DISTRICTS 6 & 7 MEETING MINUTES
Stanford, MT – Stanford City Hall
May 8, 2014

Districts

District 6
X Fergus
X Golden Valley
X Judith Basin
X Musselshell
X Petroleum
X Wheatland

District 7
____ Big Horn
X Carbon
X Stillwater
X Sweet Grass
X Yellowstone

MACo Staff: Harold Blattie, Executive Director; Sheryl Wood, Associate Director; and Shantil Siaperas, Legislative Analyst & Communications Specialist

MACo President & Officers: Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner, MACo President; Maureen Davey, Stillwater County Commissioner, MACo 2nd Vice President; John Prinkki, Carbon County Commissioner, MACo Past President (2006-2007); Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner, MACo Past President (2009-2010)

Guests: Wayne Noem, Montana Department of Transportation

Pledge to Flag

Welcome & Introductions: Ken Ronish, Fergus County called the meeting to order. Bill Annala, Judith Basin County, welcomed everyone. Shantil Siaperas conducted roll call.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

• Districts 6 & 7: June 4, 2013 Minutes
  o MOTION: John Prinkki moved to accept the June 4, 2013 minutes. Tom Bennett, Wheatland County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with correction.
    ▪ CORRECTION: Add John Ostlund, Yellowstone County, John Prinkki, and Carl Seilstad to the MACo President & Officers list.
• District 7: July 25, 2013 Minutes
  o MOTION: Maureen Davey moved to accept the July 25, 2013 minutes. Susan Mosness, Sweet Grass County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

District Chair/Vice Chair Nominations: District 7 Chair & Vice Chair (District 6 Elections Not Until 2015)

• NOMINATION: Bill Wallace, Sweet Grass County, moved to nominate Susan Mosness for Chair. Dennis Shupak, Stillwater County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  o NOTE: Nominations remain open until the election during the fall district meeting.
• NOMINATION: Maureen Davey moved to nominate Jerry Dell, Stillwater County, for Vice Chair. Susan Mosness seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  o NOTE: Nominations remain open until the election during the fall district meeting.

Next District Meeting Host: August 2014
• Sweet Grass County volunteered to host (District 7).
**MACo Officer Nominations:** 2nd Vice President & Fiscal Officer

Harold Blattie: At the previous district meeting (Districts 10 & 11) Todd Devlin, Prairie County, and Ron Stoltz, Ravalli County, were nominated for MACo 2nd Vice President, and Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County, was nominated for MACo Fiscal Officer.

- **NOMINATION:** John Prinkki moved to nominate Todd Devlin for MACo 2nd Vice President. Maureen Davey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **NOMINATION:** John Prinkki moved to nominate Mike McGinley for MACo Fiscal Officer. Jim Reno, Yellowstone County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- There were no further nominations from the Districts 6 & 7 meeting; nominations remain open until the elections at the 2014 Annual Conference in September.

**MACo FY 2015 Preliminary Budget:** Harold Blattie & Sheryl Wood

- **Projected Revenues**
  - Higher Than Anticipated Revenues: Conferences, Total Pool Investment Fee (Health Care Trust, Workers Compensation Trust, Property & Casualty Trust)
  - Dues
  - Tax, Finance & Budget Committee recommendation 1.5 % COLA/CPI
  - NACo – Caremark Prescription Discount Card, Inmate Medical Royalty, Nationwide Retirement Deferred Compensation, US Community Commissions
  - CRS Inmate Medical

- **Expenses**
  - Administration Costs
    - Contracted Services: Commissioners, Clerk & Recorders and Treasurers Handbook
      - Working with Local Government Center (LGC)
    - Convention & Workshop Expense
    - Dues Expense
    - Health Insurance: MACo pays 100% of employee portion of plan (Lewis & Clark County plan)—$25 increase per employee per month
    - Member & Committee Travel: Board and Committee meetings
    - NACo Expense – Travel for NACo Delegation
    - Payroll Expense – No increase for staff built into budget
    - Termination Liability
    - Printing: Cost of printing the MACo Directory and Counties on the Move, LGC (final draft)
    - Professional Services – Auditors
    - Staff Travel
    - Looking to Underspend – $114,000, less travel, vacancy savings
  - Legislative Costs
    - Officers often at Capitol
    - Miscellaneous Expense – MACo’s sack lunch at the Capitol for legislators
    - Staff Travel – To Capitol
  - Annual Conference & Midwinter Conference
    - Haven’t increased registration costs
    - Overspent at Midwinter – Had Department of Emergency Services there; balanced out with Annual
  - Building 1
    - Didn’t do the deck or seal the parking lot last year, so it’s still budgeted
    - Did do the other building’s deck – safety issue
    - Building Appraisals
    - Land Lease Expense
    - Maintenance – Service agreements and phone
    - Telephone – Issue with T1 line and internet; found out the T1 line was installed as a failsafe; looking at alternatives
• Remodel front desk area – Better services and security
  o Board of Directors meet June 25 to adopt the budget: Questions should be directed to District Chairs, Harold Blattie, or Sheryl Wood

• Discussion
  o Jim Reno: With today’s age, and the confidential information dealt with, we should explore cameras and motion sensors. The Price has gone down.
  o Sheryl Wood: We will bring it up to the board.

**MACo Updates from Staff:** Sheryl Wood

• Health Care Trust Workshops
  o ACA Workshops on Compliance – notification in next month or two
  o Open to all members, not just Trust members

• Model Personnel Policies

**Succession Planning Report**
Joe Briggs, MACo President, Cascade County Commissioner

• Reviewed Operation (including Trusts being under MACo’s umbrella) – Better off keeping entities under MACo
• MACo used to be primarily legislative, but not anymore – Growth
• Harold & Sheryl’s Time – Segmented, during the Legislative Session, they are both at the Capitol; no direct management of staff
• Two Divisions: Office Management and Policy Management
• Legislative Position – Open, asked not to fill; split into operations side and policy side (Executive Director oversees both)
  o Funding – Not using any additional funds; use extra legislative position and move Sheryl into the operations side
• Harold agreeable to consulting
• Documenting Process – Future guidance and history

**MACo President’s & Officers’ Report**
Joe Briggs, MACo President, Cascade County Commissioner

• Jail Advisory Group (JAG) Update
  o Jail Standards
  o Make Commissions aware of true costs of jail
  o Suicides
  o Intake questions
  o Will likely come up during the 2015 Legislative Session – Can show the work from the group of stakeholders’ taskforce (about 30 as of now)
    ▪ Standards adopted by MACo & list of counties
    ▪ Peer Review Process
  o Board of Crime Control Grant

• State Interoperability Governance Board (SIGB) & 9-1-1 Advisory Council
  o SIGB
    ▪ No funding source—last of money allocated last month
    ▪ Montana Highway Patrol has been funding majority of transport system—don’t want to be the ones to maintain
    ▪ MDT never converted to it
    ▪ SIGB also responsible for FirstNet (data network for first responders)
  o 9-1-1 Advisory Council
    ▪ Asked via email if they wanted to merge with SIGB (Governor asked SIGB for recommendation on putting 9-1-1 under SIGB)

**Lunch Break**
**Legislative Report:** Harold Blattie, Sheryl Wood, Shantil Siaperas

- **SJR 14**, Resolution Requesting an Interim Study of Local Government Election Procedures
  - Assigned to State Administration & Veterans Affairs Interim Committee
  - Focus on cleaning up election statutes
- **HJR 2**, Interim Study Investigating State/Local Government Electronic Records Management
  - Assigned to Education & Local Government Interim Committee
  - Two potential bills: 1.) Revise & reorganize Montana’s open record laws (Title 2 Chapter 6); 2.) Montana Historical Society Digital Archives Consultant
  - Committee Report – State enterprise system recommendation
    - SITSD is working on this already and welcomes local governments to participate
- **SJ 15**, Study of Public Land Management
  - Assigned to Environmental Quality Council
  - Meet via conference call other week
  - Counties and some Commissions divided – MACO hasn’t taken a position
  - NACo has a “state’s right” resolution
- **Infrastructure Funding**
  - Mainly municipalities, water & sewer
- **Legislative Council** – Looking at shortening legislative session
- **Economic Affairs** – Looking at restructuring State Fund, put under Insurance Commissioner
- **Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee** – Prepaid wireless; Oregon passed statute where prepaids are helping pay
- **IT Council** – System to replace LAWS, current system is antiquated
- **Revenue & Transportation Interim Committee** – Tax Increment Financing Districts, State Tax Appeal Board
- **Water Policy Interim Committee** – Rejected proposed Administrative Rules for exempt wells
  - Water Compact – Not a MACo issue—neutral; limited number of counties impacted
- **Pensions** – Recovering, not sound yet; rates will go up 0.1%
  - MPERA – New Executive Director, Dore Schwinden
  - Looking for two new Board Members
  - Sheriffs’ Retirement System (SRS) – Not actuarially sound; potential 1% employer/employee contribution increase and looking for possible 3rd source of funding (only system without the 3rd source)
  - Dispatchers
  - GASB 68 Implementation
- **Mental Health**
  - MACo Subcommittee on Mental Health
  - Stakeholders Meeting in February
  - Children, Families, Health & Human Service Interim Committee: Studying health centers
    - Bill to expand HB 130 grants
    - Bill to expand HB 131 dollars (empty bed/full bed reallocation)
    - Emergency crisis response team: expand from 5 to 10 or 15
    - Possible 16-bed facility
  - Comment: Carl Seilstad – South Central Mental Health (SCMH) voted to expand Medicaid
- **Inmate Medical**
  - Oregon law (just passed): Incarcerated individuals won’t lose medical coverage
  - Affordable Care Act & Medicaid Expansion
- **Satellite Voting**
  - Upcoming Federal District Court: June 30
  - Possible Impact: Sequential ballots, need at least two machines, personnel costs, training
- **E-911**: Extend the sunset on the 84-16 split on the county’s share of 911 funds
- **MT Votes Database Funding**: Secretary of State funded it over the Interim and wanted to work local governments on future funding – it’s a state function and federally required
• Notice by Posting: Municipalities have "notice by posting" and counties should have the same ability (language for counties is needed)
• Historic Rights-of-Way: Sunsets in 2015
• Local Government Center Funding: Lost half last session—was made clear that local governments and schools need to come up with the funding
• Special District Minutes: Require that they file with Clerk & Recorder
• Audit Threshold for Public Entities: Decouple from Federal Level—put hard number into statute ($500,000)
• Antiquated Statute: 7-14-2606
• Board of County Printing Administrative Rules: No one commented—increase of $1 per folio as of July 1
• Council of County Officials (CCO): Looking at elected officials’ salaries
• Unintroduced Bills List: Preliminary, will continue to grow
• Ballot Initiatives
  o “Top Two”: The top two vote-getters, irrespective of party affiliation, would go to the general election—Supreme Court removed
  o Reclassify Cable Companies’ Property Tax Valuations: Charter/Bresnan
• Discussion: CDL/Firefighter returning from fire

**Proposed Resolutions**
• TIFs: Presented by Jim Reno
  o Not voted on by Yellowstone County (District 7) yet
  o “Once a property ‘sunsets’ in an Urban Renewal TIFD, it cannot be subject to a second Urban Renewal TIFD without the consent of all applicable taxing jurisdictions.”
• Collection of Wind Generation Impact Fees: Presented by Richard Moe, Wheatland County, District 6
  o 15-24-3004: 1.5%,
  o Legislature: 0.5%
  o Analyst: 1.5 %
  o Cleanup Bill
  o Resolution to be drafted for next district meeting
• Three resolutions from Midwinter: Presented by John Prinkki
  o NACo Committees adopted them.
  o Carbon County (District 7) will look at adopting them.
    ▪ Public Lands Management
    ▪ Equal Access to Justice
    ▪ Endangered Species Act

**Federal Lands Access Program Status Report:** Wayne Noem, Montana Department of Transportation, and Harold Blattie
• President’s Proposal: Local match reduction from 13.2% to 5%
• Surface Preservation Projects
• Capitol Enhancement Projects

**Other District Business**
• Salish Kootenia Water Compact, Melissa Hornbein, Attorney, Water Compact Commission

**STIP & Secondary Roads:** Wayne Noem
• Secondary Roads
• STIP
• Off-system Bridges

**Meeting Adjourned**