

MONTANA
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COUNTIES

MACo Executive Committee
March 25, 2008
Conference Call
3:00 p.m.

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Present: Cynthia Johnson, President; Mike McGinley, 1st VP; John Prinkki, Past President; Allan Underdal, Fiscal Officer; Greg Chilcott, Urban Representative; Harold Blattie, MACo Executive Director; Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director.

1) Request for funding to study aging services

Harold informed the Committee that a meeting was held with Senator Jim Peterson regarding "Project 2030". Senator Peterson is pursuing funding from public and private entities to conduct a study to determine whether state revenues are sufficient to support the cost or providing existing services and what major factors contribute to state revenue and disbursement growth.

The proposed budget for the project is \$27,000, with \$20,000 coming from the private sector and \$7,000 from MSU Extension. Dr. Myles Watts and Dr. Paul Polzin, economists with Montana State University would conduct the study with informational help from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Division. A review team of an additional three economists from the public sector would review the project before a final report is published.

The Committee thoroughly vetted and discussed the proposal at length, including the issues of the proposed bi-partisanship study, the legislative process, funding, and local impacts.

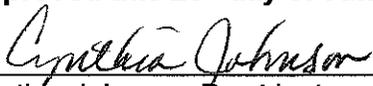
Following the extensive discussion, Mike McGinley moved and Greg Chilcott seconded to authorize budget authority of \$2,500 from the Montana Association of Counties towards Project 2030. Motion carried.

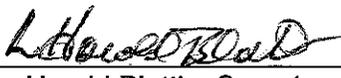
2) Other Business

- a. June Board Meeting – dates are still trying to be established to work around Board members conflicts.
- b. Legal Services Memo - Harold reported this was in response to a letter from Bill Nyby, Sheridan County Commissioner. He asked that if anyone had any comments or amendments, that they be returned by the end of the week to allow for distribution to the membership.

There being no further business, the conference call concluded at 3:20 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of June 2008


Cynthia Johnson, President


L. Harold Blattie, Secretary