



MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

109TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2018



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MISSOULA COUNTY

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and **respecting**
MONTANA'S DIVERSITY.

WELCOME FROM THE MACO PRESIDENT



MACo President 2017-2018

Dear MACo Members, Staff and Participants,

Welcome to the 109th Annual Conference of the Montana Association of Counties!

I had never really thought about the fact that Lake County didn't exist until 1923, 14 years later.

According to my research we had 28 of our 56 counties at that point in time. Over the next 15 years the last 28 counties were formed.

For a twenty-year period we were governed by the state with many of the decisions affecting Montanans based on politics and money. Well, unfortunately they still seem to play a big part in the equation, but now we have MACo working for us.

MACo is very important to counties and the Annual Conferences are very important to MACo. This conference will chart our course in deciding and developing our goals in the upcoming Legislature. It is extremely important for you to attend the committee meetings and express your thoughts and concerns. There are no dumb statements. We need ALL of your input to effectively serve our members!

MACo has an amazing staff! They have put a lot of time and hard work into putting this conference together. There is a great deal of thought and interaction with your board and committee chairs to make this a beneficial week.

A huge part of this event is our vendors. Please take time to visit with them and thank them for participating. Their support makes this all possible.

Missoula is a great town. Take some time and look around. I'm sure they would appreciate your business.

So, welcome to the conference, make the most of it and I'll see you there!

Thank You!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William D. Barron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

President Bill Barron
Montana Association of Counties

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OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2017-2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bill Barron, Lake County..... President
Jim Hart, Madison County 1st Vice President
Shane Gorder, Richland County.....2nd Vice President
Todd Devlin, Prairie CountyImmediate Past President
Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Fiscal Officer
Andy Hunthausen, Lewis & Clark County ... Urban Representative

2017-2018 DISTRICT CHAIRS

Gary Macdonald, Roosevelt County..... District 1
Janet Wolff, McCone County..... District 2
Bob Lee, Rosebud County..... District 3
Larry Hendrickson, Liberty County District 4
Ron Ostberg, Teton County..... District 5
Sandra Youngbauer, Fergus County District 6
Bill Wallace, Sweet Grass County District 7
Susan Good Geise, Lewis & Clark County District 8
Steve White, Gallatin County District 9
Tony Cox, Sanders County District 10
Jeff Burrows, Ravalli County..... District 11
Tom Rice, Beaverhead County..... District 12

PAST PRESIDENTS

Maureen Davey, Stillwater County..... 2015-2016
Joe Briggs, Cascade County..... 2013-2014
Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County..... 2012-2013
John Ostlund, Yellowstone County..... 2010-2011
Carl Seilstad, Fergus County 2009-2010
Carol Brooker, Sanders County..... 2002-2004
Bob Mullen, Jefferson County 1985-1986

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Leo Gallagher, Lewis & Clark County..... Attorneys
Stephanie Verhasselt, Richland County..... Clerk & Recorders
Valerie Hornsveld, Broadwater County ... Clerks of District Court
Joan Bjarko, Daniels County Clerks of District Court
Linda Cantin, Park County.....Magistrates
Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County Sheriffs & Peace Officers
Susan Beley, Wheatland County Superintendents of Schools
Sandy Christensen, Richland County..... Treasurers

MISSOULA COUNTY WELCOMES YOU

Missoula County Welcome:

Welcome to Missoula- Home of the Grizzlies!!! Missoula County is excited about hosting the MACo Annual Conference again this year. There is a lot to do in the few hours of free time you will have during the conference. We have great restaurants, museums, and a great walking trail system along the river. The Carousel is just two blocks down river and is fun for all ages.

We have 8 micro-breweries that make great beer and 2 distilleries. Several are within walking distance of the hotel so please don't drink and drive. We also have Thirst Gear –a bike trolley that goes to the breweries and distilleries. The bike looks a little bit like a trolley, only powered by the feet of its riders, who can usually be seen fist-pumping to the on-board music between stops at local watering holes. If they pedal fast enough, the bike can reach a whopping 7 mph – downhill that is. You can catch it a block from the Holiday Inn, on Front Street in front of the parking garage.

Thanks to all the sponsors and exhibitors who make our annual conference possible.

Enjoy your stay.

Sincerely,

Jean Curtiss
Nicole “Cola” Rowley
Dave Strohmaier

MACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA



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ON-SITE REGISTRATION-LOBBY

Sunday, September 16	11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 17	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 18	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 19	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Garden City Parlor A

WCT Trustees Lunch Meeting
Bill Barron, Chair, Lake County

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Brentwood Reinsurance Intermediaries, Inc.

1:00 p.m.
Big Sky Atrium

Exhibitors begin set up

1:30-3:00 p.m.
MT Boardroom

Resolutions Committee Meeting
Jean Curtiss, Chair, Missoula County

3:00-5:00 p.m.
Madison/Jefferson/Gallatin
Rooms

Board of Directors Meeting
Bill Barron, MACo President

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Correctional Risk Services

5:30 p.m.
Garden City Ballroom

President's Reception & Dinner

Presiding: Bill Barron, MACo President, Lake County Commissioner

1. Banquet Social will be in the Courtyard (weather permitting, otherwise it will be in the Ballroom)
2. Introduction of the Head Table & Executive Committee
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Bill Barron
4. Welcome: Dave Strohmaier, Missoula County Commissioner
5. Invocation: Laurie Franklin, Spiritual Leader
6. Dinner
7. Entertainment: Barnaby Wild, local Missoula band

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

COFFEE & SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

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7:00-8:00 a.m.

No-Host Prayer Breakfast

Garden City Parlors CD

Presiding: Bill Barron

Speaker: Reverend Gretchen Strohmaier, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

Music: Rachel Suter, Dr. Margaret Baldrige and Adam Collins

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

Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show

Big Sky Atrium

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Spouse/Guest Quilting Project

MT Boardroom

MACo OPENING GENERAL SESSION

8:30-10:00 a.m.

MACo Business Meeting

Garden City Parlors AB

Presiding: Bill Barron

Parliamentarian: Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner

1. Flag Ceremony: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Veterans Warrior Society
2. National Anthem: Shirley Faust, Clerk of District Court, Missoula County
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Bill Barron
4. Invocation: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes Tribal Elder, Tony Inchoshola

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MONDAY CONTINUED ...

(Continued) MACo Opening General Session

5. Welcome: Mayor John Engen
6. Response: Jim Hart, MACo 1st Vice President, Madison County Commissioner
7. Roll Call: Mike McGinley, MACo Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County Commissioner
8. Approval of 2017 Annual Conference Minutes: Bill Barron
9. Memorial Resolution: Jean Curtiss, Missoula County Commissioner
10. Announcements: Bill Barron
11. Nominations Committee Report: Bill Barron
12. Convention Site 2019 – Great Falls: Cascade County Commissioners
13. Presentation of Proposed Resolutions: Jean Curtiss, Missoula County Commissioner
14. President’s Report: Bill Barron
15. Fiscal Officer’s Report: Mike McGinley
16. Executive Director’s Report: Eric Bryson

10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break (Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)
Big Sky Atrium

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10:30-11:30 a.m. What’s New at the National Association of Counties (NACo)
Garden City Parlors AB

Presenter: Brian Namey, Director of Public Affairs, National Association of Counties

From civic education and cybersecurity to leadership development for rising stars in county government, NACo delivers tools to support county efforts. Learn about NACo’s latest member services, publications, and other resources to help counties achieve results.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch: I-186 Mining in Montana – Factual Impact
Garden City Parlors CD

Speakers: Dave Galt, Ronda Wiggers, and Eric Bryson

SPONSOR

Great West Engineering, Inc.

12:30-2:00 p.m. MACo Committee Meetings

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

Garden City Parlor A **Agriculture Committee**
Larry Hendrickson, Chair, Liberty County

Garden City Parlor B **Comm. Econ. Dev. & Labor Committee**
Joe Briggs, Chair, Cascade County

Madison/Jefferson Rooms **Justice & Public Safety Committee**
Laura Obert, Chair, Broadwater County

Glacier/Yellowstone Rooms **Land Use, Planning & Dev. Committee**
Joe Skinner, Chair, Gallatin County

2:00-2:30 p.m. **Coffee Break**
Big Sky Atrium **(Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)**

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2:30-4:00 p.m. MACo Committee Meetings Reconvene

2:30-4:00 p.m. **Tax, Budget & Finance Committee**
Garden City Parlor C Mike McGinley, Chair, Beaverhead County

4:00-6:00 p.m. **Coalition of Forest Counties Meeting**
Northern Rockies Training Ctr. Greg Chilcott, Chair, Ravalli County
Pintlar Room
5765 W. Broadway St.

4:00-6:00 p.m. **Oil, Gas & Coal Counties Meeting**
Garden City Parlor B Richard Dunbar, Chair, Phillips County

Dinner on your own

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30-8:30 a.m. **PCT Trustees Breakfast Meeting**
(breakfast served at 6:00 a.m.) Richard Dunbar, Chair, Phillips County
Garden City Parlor C

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QCI Asset Management, Inc.
Valuations Northwest, Inc.

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Spouse/Guest Quilting Project**
MT Boardroom

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show**
Big Sky Atrium

8:30-10:00 a.m. **MACo Committee Meetings**

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

Glacier/Yellowstone Rooms **Energy Committee**
Doug Martens, Chair, Rosebud County

Madison/Jefferson Rooms **Health & Human Services Committee**
Carl Seilstad, Chair, Fergus County

Garden City Parlor B **Public Lands Committee**
Greg Chilcott, Chair, Ravalli County

Garden City Parlor A **Transportation Committee**
John Ostlund, Chair, Yellowstone County

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
Big Sky Atrium **(Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)**

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

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. **Lunch: Mobility Innovation in the Transportation World**
Garden City Parlors CD

Speaker: Corey Clothier, Mobility Innovator, Strategist, Business Developer

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1:00-2:00 p.m. **Medicaid Expansion: A Panel from All Sides**
Garden City Parlors AB

Presenters:

1. Dr. Bryce Ward, Co-founder of ABMJ Consulting and Research Professor/Associate Director at the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana: 'The Economic Impact of Medicaid Expansion in Montana' (Co-Author) April 2018.
2. Dr. Dean French, CEO, Community Medical Center in Missoula: Impact on facilities in urban communities.
3. Darcel Vaughn, Administrator for 2 care facilities in Madison County: Impact on facilities in rural communities.

2:00-2:30 p.m. **Coffee Break**
Big Sky Atrium **(Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)**

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2:30-3:30 p.m. **Simplification in the 21st Century aka The Big Bill: The Entitlement Share History & What It Means to You**
Garden City Parlors AB

Presenters: Bob Story, Chair, and Harold Blattie, Vice Chair of the Local Government Funding and Structure Committee

3:30-5:00 p.m. **MACo HCT Member Annual Meeting**
Garden City Parlors AB Mike McGinley, Chair, Beaverhead County
(All counties are invited to attend)

5:00-6:00 p.m. **6-County Fort Peck Lake Group Meeting**
Glacier/Yellowstone Rooms Jim Moos, Chair, McCone County

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Coalition of Wildlife Counties Meeting**
Madison/Jefferson Rooms Bill Wallace, Chair, Sweet Grass County

5:00-6:30 p.m. **Social – Sponsored by All Exhibitors**
Courtyard (weather permitting – otherwise in the Big Sky Atrium)

Dinner on your own

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00-8:30 a.m. **HCT Trustees Breakfast Meeting**
(breakfast served at 6:30 a.m.) Mike McGinley, Chair, Beaverhead County
Garden City Parlor C

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QCI Asset Management, Inc.

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Spouse/Guest Quilting Project**
MT Boardroom

8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon **Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show**
Big Sky Atrium

MACO GENERAL SESSION:

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Public Information Officers & Emergency Communications**
Garden City Parlors AB

Presenter: Donnell Preskey Hushka, Public Information Officer, North Dakota Association of Counties

9:30-10:00 a.m. **Congressman Greg Gianforte**

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
Big Sky Atrium **(Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)**

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10:30-11:00 a.m. **Cross-systems Partnerships in Criminal Justice**
Garden City Parlors AB

Presenter: Nicole Rowley, Missoula County Commissioner

A brief update on the progress of Missoula's Jail Diversion Master Plan and the current work being done to form a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee; applying for a multi-million dollar MacArthur Foundation grant; and address system issues encountered by individuals involved in dependent-neglect cases.

10:30-11:00 a.m.**Exhibitor/Sponsor Meeting**

Big Sky Atrium

11:00-12:00 noon**MACo & NACo Committee Reports**

Garden City Parlors AB

Presiding: Bill Barron

1. MACo & NACo Agriculture Committees
 - Larry Hendrickson, Liberty County
2. MACo Community, Economic Development & Labor Committee; NACo Telecommunications & Technology; and NACo Information Technology Committees
 - Joe Briggs, Cascade County
3. MACo Energy Committee and NACo Environment, Energy & Land Use Committee
 - Doug Martens, Rosebud County
4. MACo Health & Human Services Committee
 - Carl Seilstad, Fergus County
5. MACo and NACo Justice & Public Safety Committees
 - Bill Barron, Lake County
6. MACo Land Use & Development Committee
 - Joe Skinner, Gallatin County
7. MACo & NACo Public Lands Committees
 - Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County
8. MACo Resolutions & Legislative Committee
 - Jean Curtiss, Missoula County
9. MACo Tax, Budget & Finance Committee
 - Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County
10. MACo & NACo Transportation Committees
 - John Ostlund, Yellowstone County

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.**Lunch – Vendor/Sponsor Appreciation**

Garden City Parlors CD

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WGM Group

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WEDNESDAY CONTINUED ...

1:00-2:30 p.m. MACo Closing Business Meeting
Garden City Parlors AB

Presiding: Bill Barron

Roll Call: Mike McGinley

1. Unfinished Business from the Opening General Session
2. Congressional Reports/Videos
3. Appreciation Resolution
4. Nominations Committee Report
5. Election of Officers
6. Resolutions and Policy Statements
7. Other business

2:30-3:00 p.m. Governor Steve Bullock

3:00-4:00 p.m. Reconvene Closing General Session

**THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WILL BEGIN UPON ADJOURNMENT
OF THE GENERAL SESSION:**

4:00-6:00 p.m. Hard Rock Mining Counties Meeting
Madison/Jefferson Rooms Bill Wallace, Chair, Sweet Grass County

4:00-6:00 p.m. Urban Counties Meeting
Glacier/Yellowstone Rooms Andy Hunthausen, Chair, Lewis & Clark County

4:00-6:00 p.m. Reservation Counties Meeting
Garden City Parlor A Ron Rides at the Door, Chair, Glacier County

5:30 p.m. Social & Annual Banquet
(banquet begins at 6:15 p.m.)
Garden City Parlors BCD

Presiding: Bill Barron

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of the Head Table
3. Invocation: Missoula County Sheriff's Chaplain Lowell Hochhalter

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SOCIAL & ANNUAL BANQUET CONTINUED . . .

4. Dinner
5. Installation of Officers
6. Entertainment: Kacey Carroll and Bo Stephenson, friends of Commissioner Jim Hart and his daughter Caitlin Hart

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30-9:00 a.m.
Garden City Parlors B

New Board of Directors' Breakfast Meeting

SAFE TRAVELS HOME!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MACo's UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13-15, 2018

MACo PCT/WCT Trustees Work Session
Grouse Mountain Lodge - Whitefish

December 3-6, 2018

Elected Officials Training
Delta Hotels by Marriott - Helena Colonial

February 11-14, 2019

MACo Midwinter Conference
MACo PCT/WCT Annual Membership Meetings
Delta Hotels by Marriott - Helena Colonial

September 22-26, 2019

MACo 110th Annual Conference
Best Western Heritage Inn - Great Falls

CONFERENCE LOCATION ROTATION

Year	Midwinter	Annual
2019	Helena	Great Falls
2020	Great Falls	Helena
2021	Helena	Kalispell
2022	Billings	Bozeman
2023	Helena	Billings
2024	Great Falls	Missoula
2025	Helena	Great Falls



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