

**MACo Districts 8, 9 & 12**  
**Friday, June 2, 2006            10:00 a.m.**  
**Whitehall, Borden's Restaurant, 105 W. Legion**

**MINUTES**

1. Roll Call & Introductions: Ken Weber, Jefferson County, opened the meeting and conducted roll call. The following counties were present:

<b><u>District 8</u></b>	<b><u>District 9</u></b>	<b><u>District 12</u></b>
√ Broadwater Co.	√ Gallatin Co.	Anaconda – DL Co.
√ Jefferson Co.	√ Meagher Co.	√ Beaverhead Co.
√ Lewis & Clark Co.	√ Park Co.	Butte-Silver Bow Co.
		√ Granite Co.
		√ Madison County
		√ Powell County

2. Approval of the Minutes – May 12, 2005 – The minutes were approved.

3. District & County Resolutions

- a. Mail Ballot Elections – A resolution was presented regarding authorizing mail ballot elections in Federal elections. Following discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion was held regarding the number of votes per county on district meeting items. Harold Blattie, MACo Executive Director, noted that the MACo by-laws are silent on the issue. It was moved and seconded that each county has one vote per issue at District Meetings. Motion carried.
- c. Aging Services – A resolution was introduced to support funding for aging services. With the growth in Montana's aging population, there will be significant impacts on local social and human services for the aged. It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried.
- d. Affects of CI-97 – Stop Over Spending. This Initiative will cap government spending limits – and has created serious problems in Colorado who passed a "TABOR" initiative, as the costs of services outpace inflation. It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried.
- e. Summer Youth Employment – A resolution was presented that would create a summer youth employment program, to be funded by the State. Following discussion – it was moved and seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

4. Legislative Interim Committee Reports – Harold Blattie and Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director, gave reports on Interim Committee activities and upcoming legislative proposals for County Attorney Salaries, Entitlement Share adjustments for Public Defender costs, youth court costs, and identity theft.

5. Ballot Initiatives and Commissioner Involvement – Jack Holstrom, MACo JPIA Personnel Services Administrator, gave a presentation on the ethics of commissioner involvement in ballot initiative issues. He informed the group that commissioners can act as individuals and use their name, however cannot use county facilities or time to draft articles, letters to the editor, etc.
6. CI-97 – Sanna Porte from MEA-MFT gave an overview of the impacts on CI-97, the stop overspending initiative and how it could negatively affect school and local government funding.
7. MACo Budget - Harold reported on the proposed FY 07 Budget that will be adopted by the Board of Directors.
8. Nationwide Retirement Solutions – Harold gave an overview of the Nationwide Program and reminded counties that this is a source of revenue for the Association. He proposed that counties consider when salary increases are given for the fiscal year, that the county consider placing an amount in the plan for employees and having the employees match it.
9. Nominations/Elections of District Chairs and Vice Chairs. The following district chairs and vice chairs were nominated and elected:

District 8: Tom Lythgoe, Chair	Mike Murray, Vice Chair	2 year terms
District 9: Bernie Lucas, Chair	Jim Durgan, Vice Chair	1 year term
District 10: Tom Rice, Chair	Suzy Browning, Vice Chair	2 year terms

These officers assume their offices at the September Annual Conference.

10. Nominations for MACo 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner was nominated.
11. DNRC – Pat Cross presented the fire restriction and closure processes for the 2006 fire season and reported on the interim committee work on HJR 10 – changes to fire laws.
12. Jane Smilie & Judy Garrity, DPHHS, reported on the Public Health Modernization Project and the proposed legislation to update the public health laws.
13. Wayne Noem and Gary Larson, MDOT, gave a presentation on Secondary Roads and STIP issues.
14. Next meeting – Madison County offered to host the August meeting.