1. Roll Call & Introductions
Chair Borner called the meeting to order, and Jason Rittal, MACo Deputy Director, conducted roll call.

Guests: Gus Byrom, MT Department of Commerce; Cody Ferguson, MT Department of Commerce; Rebecca Shaw, MT Department of Commerce; Cheryl Ulmer, Senator Tester’s Office; Rebecca Myers, Northbound Public Affairs

2. Review Assigned Resolutions
NOTE: Resolutions become legislation and policy statements guide staff regarding MACo’s action on other legislation. The Committee was tasked with reviewing their assigned resolution and making a recommendation to drop (do not pass), amend, carry forward as is (do pass), or incorporate into policy statements (do not pass; incorporate into policy).

The committee discussed its two assigned resolutions and made recommendations to the membership:

- Establishing a More Equitable Number & Geographical Distribution of Dispatch Cities, sponsored by the committee
  Purpose: Mitigating or eliminating the arbitrary adverse impacts to local capital project costs in some areas of Montana as a result of the designation of, location of, and number of currently designated dispatch cities.
  Committee Recommendation: Do Pass

- Leasing of County Property, sponsored by Missoula County (District 11)
  Purpose: To allow for leasing for greater than 10 years.
  Committee Recommendation: Do Pass
  NOTE: This resolution was also assigned to the Land Use, Planning & Development Committee for review.

3. Review/Approve Committee Policy Statements
The Committee amended their policy statements to include the following addition:
#16 – MACo supports requiring county participation in any decisions surrounding abatement of county property taxes or other county taxes. Tax abatements can be a critical tool in attracting investment into counties, but tax abatements and the projects requesting them have varying impacts at the local level and thereby local officials should be integral in the decisions surrounding them.

4. Other Business
   The committee had no further business

5. Adjourn
   There being no further business, the committee adjourned.