2021 CONFERENCE HOSTS
FLATHEAD COUNTY

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Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the annual MACo conference held this year in Kalispell.

We have had another challenging year. The pandemic was nearly gone, and then it came back, and then the ARPA showed up, and with it came a severe drought and massive fires . . . I’m really looking forward to normal, but I’m not sure what the standard is anymore.

That being said, we welcome you to the conference. There has not been a more important time that we needed to get together and see how other folks are handling our collective issues. MACo Staff has prepared and will deliver another stunning conference full of information and good advice. I’ve been around for awhile now and look forward to these learning opportunities as I learn something new every time.

There, of course, will be some fun to be had and stories to be shared as well.

Sincerely,

Doug Martens
MACo President
Rosebud County Commissioner
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OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MACo Executive Committee
Doug Martens ........................................... President, Rosebud County
Jason Strouf ........................................... 1st Vice President, Custer County
Roman Zylawy .......................................... 2nd Vice President, Mineral County
Shane Gorder .......................................... Immediate Past President, Richland County
Mike McGinley ........................................ Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County
Denis Pitman ........................................... Urban Representative, Yellowstone County

2020-2021 Board of Directors
District 1 .................................................. Gary MacDonald, Roosevelt County
District 2 .................................................. Jerry Collins, Garfield County
District 3 .................................................. Steve Baldwin, Fallon County
District 4 .................................................. Larry Hendrickson, Liberty County
District 5 .................................................. Mary Ann Harwood, Toole County
District 6 .................................................. Sandy Youngbauer, Fergus County
District 7 .................................................. Bill Wallace, Sweet Grass County
District 8 .................................................. Andy Hunthausen, Lewis & Clark County
District 9 .................................................. Bill Berg, Park County
District 10 ............................................... Pam Holmquist, Flathead County
District 11 ............................................... Dave Strohmaier, Missoula County
District 12 ............................................... Tom Rice, Beaverhead County
2019-2020 Past President ......................... Jim Hart, Madison County
2017-2018 Past President .......................... Bill Barron, Lake County
2016-2017 Past President .......................... Todd Devlin, Prairie County
2013-2014 Past President .......................... Joe Briggs, Cascade County
2012-2013 Past President .......................... Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County
2011-2012 Past President .......................... John Ostlund, Yellowstone County
2010-2011 Past President ......................... Carl Seilstad, Fergus County
2003-2004 Past President ......................... Carol Brooker, Sanders County
1985 Past President ................................. Bob Mullen, Jefferson County
Attorneys ............................................... Leo Gallagher, Lewis & Clark County
Clerk & Recorders ................................. Kody Farkell, Pondera County
Clerks of District Court ........................... Liz Ball, Rosebud County
and Carly Anderson, Beaverhead County
Magistrates ........................................... Linda Cantin, Park County
School Superintendents ......................... Susan Beley, Wheatland County
Sheriffs & Peace Officers/Coroners .......... Steve Holton, Ravalli County
Treasurers ............................................. Dan Whitesitt, Ravalli County
Welcome to our beautiful Flathead County! We are thrilled for this opportunity to host the 2021 MACo Annual Conference and are here to help you enjoy every minute of your time. The Flathead is ready for you, and we’re hoping your stay provides great memories for years to come.

The Flathead is growing in population, and opportunities to enjoy our life are expanding with us. Our restaurants are busy and provide great venues for visitors like each of you.

The night (and day) life in our communities is vibrant and with the Fall coming on, it offers a little elbow room as well as great restaurants, taverns, shopping, and entertainment experiences. We all have our favorite eating houses, so catch one of the Flathead Commissioners and ask us to reveal our secret spots.

Don’t forget to stretch outside of Kalispell and enjoy Bigfork, Lakeside, Columbia Falls, and Whitefish. All of them have amazing adventures waiting! Glacier National Park’s Going-to-the-Sun Road is still open, and reservations are no longer required.

Thanks to all of you, including our vendors, for attending the conference, and a special thank you to our sponsors and to the MACo staff for making this all come together!

Pam Holmquist, Commissioner
Randy Brodehl, Commissioner
Brad Abell, Commissioner
ON-SITE REGISTRATION IN THE EAST FOYER

Sunday, September 26th  
Monday, September 27th  
Tuesday, September 28th  
Wednesday, September 29th
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

THANK YOU COFFEE & SODA SPONSORS FOR CAFFEINE & HYDRATION EVERY DAY

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
WCT/PCT Trustees Lunch Meeting
Glacier Room III

1:00 p.m.  
Exhibitors Begin Set-up
Glacier Room IV/Foyers

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Board of Directors Meeting
Glacier Room I

5:30 - 10:00 p.m.  
President’s Reception & Dinner
Glacier Room IV

Presiding: Commissioner Doug Martens, MACo President, Rosebud County

1. Introduction of Head Table & Executive Committee
2. Pledge of Allegiance: President Doug Martens
3. Invocation & Welcome: Commissioner Randy Brodehl, Flathead County
   Stafford String Bass Band (Entertainment)

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Health Care Trust (Beverages)
Seitz Insurance (Dinner)
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| **7:00 - 8:30 a.m.** | **No-Host Prayer Breakfast**              | Blue Cloud Dining Room | Speaker: Pastor Rob Shader, Canvas Church  
Music: Natilee Radosevich                                                   |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | **Exhibitor/Vendor Tradeshow**            | Glacier Room IV/Foyers |                                                                 |
| 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | **Spouse & Guest Quilting Project**      | Logan Room        |                                                                 |
| 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  | **MACo Opening General Session**          | Glacier Rooms I,II,III | Presiding: President Doug Martens  
Parliamentarian: Commissioner Joe Briggs, Cascade County  
1. Head Table Introductions  
2. Flag Ceremony: Civil Air Patrol  
3. National Anthem: Sandy Smith  
4. Pledge of Allegiance: President Doug Martens  
5. Invocation: Pastor Rob Shader, Canvas Church  
6. Introduction: President Doug Martens  
7. Welcome: Mayor Mark Johnson, City of Kalispell  
8. Roll Call: Commissioner Mike McGinley, MACo Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County  
9. Approval of 2020 Annual Conference Minutes: President Doug Martens  
10. Resolution in Memoriam: Commissioner Brad Abell, Flathead County  
11. Announcements: President Doug Martens  
12. Nominations Committee Report: President Doug Martens  
13. Convention Site 2022: Yellowstone County Commissioners  
14. Presentation of Proposed Resolutions: President Doug Martens  
15. President’s Report: President Doug Martens  
16. Fiscal Officer’s Report: Commissioner Mike McGinley  
17. Executive Director’s Report: Eric Bryson |
MONDAY (CONTINUED)

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors  
Glacier Room IV/Foyers  
(Exhibitor/Vendor Trade Show)

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Montana Joint Council of Extension Professionals

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Department of Corrections (DOC)  
Glacier Rooms I,II,III

Speaker: Director Brian Gootkin
The Montana Department of Corrections is the third largest department in Montana state government, with services touching every community. From lending a caring ear to victims of crime, to providing support to offenders under supervision in Montana communities, to ensuring our incarcerated population is prepared to re-enter society successfully. Their commitment is to provide evidence-based programming in all aspects of their work as they move toward Montana’s goal of reducing recidivism and disrupting the cycle of incarceration.

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
MT Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)  
Glacier Rooms I,II,III

Speaker: Director Amanda Kaster
DNRC’s mission is to help ensure that Montana’s land and water resources provide benefits for present and future generations. The department is organized into seven divisions including the Director’s Office, Conservation & Resource Development, Forestry, Oil & Gas Conservation (administrative only), Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (administrative only), Trust Land Management, and Water Resources.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00  
MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Glacier Rooms I,II,III

Speaker: Director Chris Dorrington
DEQ’s mission is to champion a healthy environment for a thriving Montana. The Department is home to a dedicated team of professionals, engineers, and scientists who work to implement Montana’s environmental laws and provide high quality public service and technical assistance. Our team is here to serve you and ensure all Montanans have clean air, water, and land, free from contamination for generations to come.
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.  Lunch  
Glacier Room IV

Speaker: Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  

Sponsor  
Denning, Downing & Associates CPA’s

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  MSU Local Government Center (LGC) and “Local Government Review”  
Glacier Rooms I,II,III

Speaker: Director Dan Clark  

The Local Government Center’s mission is to strengthen the capacities of local governmental units and provide training, technical assistance, and research services to elected, appointed, and administrative officials. They work to support Montana's cities, towns, and counties by partnering with local government practitioners and their professional associations.

The Montana Constitution mandated that the Legislature establish procedures that would require counties and municipalities to undergo periodic citizen review of the structures of their local government. Enter “The Local Government Review” process. And LGC is here to help!

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.  Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors  
Glacier Room IV/Foyers (Exhibitor/Vendor Trade Show)

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Northwestern Energy  
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3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  MT Department of Commerce  
Glacier Rooms I,II,III

Speaker: Director Scott Osterman  

The Montana Department of Commerce (Commerce) works with statewide and local partners, private industry, and small businesses to enhance and sustain economic prosperity in Montana. The Department has a very long list of duties including improving the state's economy through business creation, expansion, retention, and diversification of the state's economic base; strengthening the economy through the promotion of tourism development; promoting access to new markets for Montana goods and services; and developing and improving public infrastructure and housing for Montana citizens by providing grants and technical assistance to Montana communities and counties.
Monday (Continued)

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  Montana Coalition of Forest Counties
Glacier Room I
Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Chair, Ravalli County

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  Oil, Gas & Coal Counties
Glacier Room II
Commissioner Richard Dunbar, Chair, Phillips County

Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday, September 28th

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Exhibitor/Vendor Tradeshow
Glacier Room IV/Foyers

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.  HCT Trustees Breakfast Meeting
Blue Cloud Dining Room

Sponsors
QCI Asset Management
Innovative RX Strategies

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  MACo Committees Convene
Attendees who are not MACo committee members are encouraged to participate in the meeting(s) of their choice.

Glacier Room I  Agriculture Committee
Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Chair, Liberty County

Glacier Room II  Community Econ. Dev & Labor Committee
Commissioner Jim McCormick, Chair, Lewis & Clark County

Glacier Room III  Justice & Public Safety Committee
Commissioner Kevin Krausz, Chair, Custer County

Swan Room  Land Use, Planning & Dev. Committee
Commissioner Jeff Burrows, Chair, Ravalli County
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<td>Commissioner John Ostlund, Chair, Yellowstone County</td>
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<td>1:30 - 2:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>HB 632’s ARPA Grant Programs for Water &amp; Sewer Projects</strong></td>
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- Great West Engineering

Presenters: Departments of Commerce and Natural Resources & Conservation

House Bill 632 establishes two grant programs for water and sewer projects: a Competitive Grant Program, and a Minimum Allocation Grant Program. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is responsible for reviewing and ranking projects as well as recommending them for funding to the Infrastructure Advisory Commission. The Montana Department of Commerce (Commerce) is responsible for assembling a technical assistance team to notify local governments—with an emphasis on rural local governments—about the water and sewer grant opportunities available, to assist local governments in the application process, and to offer limited engineering assistance.
TUESDAY (CONTINUED)

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.  Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors
Glacier Room IV/Foyers  (Exhibitor/Vendor Trade Show)

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3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  Northwestern Energy
Glacier Rooms I,II,III

Speaker: John Hines, Vice President of Supply
Mr. Hines will discuss regional power trends and steps the company is taking to secure reliable, affordable power for customers and protect the state’s electric grid.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  HCT Annual Member Meeting
Glacier Rooms I,II,III  (All member counties are invited to attend.)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  Coalition of Wildlife Counties Meeting
Blue Cloud Dining Room
Commissioner Bill Wallace, Chair, Sweet Grass County

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  6-County Fort Peck Lake Group Meeting
Swan Room
Commissioner Ross Butcher, Chair, Fergus County

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  Social - Enjoy a Beverage & Network!
Blue Canyon Lounge

SPONSORS
All Exhibitors

Dinner on your own
**Wednesday, September 29**

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<td>Commissioner George Real Bird III, Chair, Big Horn County</td>
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<td>National Association of Counties (NACo)</td>
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<td>Pensions, and Intergovernmental Affairs</td>
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<td>NACo strengthens America’s counties, serving nearly 40,000 county</td>
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<td>elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Montana’s</td>
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<td>counties are set to receive $207,597,597 in DIRECT FUNDING from U.S.</td>
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<td>Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).</td>
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<td>quality, safety, cost effectiveness, economic vitality, and</td>
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<td>sensitivity to the environment. Involving Montana's residents and</td>
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<td>communities is a vital part of fulfilling that mission.</td>
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<td>ARPA/Interim Legislative Update &amp; Significant Repeat Findings (MCA 2-7-515)</td>
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<td>Deputy Director; and Shantil Siaperas MACo Communications Director</td>
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<td>You’ve heard all things ARPA from DNRC, Commerce, and NACo. You’ve</td>
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<td>heard about “significant audit findings” from the Department of</td>
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<td>Administration. After a couple of quick updates, now is the time to</td>
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<td>ask us questions that have come to mind. Be kind!</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.</td>
<td>MACo Cybersecurity Project Overview &amp; Technology Services Roundtable</td>
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<td>MT Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) &amp; MT Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)</td>
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**Speaker & Moderator:** Art Pembroke, MACo IT Training Coordinator

This session will include a presentation of the overall results from MACo’s first year of this project including our common findings and how we can address them; discussing where counties are overall and what services/products might help moving forward; and “What’s Next.”

The moderated panel will address cybersecurity readiness and county questions relating to information technology services.

**Sponsor**

Glacier Banks

**Speakers:** Jay Bodner, Executive Vice-President, MSGA; Nicole Rolf, National Affairs Director, Eastern Montana Regional Manager, MFBF; and Cyndi Johnson, Member, MFBF Board of Directors & Former MACo President

Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) is a grassroots organization dedicated to preserving and improving the agriculture and natural resource industries through member involvement in education, political activities, programs, and services.

Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) is a grass roots non-profit membership organization with a 135-year history of advocating on behalf of Montana cattle ranchers to ensure cattle ranching remains relevant, safe, and a sustainable way of life for generations to come.
### Closing General Session/Annual Business Meeting

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Glacier Rooms I,II,III

Presiding: President Doug Martens

1. Roll Call: Commissioner Mike McGinley, MACo Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County
2. Unfinished Business from the Opening General Session
3. Resolution of Appreciation
4. Nominations Committee Report
5. Election of Officers
6. Congressional Reports/Videos
7. Other Business

**No Scheduled Break**

**Meetings Will Begin Upon Adjournment of the General Session:**

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<td>Hard Rock Mining Counties Meeting</td>
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<td>Urban Counties Meeting</td>
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<td>Commissioner Denis Pitman, Chair, Yellowstone County</td>
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<td>5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Social &amp; Annual Banquet</td>
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Presiding: President Doug Martens

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of the Head Table
3. Invocation: Commissioner Brad Abell, Flathead County
4. Dinner
5. Installation of Officers

**Sponsors**

- Morrison-Maierle (Banquet)
- Allegiance Benefit Plan Management (Banquet)
- RDO Equipment (Beverage Tickets)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

SAFE TRAVELS HOME!

See below for MACo’s conference rotation schedule and the next page for our upcoming events. Mark your calendars.

See you again soon!

CONFERENCE LOCATION ROTATION

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MACo’s Upcoming Events

October 27-28, 2021
MACo HCT Trustee Work Session
Helena, MACo Office

November 15-18, 2021
MACo PCT/WCT Trustee Work Session
Miles City

December 6-8, 2021
MACo Elected Officials Training
Delta Hotel Colonial, Helena

February 28-March 2, 2022
MACo Midwinter Conference
Billings

May/June 2022
MACo District Meetings
Various Counties

September 2022
MACo 113th Annual Conference
Billings
CONFERENCE VENDORS

VENDOR LIST

Below are the assigned booth numbers for our conference vendors. See the previous pages to view where they are located on the hotel floor plan, and be sure to stop by and visit with them!

1. T & E
2. MT Correctional Enterprises
3. MT DNRC
4. First Call
5. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure
6. KLI
7. Nationwide Retirement
8. MT ITSD
9. Tri-State
10. No Booth
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