directors

1. Call to Order: President Johnson called the meeting to order. Roll call and introductions were conducted.
2. Law & Justice Interim Committee: Yellowstone County Commissioner Bill Kennedy gave a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed legislation on detainee medical and involuntary pre-commitment costs.
3. Short Term Investment Pool (STIP): Senator Dave Lewis informed the Board of his intent to propose legislation to split the pool to protect local government assets. Senator Lewis stated he would add the authority for local governments to create their own pool in his legislative draft. It is believed that legislation will be introduced that could spread the losses of the STIP to all participants, including local governments. Currently, local governments are entitled to 100% return on their investments and the only risk is loss of earnings. Director Blattie informed the Board of a meeting held at the NACo conference in March with the directors of other state associations who have their own investment pools. Director Blattie further cautioned that if counties had withdrawn their funds from the STIP and placed them in a bank, to be sure they are in collateralized accounts and ensure their balances do not exceed the FDIC insured amount.
4. Approval of the Minutes – February 11, 2008: Greg Chilcott moved and Carl Seilstad seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director Performance Evaluation: President Johnson presented the results of the evaluation. President Johnson noted that she had implemented a new format was this year, taking questions from other state association director's evaluation forms and using an online survey format. It was requested that the questions be evaluated, as some of them had a low

response due to them being more Board than Association member focused.

6. Finance Report: Tom Swindle reviewed the financial statements for the period ending May, 2008. Director Blattie noted the decline in interest income, as the interest rate on the repurchase account has decreased from 4.9% to .92%. Greg Chilcott moved and John Ostlund seconded to accept the finance report. Motion carried.
7. District Meeting Report : Sheryl Wood reviewed the handout that outlined the actions taken at the District Meetings regarding resolutions, nominations and elections.
8. Proposed By-Law Amendments: Sheryl Wood presented the proposed bylaw amendments, as requested by the Board and Districts. The first proposed amendment would allow elected official associations to be voting members of the Board. The second proposed amendment would eliminate the requirement of two nominees for the positions of MACo 2nd Vice President and Fiscal Officer. Mike McGinley moved and Harvey Worrall seconded to present the proposed amendments to the membership. Motion carried.
9. Legislative Interim Committee Report: Harold and Sheryl informed the Board of the work of the Interim Committees and proposed legislation. It was asked that MACo monitor proposed legislation regarding the Comprehensive Wildlife Study conducted by Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
10. MACo Resolutions Process: John Prinkki requested the Board consider how resolutions are prioritized, and consideration be given to MACo staffing levels. John stated that for MACo to be effective, we need to focus on bills that directly affect counties, and not on indirect or constituent issues. Following discussion, it was asked that the Resolutions Committee evaluate proposed resolutions as to whether they should be a resolution or position statement.
11. Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The Board was provided a calendar of events for the remainder of the year and asked to schedule accordingly for Board meetings.
12. NACo Board and Steering Committee Appointments: The Board was provided a list of the appointments made by President Johnson to the NACo Board and Steering Committees. It was noted that MACo has a large representation at the national level due to numerous positions being sponsored and funded by other agencies and/or counties.
13. Other Business:
 - a. The Board was presented with a letter from Lewis and Clark County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen thanking them for their sponsorship of his attendance at the NACo County Leadership Institute.
 - b. Harold informed the Board that the MSU Local Government Center will be updating the Public Lands Handbook. MACo will be assisting with the printing costs and will be distributing one per county.
14. Proposed FY 2009 Budget
 - a. Budget Review: The Board was presented with a handout showing the increase in non-dues revenues (sponsorships, etc.) from FY 05 to FY 08. The Board also discussed the proposed budget for NACo travel and the legislative budget.

- b. FY 2009 Membership Dues: Allan Underdal reported that the Finance and Budget Committee was recommending a 2.8% COLA increase, which would incrementally increase dues rather than falling behind and asking the membership for a larger increase later. Allan Underdal moved and John Ostlund seconded to approve the 2009 member dues with a 2.8% COLA increase. Motion carried.
- c. Path to Eden: Director Blattie informed the Board that he had received a request from the Rural Landscape Institute requesting a \$500 donation. It was noted that the Board has twice previously committed funds to this project. Richard Dunbar moved and Tom Rice seconded to deny the request for funds. Motion carried.
- d. Court Administrator's Office: Director Blattie informed the Board that a request has been received from the Court Administrator's office for MACo to serve as a pass-through entity for remaining district court security grant funds. The original grant program allocated \$220,000 to counties to implement security in District Courts, and \$80,000 was retained for counties who did not submit requests. These funds will revert back to the federal government if they are not diverted or expended by June 30, 2008. The Court Administrators office would like MACo to accept the funds, and they will work with MACo on the allocation of the funds.

Allan Underdal moved and Harvey Worrall seconded to accept the funds. Mike Murray suggested a friendly amendment that the agreement include an administrative fee for the Association. Underdal and Worrall accepted the friendly amendment. Carl Seilstad made a friendly amendment that the motion include the authority for Director Blattie to work with the Court Administrator's office on the language in the agreement. Underdal and Worrall accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried.
- d. President's Scholarship Award: President Johnson introduced Bryce Nelson and his parents Dan and Christy. Bryce thanked the Board for the scholarship.

The Board then recessed for lunch prior to going into the Joint Meeting with the Trustees of the JPIA, JPA and HCT.