

# ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' TRAINING

PRESENTED BY THE MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER

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December 6-8, 2021



# MACO OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jason Strouf..... President, Custer County  
Roman Zylawy ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mineral County  
Ross Butcher ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Fergus County  
Doug Martens ..... Immediate Past President, Rosebud County  
Mike McGinley ..... Fiscal Officer, Beaverhead County  
Denis Pitman ..... Urban County Rep., Yellowstone County

## 2020-2021 DISTRICT CHAIRS

Gary Macdonald..... District #1, Roosevelt County  
Jerry Collins ..... District #2, Garfield County  
Kevin Krausz ..... District #3, Custer County  
Larry Hendrickson ..... District #4, Liberty County  
Mary Ann Harwood..... District #5, Toole County  
Sandy Youngbauer ..... District #6, Fergus County  
Bill Wallace..... District #7, Sweet Grass County  
Andy Hunthausen ..... District #8, Lewis & Clark County  
Bill Berg ..... District #9, Park County  
Pam Holmquist..... District #10, Flathead County  
Dave Strohmaier ..... District #11, Missoula County  
Tom Rice..... District #12, Beaverhead County

## PAST PRESIDENTS

Shane Gorder, Richland County ..... 2019-2020  
Bill Barron, Lake County ..... 2017-2018  
Todd Devlin, Prairie County ..... 2016-2017  
Joe Briggs, Cascade County ..... 2013-2014  
Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County..... 2012-2013  
John Ostlund, Yellowstone County ..... 2010-2011  
Carl Seilstad, Fergus County..... 2009-2010  
Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County ..... 2008-2009  
Carol Brooker, Sanders County ..... 2002-2004  
Bob Mullen, Jefferson County..... 1985-1986

## ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Leo Gallagher ..... County Attorneys, Lewis & Clark County  
Treva Nelson ..... Clerk & Records, Toole County  
Elizabeth Ball..... Clerks of District Court, Rosebud County  
Carly Anderson..... Clerks of District Court, Beaverhead County  
Audrey Barge..... Magistrates, Hill County  
Susan Beley ..... School Superintendents, Wheatland County  
Steve Holton..... Sheriffs & Peace Officers, Ravalli County  
Dan Whitesitt ..... Treasurers, Ravalli County

# AGENDA

## WELCOME MONTANA COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS!

We have an excellent slate of presenters covering public sector governance, ethics, personnel, and finance management.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

9:00-10:30a.m.      MACo Board of Directors Meeting      Capital Room

10:30-11:00a.m.      MACo WCT Trustees Audit Review & Acceptance      Legislative/Judicial

11:00a.m. -1:00p.m.      Registration      Lobby

1:00-2:30p.m.      Elected Official Leadership      Legislative/Judicial

*Presenter: Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center*

2:30-2:45p.m.      Break

2:45-5:00p.m.      Real Colors: Emotional Intelligence for Local Leaders      Legislative/Judicial

*Presenters: Ashley Kent, Associate Director, MSU Local Government Center and Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center*

5:30p.m.      Dinner and Welcome      Natatorium

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

7:30-8:00a.m.      Registration      Lobby

8:00-9:45a.m.      Human Resources Management & Human Resources Risk Issues      Executive

*Presenter: McKenzie McCarthy, MACo General Counsel*

9:45-10:00 a.m.      Break

10:00-11:00a.m.      County Taxation Part I      Executive

*Presenter: MSU Local Government Center*

11:00a.m.- 12:00p.m.      County Taxation Part II      Executive

*Presenters: Eric Bryson, MACo Executive Director, and Jason Rittal, MACo Deputy Director*

# AGENDA CONTINUED...

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> CONTINUED...

12:00-1:00p.m.      Lunch      Natatorium

1:00-2:30p.m.      The Montana Code of Ethics      Executive

*Presenter: Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center*

2:30-2:45p.m.      Break

2:45-4:30p.m.      Rotating Table Topics      Executive

Small table discussions with a moderator for a variety of topics.

Topics:

- **Setting Commission Budget Priorities**  
*Ashley Kent, LGC Associate Director*
- **Voter-Local Government Review**  
*Dan Clark, LGC Director*
- **Legislature and Clerk & Recorders**  
*Shantil Siaperas, MACo Communications Director & MACR Lobbyist*
- **Legislature and Treasurers**  
*Rebecca Meyers, MCTA Lobbyist*
- **Sheriffs & Commissioners**  
*Eric Bryson, MACo Executive Director; Sheriff Steve Holton, Ravalli County; Sheriff Mike Linder, Yellowstone County; Sheriff Pat Roos, Custer County; and Sheriff Scott Dunkerson, Granite County*
- **Procurement**  
*Jason Rittal, MACo Deputy Director*
- **Human Resources**  
*McKenzie McCarthy, MACo General Counsel*
- **Health Care Trust**  
*Joanne Romasko, MACo HCT Administrator*
- **Property/Casualty Trust**  
*Shannon Chamberlain, MACo PCT/WCT Administrator*
- **Land Use**  
*Tara DePuy, MACo PCT Land Use Attorney; Karen Alley, MACo Associate General Counsel*

4:30-7:30p.m.      Networking: Meet & Greet MACo Leadership      Natatorium

Dinner on your own - find a group!

# AGENDA CONTINUED...

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

8:00-10:00a.m.

**Budget Creation &  
Implementation**

**Legislative/Judicial**

*Presenters: Darla Erickson, Accounting & Financial Reporting Manager, Local Government Services (LGS), State Financial Services Division (SFSD), Department of Administration (DOA); Kari Powles, Accountant, LGS, SFSD, DOA; and Tami Gunlock, Financial Compliance Manager, LGS, SFSD, DOA*

10:00-10:15a.m.

**Break**

10:15a.m.-12:00p.m.

**Managing County Finances**

**Legislative/Judicial**

*Presenters: Darla Erickson, Accounting & Financial Reporting Manager, Local Government Services (LGS), State Financial Services Division (SFSD), Department of Administration (DOA); Kari Powles, Accountant, LGS, SFSD, DOA; and Tami Gunlock, Financial Compliance Manager, LGS, SFSD, DOA*

12:00p.m.

**Adjourn**

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING,  
AND SAFE TRAVELS HOME!**



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