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MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

2020

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FEBRUARY 10-13

2020 CONFERENCE VENUE

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On behalf of MACo, I would like to extend a warm welcome to your 2020 Midwinter Conference. I can’t believe how fast my year is going. It seems like we were just here in Great Falls. As we begin a new year, I am excited for these meetings. Our organization is important to the future of Montana, and our voice is vital.

The committee meetings we are all attending are very important. Please ask questions and get involved. It’s your involvement as we go forward that is essential to guiding us into the future. These discussions are key to us learning, and they bring forth resolutions that develop into legislative bills, and hopefully they become laws that we work under. It’s our time to make a difference.

Thank you to all the Commissioners, Elected Officials, O.E.M. Coordinators, Presenters, Vendors, and Staff for being here. Our meetings are successful because of all of you.

As you attend your committee meetings and general sessions, I would like you to thank MACo’s staff members. They work very hard putting together this conference, and I truly appreciate all you do! A big Thank You.

Again, this will be a great conference! Every session has information that benefits your counties. Make sure to visit the vendor booths. See what they have to offer, and thank them for their continued support.

A big thank you to Cascade County and to the City of Great Falls for their hospitality.

Shane Gorder, President
Montana Association of Counties
Richland County Commissioner
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OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Montana Association of Clerk & Recorders/Election Administrators (MACR) is meeting at the Holiday Inn-Convention Center for their Election Admin. Certification & Midwinter Conference February 10-12.

### MACo Conference On-site Registration in the Lobby:

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### Monday, February 10th

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**
- **WCT/PCT Trustees Meeting**
  - American Room

**12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.**
- **HCT Trustees Lunch Meeting**
  - Lewis/Clark Rooms

**1:00 p.m.**
- *Exhibitors Begin Set-up*
  - Convention Area

**2:00-3:30 p.m.**
- **MACo Committee Meetings**

  Attendees who are not MACo committee members are encouraged to participate in the committee meeting(s) of their choice.

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**MACo Committee Meetings Continue**

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<td><strong>MT Coalition of Forest Counties Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>5:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>6-County Fort Peck Lake Group Meeting</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MT Reservation Counties Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>Presenters: Delila Bruno, MT Disaster &amp; Emergency Services (DES) Administrator</td>
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<td>Presenters: Eric Bryson, MACo Executive Director</td>
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<td>Mitigation (Group Discussion)</td>
<td>Moderator: Sara Hartley, MT DES</td>
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<td>Recovery (Group Discussion)</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>Breakout Session: MT Natural Resource Coalition of Counties Presentation</td>
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<td>Response Preparedness (Group Discussion)</td>
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<td>Moderator: Audrey Walleser, MT DES</td>
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<td>Urban Counties Meeting</td>
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<td><strong>How You Can Help</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Wrap-up &amp; Closing Remarks</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MACo Board of Directors’ Dinner Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>• Federal Issues – Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner, and</td>
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<td>Presenter: John Hines, VP of Energy Supply, Northwest Energy</td>
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WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

1:00-2:00 p.m.  Cyber Security Basics for Elected Officials
American/Britain Rooms

Presenter: Brian McGinnis, IT Director, Richland County

Over the past year, a combination of events and technologies have converged to make even our small counties in Montana desirable targets for cybercriminals from around the world. Why is this? And what can you do as Commissioners to reduce your county’s exposure and recovery time in an increasingly unsafe world? Join us for this informative session, and get the answers to these questions.

2:00-2:30 p.m.  Public Safety Radio
American/Britain Rooms

Presenter: Colonel Tom Butler

2:30-3:00 p.m.  Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors (Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)
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3:00-5:00 p.m.  MACo Workers’ Compensation and Property & Casualty Trusts Membership Meeting
American/Britain Room

5:00 p.m.  MACo “Pool Party”
EVERYONE WELCOME!
Convention Area

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**Wednesday Afternoon at the MACR Conference**

The Montana Association of Clerk & Recorders/Election Administrators (MACR) is meeting at the Holiday Inn-Convention Center for their Election Administrator Certification & Midwinter Conference.

**1:30-2:00 p.m.**
Legislative Update
Holiday Inn-Convention Center
Speaker: Shantil Siaperas, MACR Lobbyist/MACo Communications Director

**2:00-3:00 p.m.**
General Business
Holiday Inn-Convention Center

**Thursday, February 13th Montana Military Day**

**8:00-8:15 am**
Mike Flaherty, Montana ESGR Training Director (Volunteer)
American/Britain/Canadian Rooms

**8:15 -8:45 am**
Colonel Buel Dickson, Commander 120th Airlift Wing

**8:45 -9:15 am**
Colonel Russel Williford, Vice Commander 341st Missile Wing

**9:15 -9:30 am**
Shane Etzwiler, Montana Defense Alliance

**9:30 -10:00 am**
Major General Matt Quinn, Montana Adjutant General of Montana

**10:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon**
Tour of the Montana Air National Guard Facilities at Gore Hill

**Safe Travels Home!**
MACo’s Upcoming Events

March 24, 2020
MACo PCT Internal Controls/Fraud Prevention Training
Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell

March 25, 2020
MACo PCT Internal Controls/Fraud Prevention Training
Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn

March 26, 2020
MACo PCT Internal Controls/Fraud Prevention Training
Holiday Inn, Great Falls

April 7-8, 2020
MACo WCT/PCT Trustees Rate Setting Meetings
MACo Conference Room, Helena

May 5, 2020
MACo PCT Internal Controls/Fraud Prevention Training
Cottonwood Inn, Glasgow

May 6, 2020
MACo PCT Internal Controls/Fraud Prevention Training
Sleep Inn, Miles City

May 7, 2020
MACo PCT Internal Controls/Fraud Prevention Training
Billings Hotel & Convention Center

June 17, 2020
MACo Board of Directors & MACo HCT/PCT/WCT
Budget Adoption Meetings
MACo Conference Room, Helena

September 27-30, 2020
MACo 111th Annual Conference
Delta Hotel Colonial, Helena

December 7-9, 2020
MACo Elected Officials Training
Delta Hotel Colonial, Helena
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**MACo’s History, Vision & Goals**

**HOW WE GOT HERE . . .**

The “Montana Association of County Commissioners” was formed in January 1909, for the purposes of providing advocacy on behalf of its members at the State Legislature. In 1973, the Association was reorganized as the “Montana Association of Counties” to allow for the creation of a permanent office and authorized the hiring of an Executive Director and appropriate staff.

In 1985, a group of Montana counties banded together to create the “MACo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Workers’ Compensation Trust,” in response to rapidly increasing costs for workers’ compensation coverage for county employees. In 2015, the Trust was renamed to the “Workers Compensation Trust (WCT).”

In 1986, the “MACo Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA)” was created to provide liability and general insurance coverage for member counties, in response to the change in the market which made policies for certain liability coverages unavailable and/or unaffordable for members. In 2015, the Trust was renamed to the “Property & Casualty Trust (PCT).”

In 1999, the MACo Administration building was built, with ownership equally shared between MACo, the JPA (now the WCT) and the JPIA (now the PCT).

In 2005, the “MACo Health Care Trust (HCT)” was created to provide group health benefits to member counties and special districts.

In 2006, a second building was built by the PCT/WCT.

MACo as an Association provides third-party administration services to the HCT, PCT, and WCT through annual service agreements.
Following extensive due diligence by the Boards of the Trusts, it was determined that bringing services in-house and hiring staff would save members considerably, by eliminating the continually increasing costs of third-party administrators and contracts:

- In July 1992, PCT marketing was brought in-house.
- In October 1987, WCT Risk Management was brought in-house
- In January 2006, PCT/WCT claims administration was brought in-house.
- In April 2007, HCT Administration, marketing, and member services were brought in-house.
- In October 2008, Legal Counsel and Defense Services were brought in-house.

**MACo’s Vision Statement**

MACo enhances the public service mission of counties by promoting integrity and providing proactive leadership while acknowledging and respecting Montana’s diversity.

**MACo’s Goals**

1. To educate and develop relationships with legislators, state officials, and local elected officials regarding county structure, budgeting, and operations;

2. To provide education on self-determination techniques, such as charter government, functional consolidation, and facilitating agreements;

3. To educate the public using press releases distributed to local media to market county government; and

4. To promote effective tax reform including consideration of general sales tax.
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