

## MACo Districts 6 & 7

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Community Room of Carnegie Public Library

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions and opening comments by Commissioner Maureen Davey, District 7 Chair from Stillwater County.

Attending:

MACo Executives:

Harold Blattie, Executive Director and Sheryl Wood, Associate Director

MACo President and Officers:

Mike McGinley, MACo President-Beaverhead County Commissioner

Carl Seilstad, MACo 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Fergus County Commissioner

John Ostlund, MACo 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Yellowstone County Commissioner

District 6 Commissioners:

Ken Ronish, John Jensen- Fergus County

Leslie Burroughs, David Paugh, Tony Zinne- Golden Valley County

Bill Annala, Cody McDonald-Judith Basin County

Sue Olsen, Mike Kilby- Musselshell County

Skip Ahlgren- Petroleum County

Tom Bennett- Wheatland

District 7 Commissioners

Doug Tucker, John Prinkki-Carbon County

Maureen Davey, Dennis Hoyem, Dennis Shupak-Stillwater County

Susie Mosness, Rick Reed, Phil Hathaway-Sweet Grass County

Guests:

Ed Bartlett-Yellowstone County

Beverley McCurry, Stillwater County Treasurer

J ohn Petak, Stillwater County Attorney

Wayne Noem, Gary Larson, Stefan Streeter-Montana Department of Transportation

Dick Moore, Steve Wilkins, Darrell Kirk-DNR/CJ

J.T Korkow-Congressman Denny Rehberg” Office

Minutes Recorded by:

Susie Mosness, Sweet Grass County Commissioner

Sweet Grass County Commissioner Susie Mosness gave a brief history of the library and its recent additions and renovations.

Minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 District 6 & 7 meeting were discussed. Ken Ronish moved to approve. Tom Bennett seconded. Motion passed.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for District 6 Chair

Carl Seilstad nominated Leslie Burroughs and the motion was seconded by Tom Bennett.

Nominations for Vice Chair

Tom Bennett nominated Chris King and the motion was seconded by Ken Ronish.

Nominations for MACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and a Fiscal Officer were postponed until after lunch.

### **FY BUDGET**

MACo Preliminary FY 2010 Budget was discussed. Harold talked about the Hamilton conference being profitable and went over the dues schedule which will be invoiced in July. COLA will be 3.8%. Looked at MACo website. Also Harold suggested budgets should be finished according to last years taxable valuation.

Sheryl reported about MACo strategic planning looking at the fact that significant staffing changes will be happening in 5-10 years due to aging. The new server system is up and running, doing a good job of keeping spam and viruses out. Total FY10 Budget has decreased from FY09, things are being ran leaner.

Budget will be adopted June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### **PRESENTATION**

Steve Kreal gave a presentation on the Inmate Medical Program. One part of the program covers security guarding of inmates while in hospitals. The policy covers inmate medical such as heart attacks, strokes, fight injuries and unsuccessful suicide attempts. Dental and pregnancy were among some of the conditions not covered. They are looking for at least 50% of the counties to participate in this.

### **ZONED/SUBDIVIDED PROPERTY**

John Ostland talked about private property rights in unzoned Ag land adjacent to zoned/subdivided property. (Urban populations moving into rural ares) taking the rights of those owners to have feed lots, gravel pits, etc., is looking for feed back on this.

John is also concerned about industrial properties. Example would be refineries where the town has built around the complex, would like to see these protected from annexation into the city.

Carl Seilstad suggested generic language to waive right away subdivisions to protest industrial sites.

Jim Reno said if this is not taken care of it could impact future industry's moving into the state.

There was also discussion on private roads in subdivisions and how the homeowner association does not keep roads up which makes for bad neighbors.

### **LUNCH WAS SERVED**

### **NOMINATIONS CONTINUED**

John Ostland moved that Cindy Johnson be nominated for MACo Fiscal Officer. Phil Hathaway seconded the motion.

District 6 & 7 supports the nominations of Greg Chilcott, Vic Miller, Andy Hunthausen and Connie Eissinger for Second Vice President. This was moved by Carl Seilstad.

### **MISC. TOPICS**

Title III money was discussed, Search and Rescue and Sheriff are not submitting for reimbursement, each can apply for \$6000.00, which can be used on communication equipment.

HB 273-Energy Performance Contracting, Dorsey Whitney, will be sending out information.

911 money should be used for replacement cost and not to backfill salaries.

Make sure all Interoperability Montana Towers are insured.

Merlin system problems were discussed. Some treasurers were withholding payments until the States books balanced.

Please get weed surveys returned.

Clean Water Restoration Act would like the word “navigational” out of the language.

### **SHERYL THEN GAVE HER REPORT**

#### **MISC. TOPICS CONTINUED**

Make sure all former elected officials in your county have their names submitted for MACo Centennial Party.

Discussion was held on value and dangers of social networking sites. Also on how to keep computer records and what is of historic value.

The Dept of Justice appropriation for County Attorney services is to be 50% of 85% of district court judges salary.

W.I.R. will be in Billings May 2010. Mike Murray will be installed as President at this meeting.

### **2009 FINAL BILL STATUS REPORT**

Harold gave the Legislative update.

CTEP, food service inspection fees, open cut mining fees, special purpose district.

Sheryl talked about HB 230. Cash incentives for health screening, extension of time elected officials can be out of the state for medical care and still be voting members.

HB 245 compensated absences, HB 208 non-profits can be on the county health plan.

All mail ballots bills died as well as the medical detainee bill.

HB 645-Stimulus funding will require a much higher reporting, but not subject to ARRA reporting. All projects must be complete by September 2010.

Mike McGinley gave his Presidents report saying “Harold and Sheryl worked very long hours representing MACo at the Legislature.”

The day was wrapped up with short presentations by MDT Secondary Road Engineers, Wayne Noem and Gary Larson. As well as Dick Moore representing the DNRC, and Darrell Kirk and Steve Wilkins talking about County Co-OP Fire Review.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED**