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WELCOME FROM THE MACO PRESIDENT



DOUG MARTENS

MACO PRESIDENT 2020-2021

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The Midwinter conference this year, promises to be exciting. We are scheduled to have Senator Daines, Governor Gianforte, and Representative Rosendale at the conference this year. There will be other special guests as well. We are still waiting on confirmation for some.

I can't stress enough the importance of meeting in person to get realigned with leg-

islative priorities. We need to hear from our staff about how things are going and be able to give them some input.

We did decide to move the meeting to Butte as opposed to Helena since we were not going to be able to meet in person in Helena. I am so tired of COVID-19. I do feel we are on our way to the end. Please follow whatever guidelines we need to in Butte, I'm not sure what they are yet, but we will be providing that information at check in I'm sure.

I tried to give everybody committee assignments in their top two choices; however, there were some scheduling conflicts because some committees meet at the same time. Regarding committees, they usually meet individually during the conference; however, due to limited time and space, they will not be convening separately.

Please know that when the committees do convene, that you are always encouraged to attend any committee meeting that you're interested in. Your voice is important and will be heard.

In closing I am excited to see everybody in person. It has been way too long. For those of you who are new, please don't hesitate to ask one of the old timers if you have any questions. Please come and plan to enjoy yourself. I'll see you there.

Doug Martens

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Doug Martens'.

President

Montana Association of Counties

Rosebud County Commissioner

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OUR CONFERENCE VENUE

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IN COMMON AREAS & MEETING ROOMS**

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MACo MIDWINTER AGENDA



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ON-SITE REGISTRATION IN THE LOBBY

Thursday, February 25th 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, February 26th 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 27th 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

11:00 a.m.

Exhibitors Begin Set-up

Dwell Room & Hallway

1:00-1:30 p.m.

MACo Opening General Session

King Ballroom

Presiding: Doug Martens, MACo President, Rosebud County
Commissioner

1. Welcome – Chief Executive J.P. Gallagher, Butte Silver-Bow
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Brief Welcome

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Department of Environmental Quality

(In-person Participant)

Chris Dorrington, Director, DEQ

2:30-3:00 p.m.

Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors

Dwell Room & Hallway

(Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation (Zoom Panelist)**

Amanda Kaster, Director, DNRC

4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Budget Director Kurt Alme
(Zoom Panelist)**

4:30-5:00 p.m.

**Senator Jon Tester
(Zoom Panelist)**

5:00-6:30 p.m.

King Ballroom

**Board of Directors' Meeting
(In-person with Zoom Option)**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

6:45-8:00 a.m.

Copper 5 Room

PCT Breakfast Meeting

8:00-10:00 a.m.

King Ballroom

PCT/WCT Membership Meeting
[Members Click Here for Virtual Access»](#)

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Dwell Room & Hallway

**Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors
(Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)**

10:30 a.m.

King Ballroom

General Session

Presiding: Doug Martens, MACo President

- ◆ Chief Executive J.P. Gallagher Re-Welcome!

10:30-11:00 a.m.

King Ballroom

Jack Morgan, National Association of Counties (Zoom Panelist)

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Brendan Beatty, Director, DOR

Department of Revenue
(In-person Participant)

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

Copper Ballroom

Lunch

Speaker: Governor Greg Gianforte

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**Allegiance Benefit Plan
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1:00-1:30 p.m.

King Ballroom

Senator Steve Daines
(In-person Participant)

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Scott Osterman, Director, DOC

Department of Commerce
(In-person Participant with Staff via Zoom)

2:30-3:00 p.m.

Dwell Room & Hallway

Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors
(Exhibitor/Sponsor Trade Show)

3:00-3:45 p.m.

Brian Gootkin, Director, DOC

Department of Corrections
(In-person Participant)

FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Department of Transportation
(In-person Participant)

Mack Long, Director, DoT

4:30-5:00 p.m.

Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
(In-person Participant)

Misty Kuhl, Director, Office of Indian Affairs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

6:45-8:00 am

HCT Breakfast Meeting

Copper 5 Room

8:00 a.m.

General Session

King Ballroom

Presiding: Doug Martens, MACo President, Rosebud County
Commissioner

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Legislative Leadership

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Representative Matt Rosendale
(Zoom Panelist)

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Legislative Update
(In-person Participant)

MACo Staff



MACo's UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 6-7 2021

MACo WCT/PCT Trustees Rate Setting Meetings
MACo Conference Room, Helena

JUNE 16, 2021

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

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2021

MACo 112th Annual Conference
Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell

DECEMBER 6-8, 2021

MACo Elected Officials Training
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MACO'S VISION & GOALS

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.

MACo's HISTORY

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.

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