

**DISTRICT 4 & 5 MACo MEETING**  
**MAY 17, 2006**  
**SHELBY ELKS LODGE**  
**SHELBY, MONTANA**

**PRESENT:** Mary Ann Harwood, Toole County Clerk & Recorder; Ben Ober, Toole County Commissioner; Janice Hoppes, Pondera County Clerk & Recorder; Mike Croskey, Zephyr Printing; Allan Underdal, Toole County Commissioner; John Ray, Glacier County Commissioner; Joe Dellwo, Teton County Commissioner; Sam Carlson, Teton County Commissioner; Ray Salois, Glacier County Commissioner; Sarah Converse, Senator Burns Great Falls Office; Sandy Broesder, Pondera County Commissioner; Edith Clark, HD 28 Representative Candidate; Jerry Black, Senate District 14 Senator; Kathy Bessette, Hill County Commissioner; Don Swenson, Blaine County Commissioner; Harvey Worrell, Chouteau County Commissioner; Jim O'Hara, Chouteau County Commissioner; Lance Olson, Cascade County Commissioner; Vic Miller, MT HRDC Association; Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner, Russ Tempel, Liberty County Commissioner; Don Marble, Liberty County Commissioner, Doug Kaercher, Hill county Commissioner; Art Kleinjan, Blaine County Commissioner; Arnie Gettel, Teton County Commissioner; Sheryl Wood, MACo; Harold Blattie, MACo, Cindy Johnson, Pondera County Commissioner.

Arnie Gettel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**1. Resolutions**

Vic Miller talked about a Youth Employment Program and it was okayed by District 1, 2 & 3, but did not endorse it. District 6 & 7 approved it with a change of pay scale at minimum wage. Senator Gebhardt suggested putting a dollar amount on it. Cindy Johnson motioned to approve, seconded by Sam Carlson and passed.

Joe Briggs had a resolution regarding Airport authority and trying to change Board appointments and qualifications and codes. Kathy Bessette motioned to approve. Cindy Johnson seconded it and it passed.

Kathy Bessette discussed the resolution to re-exam verified watercourse. This was discussed at the MACo Midwinter meeting. Cindy Johnson motioned to postpone the resolution until after the August District meeting. Ben Ober seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Doug Kaercher said the second phase of the wireless E-911 needs help across the state. This was killed in the last legislative session as a wireless company opposed it. Allan Underdal motioned to go to the legislature this next time with it. The motion was seconded by Lance Olson and it was passed.

A Resolution will be presented at the August meetings dealing with Health and Human Services to contract with each county regarding the transportation of insanity commitments to hospitals and with some kind of time frame on evaluations to curtail costs to the counties.

Janice Hoppes (Clerk & Recorder from Pondera County) discussed the Resolution that the Clerk & Recorder's Association was proposing regarding mail out ballots for all elections at the governing body discretion. Doug motioned to pass the resolution in District 4 & 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art. Passed.

## 2. Legislative Interim Reports

Harold Blattie went through most of the legislative items that will be brought up this year and handouts were given out.

## 3. Other New Business

Janice Hoppes gave a report on HAVA, the new Automarks and the Statewide Voter Database systems for elections. She discussed the problems, the costs and time for implementing all of this. Mike Croskrey from Zephyr printing in Bozeman was also there to help explain the layout and printing of ballots.

Jack Holstrom discussed ballot initiatives relating to County Officials as described in MCA 2-21-121.

A letter from Ray Barnicoat was received stating that there is a 5% increase in Worker's Compensation across the board.

Harold Blattie discussed and went over the budget that the MACo Fiscal Committee proposed. Nationwide Retirement Solutions will meet on June 8<sup>th</sup> to consider approval of MACo side of budget.

Doug Kaercher talked about the meth conferences he has attended and would like to see every commissioner make it public in each county. Sheryl Wood encouraged the Commissioners to push the "Paint The State" contest for 13-18 year olds to do an anti mural meth slogan. The awards would be a total of \$6,000 to each county, being \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 for first, second and third prizes respectively.

Senator Black is looking into a statewide health insurance program for the counties and cities to go with the State program. The schools declined to participate. Health insurance costs with EBMS and MACo Healthcare Trust has gone up approximately 15%.

Pat Cross with DNRC handed out HJ Resolution #10 for a change to MCA fire laws. If there are any questions, please contact Pat.

Art wanted everyone to look at SB68 regarding independent contractors having exemptions.

Senator Jerry Black proposed doing an analysis on a Montana irrigation and rehabilitation development program. Russ Tempel made a motion to support a renewable resource grant with Ben Ober seconding. Motion passed.

## 4. Nominations *Harvey Worrell*

#4 Chair - ~~Don Marble~~ *Harvey Worrell*. 1<sup>st</sup> by Harvey Worrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ~~Jack Holstrom~~. Passed

Vice Chair - ~~Kathy Bessette~~ *Russ Tempel* nominated Russ Tempel. 1<sup>st</sup> by Don Marble, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harvey Worrell. Passed.

#5 Chair - ~~Sam Carlson~~ *Arnie* nominated. 1<sup>st</sup> by Cindy Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arnie Gettel. Passed.

Vice Chair - Ben Ober nominated. 1<sup>st</sup> by Cindy Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Carlson. Passed. *Arnie*

2<sup>nd</sup> MACo Vice Chair – Lance Olsen nominated. 1<sup>st</sup> by Doug Kaercher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Bessette. Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.