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104TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2013



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WELCOME FROM THE MACo PRESIDENT



Greg Chilcott
MACo President 2012-2013

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Staff I would like to welcome everyone to MACo's 104th Annual Conference. Our committees will be reviewing MACo policies and resolutions, amending them as necessary and developing new ones to address new and emerging issues. Please be sure to participate in as many committee meetings as you can fit into your schedule. There are many contemporary issues being discussed in the workshops and sessions designed to inform us and provide the tools we need to be successful.

We have an excellent array of sponsors and vendors who generously support our mission and education. They bring a wealth of information, professional service and the products we all need to efficiently deliver essential services to our citizens. Please be sure to stop by their booths and say "thank you."

I would like to thank our Conference Planning Committee, our MACo Staff, Lewis & Clark County and all of the volunteers that worked to make this conference a success. I would also like to thank the candidates for MACo 2nd Vice President for their commitment to this organization. This will be an exciting election that is sure to enhance MACo's future.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to network with your peers, share ideas and solutions, learn about contemporary issues and HAVE FUN.

Sincerely,

Greg Chilcott, President
Montana Association of Counties
Ravalli County Commissioner

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LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY WELCOME

Welcome to Lewis & Clark County, cradle of Montana's capital, Helena. We hope you enjoy your visit to the Queen City of the Rockies and are able to take some time out to explore what makes us so special. We started out as Edgerton County, circa 1864, named for the first territorial governor, Sidney Edgerton, but we've been Lewis & Clark County since 1868, in honor of the leaders of the Corps of Discovery. You'll find lots of history here in Helena and Lewis & Clark County, starting with Meriwether Lewis & William Clark, who traveled on the Missouri via the Gates of the Mountains, and up to Great Falls via the Road to the Buffalo (check out Alice Creek, not far from Lincoln).

Helena's main street, named Last Chance Gulch after the stream that once ran through it, is a vibrant mix of shops, restaurants, and businesses. You may not find gold there now, as 4 lucky prospectors did in July of 1864, but you just might find something irresistible in one of the many art galleries and shops that line it. Take a stroll on the Walking Mall and appreciate the architectural splendor of old Main Street. This downtown National Register historic district features signage on most of the buildings, telling you the story behind these beautiful edifices. Stop into the History Center on the Mall for the story behind Helena's Urban Renewal period. Don't forget to check out the Great Northern Town Center, a natural extension of Main Street to the north.

A short walk west of downtown will take you to the historic West Side Neighborhood, called the "Mansion District" by some. This neighborhood boasts a variety of 1880s homes in the Victorian, Eclectic, Second Empire and other architectural styles. Many of these fabulous houses have historical signs telling the stories of the families who lived in them.

If your legs need a stretch, Mount Helena City Park, north of the West Side (and a Historic District itself!) and Mount Ascension to the southeast of downtown beckon you with a plethora of great trails and views. If it's mining history you're looking for, head for Marysville, Unionville, or York. And if you happened to bring your fishing gear, head for Hauser Lake, Lake Helena, Park Lake, Prickly Pear Creek, or the Missouri River.

If your mind is what's needing a workout, head for one of Helena's museums, the Holter Museum of Art, ExplorationWorks!, Museum of Science, or Montana's State Museum. Have a great stay!

MACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

ON-SITE REGISTRATION OPEN:

Sunday, September 22	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 23	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 24	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. **MACo JPA Trustees Luncheon Meeting**
Montana Room

Greg Chilcott, Chair, Ravalli County Commissioner

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Jim Turcotte, Raymond James Financial Services
Paul Roland, QCI Asset Management Inc.

1:00-5:00 p.m. Exhibitors set up
Lobby, Natatorium, Gallery Room, Mezzanine

3:00-5:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**
Capitol Room Sponsored by Correctional Risk Services

5:30-10:00 p.m. **President's Reception & Dinner**
Executive/Legislative Rooms

Presiding: Greg Chilcott, MACo President

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of the head table and Executive Committee
3. Invocation and Welcome: Mike Murray
 Lewis & Clark County Commissioner
4. Dinner
5. Introduction of Entertainment: Cow Tipping Comedy

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Dinner: Brentwood Services, Nashville, TN and
Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Missoula
Beverage tickets: Tri-State Truck & Equipment
Entertainment: BNSF Railway Company

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NATATORIUM EVERY DAY. SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY IN THE BACK LOBBY.

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Nationwide Retirement Solutions

7:00-8:30 a.m. No-Host Prayer Breakfast
Executive Room Sponsored by: Morrison-Maierle, Inc.

Presiding: Greg Chilcott

- ♦ Speaker: Steve Bostrom, Pastor-at-Large, Presbyterian Church of America
- ♦ Music: Brian Johnson

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Exhibitors
Lobby, Natatorium, Gallery Room, Mezzanine

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Spouse/Guest Quilting Project
Montana Room

American Hero Quilts: Make red, white and blue quilts to have sent to the Madigan Army Hospital in Washington State to be given to injured soldiers. Anybody who wants to pitch in and help can just stop in the room and help with cutting, pressing or sewing—anyone can cut out a few blocks! Hopefully we can get 3 or 4 quilt tops made and sent off as a donation from MACo!

MACo OPENING GENERAL SESSION

8:30-10:00 a.m. MACo Business Meeting
State/Capitol Rooms

Presiding: Greg Chilcott

1. Parliamentarian: John Prinkki, Carbon County Commissioner
2. Flag Ceremony: Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Department
3. National Anthem: Dan Hunthausen, brother of Lewis & Clark County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen
4. Invocation: Steve Bostrom, Pastor-at-Large, Presbyterian Church of America
5. Welcome: Jim Smith, Mayor of the City of Helena
6. Response: Joe Briggs, MACo 1st Vice-President, Cascade County Commissioner
7. Roll Call: Mike McGinley, MACo Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County Commissioner
8. Approval of 2012 Annual Conference Minutes: Greg Chilcott

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MONDAY CONTINUED ...

8:30-9:45 a.m. MACo Opening General Session State/Capitol Rooms (Continued)

9. Memorial Resolution: Mike Murray, L & C County Commissioner
10. Announcements: Greg Chilcott
11. Nominations Committee Report: Greg Chilcott
12. Conference Bids for 2015: Greg Chilcott
13. Presentation of Proposed Resolutions: Mike Murray, Chair
14. President's Report: Greg Chilcott
15. Fiscal Officer's Report: Mike McGinley
16. Executive Director's Report: Harold Blattie

9:45-10:00 a.m. MT Joining Community Forces Initiative

Presenter: Matt Quinn, Major General Director, Department of Military Affairs

10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break /Visit with Exhibitors Lobby and Natatorium

Please Note: Exhibitors in the Lobby, Natatorium, Gallery Room, Mezzanine

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10:30-12:00 noon Jail Standards/Jail Advisory Group State/Capitol Rooms

1. 10:30-11:00 a.m. Dennis McCave to provide an update to the Standards process
2. 11:00-11:15 a.m. Joe Briggs to provide a MACo "Stays" update
3. 11:15-12:00 noon Panel discussion of the Standards:
 - Dennis McCave, Retired Sergeant, Yellowstone County Detention Facility
 - Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner
 - Glen Meier, Sheriff, Valley County
 - Jim Muskovich, MACo Loss Control Specialist
 - Bill Barron, Lake County Commissioner
 - Jean Curtiss, Missoula County Commissioner

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. Executive/Legislative Rooms	Lunch Speaker: Lieutenant Governor John Walsh
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1:30-2:30 p.m. Lewis Room	A. New Strategies for Economic Development: Targeted Economic Development Districts and TIF
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Presenters: Dan Semmens, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP and Janet Cornish, Principal, Community Development Services of Montana

Moderator: Joe Briggs, MACo 1st Vice President, Cascade County

Senate Bill 239, which has been signed by the Governor, amends the Montana Urban Renewal Law, combining all non-urban renewal economic development districts into one type of district—a "Targeted Economic Development District" or "TEDD," which is authorized to use tax increment financing (TIF) as a funding strategy. The bill, which was supported by MACo, provides consistency to local governments in creating both urban renewal (in cities and towns) and TEDD (in cities, towns, and counties) TIF programs. As state and federal funding resources for infrastructure development become more limited, local funding initiatives, such as TIFs, become more critical in addressing community and economic development needs. This session will address how SB 239 changed the Montana Urban Renewal Law, which contains the TIF provisions, and how counties (which are authorized to create TEDDs) can use this important tool in addressing infrastructure deficiencies to stabilize and grow their economies.

1:30-2:30 p.m. Clark Room	B. How do I Know If I'm Saving Enough for Retirement?
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Presenter: Margaret Volpe-Rodgers, Sr. Retirement Specialist, Nationwide Retirement Solutions

Most employees surveyed said they will rely on Social Security, employment, employer-sponsored plans, pension plans, and other personal savings to provide for their retirement.

60% of American workers have less than \$25,000 in savings and investments. What's scarier is 30% of workers and 28% of retirees say they have less than \$1,000 in savings. If you're like most people, you know you should be doing more but you're not sure where to start.

Learn why the Nationwide 457 Deferred Compensation Plan makes sense for public employees in helping them attain their retirement goals.

MONDAY CONTINUED ...

1:30-2:30 p.m. C. Open Meeting Act—Compliance & Avoiding Lawsuits
Judicial Room

Presenters: Mike Sehestedt, MACo General Counsel/Personnel Services Administrator

Moderator: Maureen Davey, Stillwater County Commissioner

This session will include a review of the constitutional and statutory requirements related to open meetings. The discussion will include what constitutes a meeting, notice requirements for a meeting, and the requirements for closure of a meeting to protect individual privacy and to discuss litigation strategy. Also discussed will be the consequences of improper closure and the response to an allegation of improper closure.

2:30-3:00 p.m. Coffee Break/Visit with Exhibitors
Lobby and Natatorium

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3:00-4:00 p.m. A. After Koontz: Meeting the Requirements of Nollan/Dolan
Lewis Room

Presenter: Kelly Lynch, Administrator, Community Development Division, Department of Commerce

Moderator: Joe Skinner, Gallatin County Commissioner

In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2013 decision regarding the analysis required for imposing mitigation for anticipated development impacts, local governments are struggling with what to do next. Even when open space, design, or infrastructure requirements seem like a logical and beneficial choice for some, balancing the rights of private property owners with the public health, safety and welfare can be difficult. In Montana, where property rights are paramount and regulations can be scarce, local governments find it especially challenging assessing developmental impact and determining an appropriate level of mitigation to require. The goal of this session is to provide local officials and staff with a better understanding of the essential nexus and rough proportionality requirements from the *Nollan* and *Dolan* cases, and how the recent *Koontz* decision affects that analysis. With a better understanding of how and what can be mitigated, when a regulatory taking occurs, and how to assess developmental impacts in a clear and consistent manner, local governments will be better equipped to meet constitutional requirements when conditioning development projects.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30-9:00 a.m. **MACo JPIA Trustees Breakfast Meeting**
Legislative Room

Mike Murray, Chair, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner

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Jim Turcotte, Raymond James Financial Services, and
Paul Roland, QCI Asset Management, Inc.

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

8:00-10:00 a.m. **MACo Committee Meetings**

Attendees who are not MACo committee members are encouraged to participate in the meeting of the committee of their choice.

Judicial Room **Agriculture Committee**
Maureen Davey, Chair, Stillwater County

Governor Room **Health & Human Services Committee**
Carl Seilstad, Chair, Fergus County

Lewis Room **Justice & Public Safety Committee**
Bill Barron, Chair, Lake County

Clark Room **Land Use & Development Committee**
Joe Skinner, Chair, Gallatin County

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8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Spouse/Guest Quilting Project (Continued)**
Montana Room

10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Visit with Exhibitors

Lobby and Natatorium

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10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. MACo Committee Meetings

Clark Room	Energy Committee
John Prinkki, Chair, Carbon County	
Governor Room	Comm., Econ. Dev. & Labor Committee
Joe Briggs, Chair, Cascade County	
Judicial Room	Public Lands Committee
Lesley Robinson, Chair, Phillips County	
Lewis Room	Transportation Committee
John Ostlund, Chair, Yellowstone County	

12:30-2:00 p.m. Exhibitor/Sponsor Appreciation Lunch
Executive/Legislative Rooms

Speaker: Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue

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GENERAL SESSION

2:00-2:30 p.m. Pension Updates
State/Capitol Rooms

Presenters: Mike McGinley, Public Employees Retirement Board Member
Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director

This session will provide an overview of the decisions of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Board regarding the implementation of HB 454—the PERS funding bill. This session will include information on the Board’s decisions regarding actuarial valuations and assumptions and what they will mean to county budgets in the future.

2:00-2:30 p.m. Exhibitor/Sponsor Meeting
Natatorium

2:30-3:00 p.m. SB 144: Department of Ag Noxious Weed Funding Legislation

Presenters: Greg Ames, Administrator, MT Department of Agriculture

This presentation will briefly summarize the Montana Department of Agriculture’s administration of the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Program and the Noxious Weed Seed Forage Program. Impacts of recent legislation will be discussed for each of these programs and the Department’s future plans to address these impacts.

TUESDAY CONTINUED ...

3:00-3:30 p.m. Coffee Break/Visit with Exhibitors

Lobby and Natatorium

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Beck Consulting, Red Lodge, MT
Abelin Traffic Services, Helena, MT

3:30 p.m. Exhibitor booth take down

3:30-4:00 p.m. **EMPG Grant Update - Question and Answer Session**

Presenter: Ed Tinsley, Director, MT Disaster and Emergency Services

This is an opportunity to ask questions regarding the EMPG grant and the state and federal requirements associated with the grant.

4:00-4:30 p.m. **How a Strong Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) Can Save Your County Money and Improve Mental Health Services**

Presenter: Andy Hunthausen, MACo Representative, MT Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council

Local Advisory Councils (LACs) are designed to assist counties in assessing needs and setting priorities for mental health service in your communities. By creating an LAC as a county advisory council, commissioners can appoint members, give direction, and keep abreast of how and what mental health services are being delivered in your county.

4:30-6:00 p.m. **Urban Counties Meeting**

Lewis Room

Andy Hunthausen, Chair, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner

4:30-5:30 p.m. **Large Predator Working Group**

Clark Room

Dan Happel, Chair, Madison County Commissioner

4:30-5:30 p.m. **MACo Health Care Trust Member Annual Meeting**

State/Capitol Room

Mike McGinley, Chair, Beverhead County

4:30-5:30 p.m. **6 County Fort Peck Lake Group Meeting**

Governor Room

Chris King, Chair, Petroleum County Commissioner

Dinner on your own.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00-8:30 a.m. MACo Health Care Trustees Breakfast Meeting
Lewis Room

Mike McGinley, Chair, Beaverhead County Commissioner

7:30-8:30 a.m. Reservation Counties Breakfast Meeting
Clark Room

Gary MacDonald, Chair, Roosevelt County Commissioner

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Spouse/Guest Quilting Project
Montana Room

GENERAL SESSION

8:30-10:00 a.m. MACo & NACo Committee Reports
State/Capitol Rooms

Presiding: Greg Chilcott

1. MACo Agriculture Committee and NACo Ag & Rural Affairs Committee
- Maureen Davey
2. MACo Community, Economic Development & Labor Committee,
NACo Telecommunications & Technology Committee, and
NACo Labor & Employment Committee
- Joe Briggs and Mike McGinley
3. MACo Energy Committee,
NACo Environment, Energy & Land Use Committee
- John Prinkki
4. MACo Health & Human Services Committee,
NACo Health Committee, and
NACo Human Services Committee
- Carl Seilstad and Bill Kennedy
5. MACo and NACo Justice & Public Safety Committees
- Bill Barron

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WEDNESDAY CONTINUED ...

MACo & NACo COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

6. MACo Land Use & Development Committee
- Joe Skinner, Gallatin County Commissioner
7. MACo and NACo Public Lands Committees
- Lesley Robinson and Mike Murray
8. MACo and NACo Transportation Committees
- John Ostlund
9. NACo Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Sidney Fitzpatrick

10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

Natatorium

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HDR Engineering, Missoula

10:30-11:15 a.m. **“Happenings on the Hill”**

Presenters: Deborah Cox, NACo Legislative Director
Arthur Scott, Associate Leg. Director, NACo Ag & Rural Affairs Committee

11:15 a.m.-12:00 noon **Why 457 for your employees?**

Presenters: Harold Blattie, MACo Executive Director
Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director
Margaret Volpe-Rodgers, Sr. Retirement Specialist, Nationwide Retirement Solutions

Whether it's three years or thirty years away, your retirement matters now. Contributing to the Nationwide 457 plan is the first step to help your employees **“pay themselves first.”** Because 457 deferred compensation plans are available only to state and local government employees, they have features designed specifically for your employees. Take a few minutes and speak with Margaret to find out more.

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch

Executive/Legislative Room

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NorthWestern Energy

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

1:00-4:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

Presiding: Greg Chilcott

Roll Call: Mike McGinley, MACo Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County Commissioner

1. Unfinished business from the opening general session
2. Appreciation Resolution
3. Election of Officers
4. Conference Site –2015
5. Resolutions
6. Proposed By-Law Amendments
7. Congressional Reports/Videos
8. Other business

**There is no actual scheduled break this afternoon.
Break items are located in the back of the room.**

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Helena Association of Realtors
Helena Building Industry Association-Jack Walsh

4:30-5:30 p.m. Hard Rock Mining Counties Meeting Lewis Room

Jim Hart, Chair, Madison County Commissioner

5:30 p.m. Social & Annual Banquet Executive/Legislative Room

Greg Chilcott, Presiding

- ♦ Invocation: Andy Hunthausen
- ♦ Dinner
- ♦ Installation of Officers

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Dinner: TransCanada Keystone Projects
Beverage Tickets: RDO Equipment Company, Billings

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:30-9:00 a.m.
Capitol Room

New Board of Directors' Breakfast Meeting

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Schlenker & McKittrick Architects, P.C., Helena

MACo's UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5-6, 2013

MACo JPIA/JPA Trustees Work Session
Calvert Hotel, Lewistown

December 2-5, 2013

Elected Officials Training
MACo Conference Room, Helena

February 10-13, 2014

MACo Midwinter Conference
MACo JPIA/JPA Annual Membership Meetings
Holiday Inn, Billings

September 21-25, 2014

MACo 105th Annual Conference
Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell



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