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105TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2014



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WELCOME FROM THE MACO PRESIDENT



Joe Briggs
MACo President 2013-2014

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

105 years is a very long time, and MACo is a very different organization than it was in 1909, but one thing that remains constant is there is great value in our meeting as peers and working together to address the pressing issues of the day.

The job of an elected county official is much more complex than it was when MACo was founded, and the services provided by the Association are much more robust. The issues we face are more intricate, and the required solutions are far more convoluted. Accordingly, the need to meet to discuss these issues and seek common ground for solutions is even more pronounced than in years past.

With that backdrop, it is my pleasure on behalf of the Executive Committee and Staff, to welcome you to MACo's 105th Annual Conference. Thank you for making the time available to attend, and thank you in advance for the insights you will be adding to our discussions.

Over the next few days, our committees will be reviewing MACo policies and resolutions, amending them as necessary, and developing new ones to address emerging issues. Please be sure to participate in as many committee meetings as you can fit into your schedule. Please remember that only assigned committee members may vote within a committee meeting, but all attendees are invited to participate in the committee discussions.

In addition to the committee meetings, we have also arranged a number of workshops on a variety of important topics of interest. These sessions are designed to provide our attendees with the information and tools we need to be successful.

We also 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." Their participation not only adds to the quality and quantity of the educational offerings but also represents a substantial financial contribution to the conference.

I would like to thank our Conference Planning Committee, our MACo Staff, Flathead County and all of the volunteers that worked to make this conference a success. I would also like to thank those who have stepped forward as candidates for the positions of MACo Officers for their desire to serve this fine organization. I know firsthand both the sacrifices and rewards that come with being an officer of MACo, and I look forward to working with the soon-to-be-elected officers in the years ahead.

The next few days offer you the opportunity to learn from subject matter experts, to network and learn from your peers, to have some fun, and to commiserate with people who actually understand what a county elected official does.

I would highly recommend that you immerse yourself fully in these opportunities and take home the maximum value possible from this experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Briggs".

Joe Briggs, Montana Association of Counties, President, Cascade County Commissioner

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OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Joe Briggs President, Cascade County
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District 10..... Bill Barron, Lake County
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District 12..... Tom Rice, Beaverhead County

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Carl Seilstad.....Fergus County
John Prinkki.....Carbon County
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Carol Brooker.....Sanders County
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Clerks of District Court....Connie Mattfield, Musselshell County
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Sheriffs & Peace Officers Chris Hoffman, Ravalli County
Superintendents of Schools Susan Beley, Wheatland County
TreasurersJackie Becker, McCone County

FLATHEAD COUNTY WELCOME

Welcome to Flathead County, we hope you enjoy your stay and are able to find time to explore what makes us unique.

We started out as a part of Missoula County, organized in 1860, while the area was still a part of Washington Territory. The State Legislature was lobbied to create a county out of the Flathead area and the legislative act was passed in the session of 1893. In 1902, the Kalispell Townsite Company sold land to the county for the purpose of constructing a courthouse, and the courthouse project was completed in 1905. A peculiarity of the courthouse is that, while it was designed with a clock tower, a clock was never installed and it is still not known why.

Flathead County is located in the heart of the magnificent Rocky Mountains and home to the rugged grandeur of Glacier National Park and the splendor of Flathead Lake – the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. Encompassing the county is the Flathead National Forest, which is 2.3 million acres of federally protected public lands and home to abundant wildlife.

As Montana's seventh largest city and the seat of Flathead County, Kalispell is a progressive, thriving community. Poised in the northwest corner of Montana, the Flathead Valley offers warm western hospitality and charming small towns, outstanding arts and culture, an eclectic mix of restaurants, and a plethora of stores for the enthusiastic shopper. Try out the championship golf courses, ride the chair lift up Big Mountain and enjoy the scenic views, hike the unlimited trails, or fish in the lakes and streams. For the history buff or the art devotee, take a tour of the Museum at Central School and the Hockaday Museum. Wherever your path takes you in the Valley, we hope you find your visit memorable.



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MACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

ON-SITE REGISTRATION OPEN:

Sunday, September 21 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 22 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 23 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 24 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. **JPA Trustees Luncheon Meeting**
Glacier I Dave Schulz, Chair

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1:00-5:00 p.m. **Exhibitors set up**
Glacier Ballroom, Foyer East & Foyer North

2:00-3:00 p.m. **Resolutions Committee Meeting**
Swan Room

3:00-5:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**
Glacier II & III

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5:30-10:00 p.m. **President's Reception and Dinner**
Glacier IV

Presiding: Joe Briggs, MACo President, Cascade County Commissioner

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of the head table
3. Invocation, Welcome, Introduction of Entertainment: Cal Scott, Flathead County Commissioner
4. Dinner

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

COFFEE & SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

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7:00-8:00 a.m. No-Host Prayer Breakfast Glacier IV

Presiding: Joe Briggs, MACo President, Cascade County Commissioner

- ◆ Speaker: Pastor Frank Mack, Family Life Christian Church
- ◆ Music: Kevin Huntsinger, Worship Leader at Family Life Christian Church

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8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Exhibitors Glacier Ballroom, Foyer East & Foyer North

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Quilting Project Logan 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

8:00-9:30 a.m. MACo Business Meeting Glacier I/II/III

Presiding: Joe Briggs, MACo President, Cascade County Commissioner

1. Parliamentarian: Carol Brooker, Sanders County Commissioner
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Flag Ceremony
3. Flathead Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol-Squadron 53

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MONDAY CONTINUED ...

Glacier I/II/III MACo Opening General Session (Continued)

4. National Anthem: Dan Hunthausen, Montana Native Singer/
Songwriter & Performer and youngest brother of Lewis & Clark County
Commissioner, Andy Hunthausen
5. Invocation: Pastor Frank Mack, Family Life Christian Church
6. Welcome: Mark Johnson, Mayor of the City of Kalispell
7. Response: Dave Schulz, MACo 1st Vice President, Madison County
Commissioner
8. Roll Call: Mike McGinley, MACo Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County
Commissioner
9. Approval of 2013 Annual Conference Minutes: Joe Briggs
10. Memorial Resolution: Pam Holmquist, Flathead County Commissioner
11. Announcements: Joe Briggs
12. Nominations Committee Report: Joe Briggs
13. Convention Site for 2016: Joe Briggs
14. Presentation of Proposed Resolutions: Mike Murray, Lewis & Clark
County Commissioner
15. President's Report: Joe Briggs
16. Fiscal Officer's Report: Mike McGinley
17. Executive Director's Report: Harold Blattie
18. Presentation: "Count on Coal" – An update on what is happening
with coal in Montana as a dependable and affordable energy source.
Presenter: Greg Kohn, State Coordinator for Count on Coal Montana

9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee Break /Visit with Exhibitors
East Foyer & Glacier IV

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10:00-11:00 a.m. Social Security After Retirement

Presenter: Troy Simmons, Vice President, Nationwide Institute

Filing for Social Security is one of the most important and complex decisions you'll make in your lifetime. There are many factors you must take into consideration. And generally, there's only one chance to get it right. I can help you simplify this complicated decision, and show you how Social Security fits into your broader retirement income plan.

You'll learn: 1.) Why your Social Security filing decision matters; 2.) What you need to know about Social Security; 3.) How to make your Social Security decision count for you and your family

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Cyber Liability Coverage

Presenters: Matt Gullickson, Account Executive and Jeremy Gillespie, Area Vice President, Cyber Risks and Professional Liability Team for Arthur J. Gallagher, and Risk Management Services

- ♦ Privacy breach and other cyber insurance claims examples
- ♦ Overview of cyber insurance program structure
- ♦ Explanation of how the policy works
- ♦ Discuss what to do after experiencing a breach, a potential breach or other cyber claim
- ♦ First response steps
- ♦ Claim notification
- ♦ Review of resources & best practices available

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

Glacier IV

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1:00-2:00 p.m. Affordable Care Act Employer Responsibilities

Presenter: Roger Cowan, Administrative Procedures Manager, Allegiance Benefits Plan Management, Inc.

This presentation will focus on the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act (PPACA) mandates that will impact Montana county employers. It will include discussion about options to track eligibility and the penalties for failing to offer adequate coverage to "eligible" employees. This presentation will also include current information regarding the significant employer reporting requirements that will apply starting in March of 2016.

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MONDAY CONCLUDED

2:00-2:30 p.m. The Role of Boards of Public Health

Presenter: Kerry Pride, Director of Local Public Health System Support

The Montana Public Health and Safety Division of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will be providing a brief introduction to public health and why it is important to the health of Montanans. The majority of the presentation will be an introduction to Montana statutes as they pertain to local boards of health.

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

East Foyer and Glacier IV

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Nationwide Retirement Solutions

3:00-4:00 p.m. Pathway to Grant Funding Opportunities

Presenter: Jennifer Olson, Bureau Chief, Community Development Division

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

Swan Room

Jim Reno, Chair, Yellowstone County Commissioner

4:00-6:00 p.m. Hard Rock Mining Counties Meeting

Glacier I

Jim Hart, Chair, Madison County Commissioner

4:00-6:00 p.m. Oil, Gas & Coal Counties Meeting

Glacier II

Richard Dunbar, Chair, Phillips County Commissioner

Dinner on Your Own

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00-8:30 a.m. **JPIA Trustees Breakfast Meeting**
Alpine Room Mike Murray, Chair

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8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open**
Glacier Ballroom, Foyer East & Foyer North

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Quilting Project**
Logan Room **(Continued)**

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **MACo Committee Meetings**
Break from 2:30-3:00 p.m. to visit with exhibitors and then reconvene.

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

Glacier III **Agriculture Committee**
Maureen Davey, Chair, Stillwater County

Glacier I **Comm., Econ. Dev. & Labor Committee**
Joe Briggs, Chair, Cascade County

Glacier II **Health & Human Services**
Carl Seilstad, Chair, Fergus County

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

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break/Visit with Exhibitors**
East Foyer and Glacier IV

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10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon **Committee Meetings Reconvene**

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TUESDAY CONTINUED ...

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. **Lunch – Exhibitor/Sponsor Appreciation**
Glacier IV Room

1:00-4:30 p.m. **Committee Meetings**
Break from 2:30-3:00 p.m. to visit with exhibitors and then reconvene.

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

Swan Room **Energy Committee**
John Prinkki, Chair, Carbon County

Glacier II **Justice & Public Safety Committee**
Bill Barron, Chair, Lake County

Glacier III **Public Lands Committee**
Lesley Robinson, Chair, Phillips County

Glacier I **Transportation Committee**
John Ostlund, Chair, Yellowstone County

2:00-2:30 p.m. **Exhibitor/Sponsor Meeting**
East Foyer

2:30-3:00 p.m. **Tax, Finance & Budget Committee Meeting**
Alpine Room

2:30-3:00 p.m. **Coffee break/Visit with Exhibitors**
East Foyer and Glacier IV

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3:00 p.m. **Exhibitor booth take down**

3:00-4:30 p.m. **Committee Meetings Reconvene**

TUESDAY CONCLUDED

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

All counties are invited to attend.

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

5:30 p.m. **Flathead County Courthouse Tour**

The Chamber of Commerce will provide “Trolley” transportation to and from the hotel.

Dinner on Your Own

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

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Northwestern Energy

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Reservation Counties Breakfast Meeting
Glacier IV Room**

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Quilting Project
Logan Room** **(Continued)**

GENERAL SESSION

8:30-10:00 a.m.
Glacier I/II/III

I. Showing Why Counties Matter

Presenter: Emilia Istrate, Director of Research and Outreach,
National Association of Counties

This presentation will discuss how Montana counties and MACo can use the research materials produced by NACo in their advocacy efforts, policy-making and engagement with the media.

2. EPA and Corps Proposed Rule on “Waters of the U.S.”

Presenter: Julie Ufner, Associate Legislative Director, National Association of Counties (NACo Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee)

This presentation will give an overview of the proposed “waters of the U.S.” rule as introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including its potential impact and how counties can respond.

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break
East Foyer**

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GENERAL SESSION CONTINUED . . .

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon MACo Committee Reports
Glacier I/II/III

Presiding: Joe Briggs

1. MACo Agriculture Committee
- Maureen Davey
2. MACo Community, Economic Development & Labor Committee
- Joe Briggs and Mike McGinley
3. MACo Energy Committee
- John Prinkki
4. MACo Health & Human Services Committee
- Carl Seilstad
5. MACo Justice & Public Safety Committee
- Bill Barron
6. MACo Land Use & Development Committee
- Joe Skinner, Gallatin County Commissioner
7. MACo Public Lands Committee
- Lesley Robinson
8. MACo Resolutions & Legislative Committee
- Mike Murray
9. MACo Transportation Committee
- John Ostlund

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch
Glacier IV Room Speaker: Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean

CLOSING SESSION

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

Presiding: Joe Briggs

Roll Call: Mike McGinley

1. Unfinished business from the opening general session
2. Appreciation Resolution
3. Election of Officers
4. Conference Site –2016

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WEDNESDAY CONCLUDED

1:30-4:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting (Continued)

5. Resolutions
6. Policy Statements
7. Proposed By-Law Amendments
8. Congressional Reports/Videos
9. Other business

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

4:30-5:30 p.m. Montana Coalition of Forest Counties Meeting Glacier I

Carol Brooker, Chair, Sanders County Commissioner

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

Dan Happel, Chair, Madison County Commissioner

5:30 p.m. Social & Annual Banquet Glacier IV

Presiding: Joe Briggs

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of the head table
3. Invocation: Dave Schulz
4. Dinner

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30-9:00 a.m.
Glacier I

New Board of Directors' Breakfast Meeting

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MACo's UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12-13, 2014

MACo JPIA/JPA Trustees Work Session
The Murray, Livingston

December 1-4, 2014

Elected Officials Training
MACo Conference Room, Helena

February 9-12, 2015

MACo Midwinter Conference
MACo JPIA/JPA Annual Membership Meetings
Red Lion Colonial, Helena

September 20-24, 2015

MACo 106th Annual Conference
Holiday Inn, Missoula



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