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# MICHIGAN COUNTIES

**2023** LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE



# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

## MONDAY | April 24, 2023

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open   Radisson	Radisson Second Floor
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	MACPAC Board Work Session   Radisson	Regency II
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	MCMCFC SESSION: LARA Bureau of Survey and Certification Update   Radisson	Capitol IV
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	MAC SESSION: Going Further Together: Connecting People and Places Through Trails   Radisson	Capitol I
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	MAC SESSION: The Impact of Electric Vehicle Adoption on Road Funding in Michigan   Radisson	Capitol II
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	MAC SESSION: Trial Court Funding   Radisson	Capitol III
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	MACSC Board Meeting   Radisson	Regency II
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibitor Setup   Lansing Center	Banquet Rooms 1-8
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	MCMCFC: Survey Readiness – Daily Quality Assurance Process   Radisson	Capitol IV
4:30 PM - 4:45 PM	MAC Board Executive Committee   Radisson	Boardroom
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM	MAC Board of Directors Meeting   Radisson	Capitol I
	Dinner on your own	

## TUESDAY | April 25, 2023

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
7:45 AM	Registration Desk Open & Exhibitor Setup   Lansing Center	Main Hall
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast   Lansing Center	Banquet Rooms 1-8
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	MCMCFC: Leadership Style – How Much Does It Matter   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 203/204
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Plenary - State of MAC, Legislative Update, NACo - National Perspective on the County Landscape and Priorities   Lansing Center	Banquet Rooms 1-8
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Networking with Exhibitors   Lansing Center	Banquet Rooms 1-8
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	MAC   MCMCFC Joint Session: Opioid Funding from the National Settlement   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 101/102
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	MAC SESSION: Land Banks   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 103/104
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	MAC SESSION: Effective Meetings with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised   Lansing Center	Meeting Room 201
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch with Plenary – Michigan Budget Update   Lansing Center	Banquet Rooms 1-8
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Networking with Exhibitors   Lansing Center	Banquet Rooms 1-8
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	MAC SESSION: Juvenile Justice Reform and Funding   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 101/102
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	MAC SESSION: Michigan's Overlapping Property Tax Limitations Create an Unsustainable Municipal Finance System   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 103/104
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	MAC SESSION: Property Tax Lawsuits   Lansing Center	Meeting Room 201

## TUESDAY | April 25, 2023

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	MCMCFC SESSION: - Michigan's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 203/204
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	MAC Elections   Lansing Center	Various
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	MCMCFC SESSION: Lobby 101   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 203/204
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Legislative Reception & MAC County Advocate Awards   Radisson	Ballroom
	Dinner on your own	
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	President's Hospitality Suite   Radisson	Hotel Room 1128

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8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	MCMCFC Board Meeting   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 203/204
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9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	MAC SESSION: Dams   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 103/104
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	MAC SESSION: SBAM Placemaking Panel   Lansing Center	Meeting Room 201
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Boxed Lunch Pickup   Lansing Center	Various
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Swearing-in of MAC Board Members   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 101/102
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	MCMCFC Committee Meeting - Program & Quality   Lansing Center	Meeting Rooms 203/204

### OPIOIDS HELP DESK

Under a partnership with the health policy nonprofit Vital Strategies, MAC has created a staff position to aid our members with all of their planning for opioid settlement funds.

Amy Dolinky is here to provide answers to your opioid settlement questions and assistance with your planning efforts.



**Amy Dolinky**, Technical Adviser, Opioid Settlement Funds Planning and Capacity Building  
Cell: 847.309.4340 | dolinky@micounties.org



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## KEYNOTE: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE COUNTY LANDSCAPE AND PRIORITIES

### **Matthew D. Chase, NACo CEO**

Matthew D. Chase has served as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the National Association of Counties (NACo) since September 2012. As the CEO, he is responsible for the overall management of the only national association representing America's 3,069 county governments, with a national footprint of nearly 40,000 elected officials, 3.6 million county employees and more than \$660 billion in annual public sector investments.



CHASE

Previously, Matt served nearly a decade as executive director of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), representing local government-based regional planning and development organizations. He is a graduate of Hartwick College in Otsego County, New York, and holds a master's degree in political management from George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C. He currently serves on the board of advisors for GWU's Graduate School of Political Management. He is a fellow for the National Academy of Public Administration. He was also a founding board member of Vets' Community Connections.

Matt was raised in Warren and Washington counties in Upstate New York. Matt was introduced to county government by his stepfather who held two elective offices in Washington County: district attorney and judge.

## KEYNOTE: MICHIGAN BUDGET UPDATE

### **Chris Harkins**

Chris Harkins is state budget director. He is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the state's \$70 billion budget and oversees CEPI, OFM, OIAS, and SIGMA.



HARKINS

Prior to serving in the State Budget Office (SBO), Harkins served as director of the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency, where he managed the agency and its staff and ensured that the informational and fiscal needs of the members of the Michigan Senate were met. He also worked at Jackson National Life as a senior policy adviser and spent the preceding decade employed in various roles in state government, most recently within SBO where he served as director of OHHS.

## STATE OF MAC

### **Stephan Currie**

Stephan Currie is the Michigan Association of Counties' fourth executive director since 1968.



CURRIE

Currie began his service at MAC as deputy director in 2011. As deputy director, Currie led MAC's daily operations, plus spurred new initiatives such as CoPro+, a collaborative purchasing program for public entities. As executive director, Currie leads various strategic initiatives for both MAC and the MAC Service Corporation and remains in a leadership role with the CoPro+ program. In September 2017, Currie was named the Strategic Association Leader for 2017 by the Michigan Society of Association Executives.

Prior to joining MAC, Currie was operations manager at Comfort Research in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Hope College with a degree in business administration and has an MBA from Michigan State University.

## MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### **Deena Bosworth**

Deena Bosworth joined MAC in 2011 and became director of governmental affairs in December 2013.

Bosworth previously served as director of legislative relations for the Michigan Attorney General's Office, as assistant county administrator with the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners in Florida and as legislative director and senior policy adviser for the Michigan House Republican Caucus. She has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Western Michigan University.



BOSWORTH

### **Michigan Legislative Leadership**

The leaders of the majority and minority parties in both chambers of the Michigan Legislature will join MAC for a discussion on their priorities and what has changed in Lansing since Democrats gained the majority in the House and Senate for the first time in 40 years. They also will be asked for their views on a variety of county priorities in 2023. The discussion will be moderated by Deena Bosworth, MAC's director of governmental affairs.

- House Speaker Joe Tate, D-Wayne
- House Minority Floor Leader Bryan Posthumus, R-Kent
- Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, D-Kent
- Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt, R-Cass

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## COUNTY ADVOCATE AWARDS WILL HIGHLIGHT LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

State Rep. Julie Rogers, a former MAC Board director and Sen. Jon Bumstead will be honored on April 24 with MAC County Advocate Awards for their work in 2022.

Rogers (D-Kalamazoo) and Bumstead (R-Muskegon) will be presented special plaques by MAC Board President Stan Ponstein and Governmental Affairs Director Deena Bosworth during the Legislative Reception running from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Complimentary beverages and appetizers will be served.

Rogers will be honored for “continually (being) a strong advocate for counties and maintaining a great line of communication with MAC on any legislation or proposals that might affect counties, good or bad.



ROGERS



BUMSTEAD

Bumstead has worked tirelessly on an important and sensitive issue, how to provide a tax break to military veterans while ensuring local governments are not financially penalized. Legislation he filed last year was a product of that work and a major advance in addressing this situation. We here at MAC are hopeful that the Legislature this year will enact Bumstead’s proposal.

## PRESIDENT’S HOSPITALITY SUITE

MAC Board President Stan Ponstein welcomes his colleagues to his suite at the Radisson Hotel (Room 1128) on Tuesday night to catch up after a busy day of conference sessions. Complimentary snacks and beverages.

## EXHIBITOR BINGO

Attendees could win one of two \$250 cash prizes. All attendees will be provided an Exhibitor Bingo card. A completed card enters you in a MAC raffle for the prizes. The prizes will be announced at the end of the Wednesday morning Plenary Session on April 26. **You must be present to win.** For more information on exhibitor bingo, visit the Conference Registration Desk. **Cards must be submitted by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25.**



## CCA GRADUATES TO BE HONORED

MAC will honor its second graduating class of the County Commissioner Academy during the conference.

County Commissioner Academy is a professional development program for commissioners incorporating a series of events and workshops focused on the day-to-day responsibilities of a Michigan county commissioner. Participants earn continuing education “hours” by attending designated events and workshops. “Certification” is offered at two different levels: “Certified” is reached at 10 hours over a two-year cycle, while “Advanced” is reached with 20 hours over a four-year period.

### THIS YEAR’S HONOREES ARE:

#### ADVANCED

- Cathy Pullen, Alger
- Vaughn Begick, Bay
- Roseann Marchetti, Cass
- Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic
- William Miller, Oakland

#### CERTIFIED

- Jim Storey, Allegan
- Mark DeYoung, Allegan
- Gale Dugan, Allegan
- Dean Kapenga, Allegan
- Gary Sauer, Benzie

- Dave Vollrath, Berrien
- Julie Wuerfel, Berrien
- Rayonte Bell, Berrien
- Tom Matthew, Branch
- Randall Hazelbaker, Branch
- Ryan Laylin, Cass
- Dave Pohl, Clinton
- Ken Mitchell, Clinton
- Bob Showers, Clinton
- John Malnar, Delta
- Joe Stevens, Dickinson
- Neil Ahrens, Emmet

- Ellen Ellenburg, Genesee
- Karen Moore, Gladwin
- Rob Hentschel, Grand Traverse
- Steve Vaughn, Huron
- Stan Ponstein, Kent
- Howard Lodholtz, Lake
- Dawn Fuller, Lake
- Mike Patrick, Mackinac
- Don Brown, Macomb
- Richard Schmidt, Manistee
- Jeff Dontz, Manistee
- Marcia Hovey-Wright,

- Muskegon
- Chuck Trapp, Newaygo
- James Maike, Jr., Newaygo
- Ken DeLaat, Newaygo
- Marlene Broemer, Ontonagon
- Henry Mason, Otsego
- Doug Zylstra, Ottawa
- Joe Palamara, Wayne
- Melissa Daub, Wayne
- Ben Townsend, Wexford
- Julie Theobald, Wexford

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# CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

## MONDAY, APRIL 24

**12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Registration Desk Open**

*Radisson – Pre-function Area, 2nd floor*

Snacks and beverages are available in registration area from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

**MACPAC Board Work Session**

*Radisson – Regency II*

**1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MCMCFC Session: LARA Bureau of Survey and Certification Update**

*Radisson – Capitol IV*

*David M. Donahue, BSN, RN | State of Michigan, Department of LARA, Bureau of Survey and Certification*

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is responsible for establishing and maintaining a comprehensive system for state licensing and federal certification to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals receiving care and services in or from health care providers. Licensed and certified providers must comply with these state and federal regulations to operate and offer services. This educational presentation will assist providers in a better understanding of the regulatory processes and changes.

**2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MAC Session: Going Further Together: Connecting People and Places Through Trails**

*Radisson – Capitol I*

*Andrea LaFontaine | Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance*

As Michigan's statewide voice for non-motorized trails, Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance has a unique perspective of trail development and connectivity from various regions throughout the state. We invite you to learn about the projects and initiatives that we have both facilitated and participated in. Examples of these projects include MI Trails Southeast: a collaborative effort in Southeast Michigan that is working with a diverse group of stakeholders to prioritize projects and plan for regional connectivity, our recent efforts advocating for the funding of 35 regionally significant trail projects, or the wayfinding initiative that our Friends at West MI Trails are coordinating. While "our" trails feel local and specific to our own neighborhoods — they are one piece in the large puzzle of Michigan's Network of Trails.

**MAC Session: The Impact of Electric Vehicle Adoption on Road Funding in Michigan**

*Radisson – Capitol II*

*Denise Donohue & Ed Noyola | County Road Association of Michigan*

A week after the new Michigan Legislature was seated, the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) and a group of transportation stakeholders, including MAC, released an independent economic report on "The Impact of Electric Vehicle Adoption on Road Funding in Michigan." The report, prepared by East Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group, details the underpayment of funds for Michigan roads and bridges by electric vehicles (EVs).

The report ran two scenarios showing EVs at either 15% or 25% of new vehicle sales by 2030. If EVs account for 25% of all new vehicle sales, the MTF will not receive \$95M annually by 2030 and will have experienced nearly a half-billion-dollar cumulative loss from 2019 to 2030. The result means that at current prices, by 2030 county road agencies will not be able to resurface 840 miles of local roads — a distance from the city of Monroe to Tahquamenon Falls and back again in both directions — every year.

During this session you will hear from CRA about a proposed pilot project — not another study — for collecting EV revenue to give Michigan the answers we need about a future-forward road funding model that fairly and fully collects road revenue from EVs.

**MAC Session: Trial Court Funding**

*Radisson – Capitol III*

*Michael Bosanac | County of Monroe*

The way in which we fund our court system continues to be in the crosshairs of Michigan Supreme Court hearings and a looming statutory sunset on May 1, 2024. The Michigan Supreme Court may rule the funding model unconstitutional, in which case the state and counties must be prepared to respond immediately to keep courthouse doors open. A 2019 report by the Trial Court Funding Commission recommended short and long-term recommendations to reform our court funding model, however, little progress has been made in the wake of a the COVID-19 pandemic and other constitutional hurdles the Legislature has faced when recommending policy changes. This year is critical in making headway on long-lasting reform, while ensuring proper funding prior to the sunset expiration so our local courts are not financially crippled.

**2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**MACSC Board Meeting**

*Radisson – Regency II*

**3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Exhibitor Setup**

*Lansing Center – Banquet Rooms 1-8*



**3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**MCMCFC Session: Survey Readiness – Daily Quality Assurance Process**

*Radisson – Capitol IV*

*Vickie Burlew | Lebenbom & Rothman Consulting*

Do you live in fear of “there’s a state car in the parking lot?” Are you surprised at the common-sense citations? In this session, we shift the paradigm of preparing for survey when the window opens. Survey readiness occurs every day with QA monitoring. Are you thinking daily QA is too time-consuming? Learn to involve front-line staff in QA. Discover how to take small bites of the elephant.

**4:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.**

**MAC Board Executive Committee**

*Radisson - Boardroom*

**4:45 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.**

**MAC Board of Directors Meeting**

*Radisson – Capitol I*

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

## TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

**7:45 A.M.**

**Registration Desk Open**

*Lansing Center – Main Hall*

**7:45 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**

**Breakfast**

*Lansing Center – Banquet Rooms 1-8*

**8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

**MCMCFC: Leadership Style – How Much Does It Matter?**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 203/204*

*Vickie Burlew | Lebenbom & Rothman Consulting and Kevin Evans | Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility*

In the changing world of long-term care, administrators do not have time to manage — they must lead with purpose. One must be self-aware and understand your style as the first step in growth. In this session, participants will be able to discuss leadership styles including their own. They will be able to evaluate positive and negative leadership traits. At the conclusion, they will be able to construct a self-evaluation plan and plan for change.

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# CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

**9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**

## **Opening Plenary**

*Lansing Center – Banquet Rooms 1-8*

### **State of MAC**

*Stephan Currie | Michigan Association of Counties*

Executive Director Stephan Currie will review association activities over the previous seven months and detail upcoming initiatives, including MAC's 125th Anniversary year.

### **Legislative Update**

*Deena Bosworth | Michigan Association of Counties*

Director of Governmental Affairs Deena Bosworth and her team will review progress on MAC's 2023 legislative priorities in Lansing and how members can be more involved in MAC's advocacy work.

### **National Perspective on the County Landscape and Priorities**

*Matt Chase | National Association of Counties*

Matt Chase, executive director of the National Association of Counties (NACo), will address the conference on the theme of "A National Perspective on the County Landscape and Priorities."

**10:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.**

## **Networking with Exhibitors**

*Lansing Center – Banquet Room 1-8*

**10:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.**

## **MAC & MCMCFC Joint Session: Opioid Funding from the National Settlement**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 101/102*

*Amy Dolinky | Michigan Association of Counties and Matt Walker | Michigan Department of Attorney General*

After years of complex state and local litigation against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturers, counties have begun to receive their first settlement distributions. This presentation will focus on understanding that settlement landscape in Michigan and highlight allowable uses, principles for spending, ideal processes for planning and investing as well as available tools and resources to assist throughout this process.

### **MAC SESSION: Land Banks**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 103/104*

*Emily Doerr | State Land Bank Authority*

Every single county in Michigan can benefit from land bank tools and remember: if your county hasn't created its own county land bank, that's totally okay – the State Land Bank Authority (SLBA) is your land bank partner!! Emily Doerr, Executive Director of the State Land Bank Authority, will share how her team supports both economic development as well as the development of

housing that is attainably priced for moderate-income households (sometimes referred to as "workforce housing") in counties around the state. This can be through the SLBA engaging directly with developers in counties without county land banks or her team coordinates with the county land bank — both have multiple case studies from around the state that Emily will discuss.

### **MAC SESSION: Effective Meetings with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Room 201*

*Julie Pioch | Michigan State University Extension*

Effective meetings start with an understanding of the rules and customs that govern a deliberative assembly; therefore, the workshop will start with a review of the hierarchy of rules that govern county boards including the parliamentary authority (Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised) and the role that customs play in dominating a group's meeting practices. The balance of the workshop will include an overview of parliamentary principles and roles of members in maintaining those principles; steps to making a motion and a short discussion of other commonly used motions that help keep business moving in a meeting.

**11:45 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.**

## **Lunch with Plenary**

*Lansing Center – Banquet Rooms 1-8*

### **Michigan Budget Update**

*Chris Harkins | State of Michigan Budget Office*

State Budget Director Chris Harkins will review the current status of Michigan's finances and the potential effects on county-related programs. He also will be taking questions from MAC's advocacy staff and from the conference audience.

**1:15 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

## **Networking with Exhibitors**

*Lansing Center – Banquet Rooms 1-8*

**2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

### **MAC SESSION: Juvenile Justice Reform and Funding**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 101/102*

*Elizabeth Hertel | Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services*

Michigan's juvenile justice system is in crisis. Bed shortages, a lack of facilities, staffing shortages, and several other factors have led to critical insufficiencies of resources to those in the juvenile justice system. The Michigan Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform provided its recommendations to the legislature in 2019, and work is in progress to implement those recommendations this legislative term. The Department of Health and Human Services, along with the legislature and other stakeholders, are working diligently to craft legislation and provide adequate funding for juvenile justice services.

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# CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

## **MAC SESSION: Michigan's Overlapping Property Tax Limitations Create an Unsustainable Municipal Finance System**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 103/104*

*Eric Lupher | Citizens Research Council of Michigan*

Michigan has property tax limitations that are among the strictest of the states. The Citizens Research Council assessed how the limitations have affected the ability to fund municipal services. In a nutshell: The property tax system is not sustainable. Local government tax revenues are constrained in their growth unless they add new development to their tax bases or increase tax rates. Land cannot continue to be developed indefinitely. Local government officials have responded to Michigan's tax limitations by seeking, and often receiving, increases in tax rates. From 2004 to 2020, the average county tax rate increased 17 percent. But tax rates also are limited. Local governments need revenue that can grow with their economies.

State policymakers must address the root problem — Michigan depends too heavily on the local property tax to fund local government services. A municipal finance system with a robust revenue sharing program and/or alternative tax options could ease the burden on the property tax.

## **MAC SESSION: Property Tax Lawsuits**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Room 201*

*Ted Seitz | Dykema*

Foreclosure lawsuits have swept the county in recent years. From the Michigan Supreme Court to Federal District Courts, States across the county are facing challenges to their property tax foreclosure laws. This session will focus on the cases that affect how counties handle foreclosures, the current state of the law and the potential threats to our laws should decisions be made on the federal level.

## **MCMCFC SESSION: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 203/204*

*Steve Girard | Warner Norcross + Judd LLP*

Participants will learn what the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requires of “public bodies,” including publicly owned health care facilities. We define for you exactly what is a “public body” — which are subject to FOIA and which are not. We discuss how to respond to a request including what records are subject to the law, how to send the information, the time frame to respond and the fees that may be charged. We conclude with how to address an appeal after denying a request.

## **3:15 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.**

### **MAC Elections**

*Lansing Center – various rooms*

Fourteen county commissioners from across Michigan have filed to fill five vacant board seats on the MAC Board of Directors in elections to be held at the 2023 Legislative Conference. In these elections, the following caucuses will meet:

- Region II meets in Room 201
- Region III meets in Room 101
- Region IV meets in Room 102
- Region V meets in Room 103
- Region VI meets in Room 104

Consult the MAC website for more information on the candidates.

## **3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.**

### **MCMCFC Lobby 101**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 203/204*

*Don Haney | Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council*

Participants will learn how to effectively lobby with their state and national representatives in Lansing and Washington, D.C., to share our industry challenges and needs from the government and proposed legislation.

## **4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

### **Legislative Networking Reception**

*Radisson – Ballroom*

State Rep. Julie Rogers, a former MAC Board director, and Sen. Jon Bumstead will be honored with MAC County Advocate Awards for their work in 2022 at this reception, open to all conference attendees and with complimentary beverages and appetizers.

## **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

## **8:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

### **President's Hospitality Suite**

*Radisson - Room 1128*

MAC Board President Stan Ponstein welcomes his colleagues to his suite at the Radisson Hotel on Tuesday night to catch up after a busy day of conference sessions. Complimentary snacks and beverages.

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*Lansing Center – Main Hall*

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**Breakfast**

*Lansing Center – Banquet Rooms 1-8*

**8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.**

**MCMCFC Board Meeting**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 203/204*

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**Plenary – Michigan Legislative Leadership**

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- Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt, R-Cass

**9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.**

**MAC & MCMCFC Joint Session: Human Trafficking: Genesee County’s G.H.O.S.T. Program**

*Lansing Center – Meeting Rooms 101/102*

**Sheriff Chris Swanson | Office of Genesee County Sheriff**

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## **Michael G. Bosanac**

Michael Bosanac is the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer for the County of Monroe. In his role, he is the chief administrative officer of the County and carries out the policies and directives of the governing board. One of the most important responsibilities is the financial management of the County. He also provides day-to-day leadership and long-term strategic planning of the organization. He has held several different administrative and leadership positions throughout his 38 years of public service with the County.

Michael's leadership extends beyond the County. He is chairman of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) a group self-insured public entity pool serving 426 Michigan municipalities in the property and casualty insurance field. He is currently serving his 12th consecutive term as chairman. The MMRMA is a nationally recognized leader in the public entity risk pooling industry. He has also served as the chairman of the Board of Managers of Greenstone Insurance Company, a wholly owned captive of the MMRMA. He is the vice president of the Michigan Association of County Administrative Officers.

In 2017, Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Michael to the Michigan Trial Court Funding Commission as one of 14 appointees to review and recommend changes to the trial court funding system. That work continues.

Michael holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Adrian College and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Toledo.

## **Deena Bosworth**

Deena Bosworth joined MAC in 2011 and became director of governmental affairs in December 2013. Bosworth previously served as director of legislative relations for the Michigan Attorney General's Office, as assistant county administrator with the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners in Florida and as legislative director and senior policy adviser for the Michigan House Republican Caucus. She has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Western Michigan University.

## **Vickie Burlew\***

Vickie Burlew is a mentor and coach to LTC facilities in the area of regulatory and clinical care. She advocates for the homes and their residents, believing that providing person-directed care is the road to compliance. Currently she is employed by Lebenbom & Rothman Consulting working with you for the best outcomes for your elders.

## **Brian Calley**

Brian Calley is a collaborative leader who combines the skills from an accomplished private sector career with an extensive record of public service and a reputation for getting things done. He is passionate about making the world work better for all people and uses an inclusive problem-solving approach to make a difference.

As president and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan, Brian is able to put his passion for Michigan's small businesses to work. He serves as a director of a publicly traded community bank, and as a Trustee of Oakland University. Additionally, he sits on various boards, including Special Olympics Michigan, Sparrow Health System, Disability Rights Michigan, and the Autism Alliance of Michigan.

Calley had the honor of serving as Michigan's 63rd Lieutenant Governor from 2011-2018. Prior to that, Calley served two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, two terms as an Ionia County commissioner and worked for over a decade in community banking. He holds a BA from Michigan State University, an MBA from Grand Valley State University and an MPA from Harvard University.

## **Matthew D. Chase**

Matthew D. Chase has served as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the National Association of Counties (NACo) since September 2012. As the CEO, he is responsible for the overall management of the only national association representing America's 3,069 county governments, with a national footprint of nearly 40,000 elected officials, 3.6 million county employees and more than \$660 billion in annual public sector investments.

Previously, Matt served nearly a decade as executive director of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), representing local government-based regional planning and development organizations. He is a graduate of Hartwick College in Otsego County, New York, and holds a master's degree in political management from George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C. He currently serves on the board of advisors for GWU's Graduate School of Political Management. He is a fellow for the National Academy of Public Administration. He was also a founding board member of Vets' Community Connections.

Matt was raised in Warren and Washington counties in Upstate New York. Matt was introduced to county government by his stepfather who held two elective offices in Washington County: district attorney and judge.



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## **Stephan Currie**

Stephan Currie is the Michigan Association of Counties' fourth executive director since 1968.

Currie began his service at MAC as deputy director in 2011. As deputy director, Currie led MAC's daily operations, plus spurred new initiatives such as CoPro+, a collaborative purchasing program for public entities. As executive director, Currie leads various strategic initiatives for both MAC and the MAC Service Corporation and remains in a leadership role with the CoPro+ program. In September 2017, Currie was named the Strategic Association Leader for 2017 by the Michigan Society of Association Executives.

Prior to joining MAC, Currie was operations manager at Comfort Research in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Hope College with a degree in business administration and has an MBA from Michigan State University.

## **Amy Dolinky**

Amy Dolinky joined MAC in 2022 as the Technical Adviser, Opioid Settlement Funds Planning and Capacity Building.

Prior to joining MAC, she served as a Senior Program Manager, Overdose Data to Action with the CDC Foundation and as the Senior Adviser of Michigan's Opioid Strategy with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, Dolinky served as the Substance Misuse Response Coordinator, leading strategic planning around substance use with Knox County government in Tennessee.

She holds a master's degree in public policy and administration with a focus on global health from Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Loyola University New Orleans.

## **Emily Doerr**

Emily Doerr has served as executive director of the Michigan State Land Bank Authority since October 2020 after serving in various community and economic development and real estate development positions around the state since 2007. She also serves on the board of the McFarlan Senior Housing Corporation in Flint and two in Detroit (Hostel Detroit, which she founded in 2011 and for the Center for Social Entrepreneurship at University of Detroit Mercy, which is where she earned her MBA in 2012). In her "free time," she runs Flint City Bike Tours to showcase cultural, historical, and geographic assets of Flint. She is very honored to serve Michigan's land bank community and excited by the opportunities for attainable housing development by communities through partnering with the State Land Bank or their county land bank.

## **David M. Donahue\***

David Donahue worked in intensive care units prior to joining the state of Michigan in 2012. At the state, he started as a surveyor in the complaints unit until that unit was combined with "Annual Surveys. He was a survey manager for little more than two years before being promoted to his current position as LTC Division director. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve. He has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Wright State University.

## **Denise Donohue**

Denise Donohue joined County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) as the director in 2013. She came to CRA with nine years of association management experience, and 14 years in three different departments of Michigan state government. She holds BS and MA degrees from Michigan State University and is accredited in public relations and association management.

## **Kevin Evans\***

Kevin Evans brings 30 years of health care, hospitality and regulatory experience as well as observations and insights from serving hundreds of workplaces in various capacities to this session. He has seen businesses falter when strong leaders left without a plan for succession or transition.

## **Steve Girard\***

Steve Girard is a partner with the law firm of Warner Norcross + Judd. His clients are predominantly governmental entities and health care facilities. He focuses on educating public board members on their legal fiduciary responsibilities and facilitating administration and leadership in operationalizing state and federal laws.

## **Donald Haney\***

Donald Haney has lobbied at both the state and federal levels for the Medical Group Management Association, the Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards and now for MCMCFC and NACHFa. He has been lobbying for more than 20 years and was an elected school board member for over 18 years.

## **Chris Harkins**

Chris Harkins is state budget director. He is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the state's \$70 billion budget and oversees CEPI, OFM, OIAS and SIGMA.

Prior to serving in the State Budget Office (SBO), Harkins served as director of the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency, where he managed the agency and its staff and ensured that the informational and fiscal needs of the members of the Michigan Senate were met. He also worked at Jackson National Life as a senior policy adviser and spent the preceding decade employed in various roles in state government, most recently within SBO where he served as director of OHHS.

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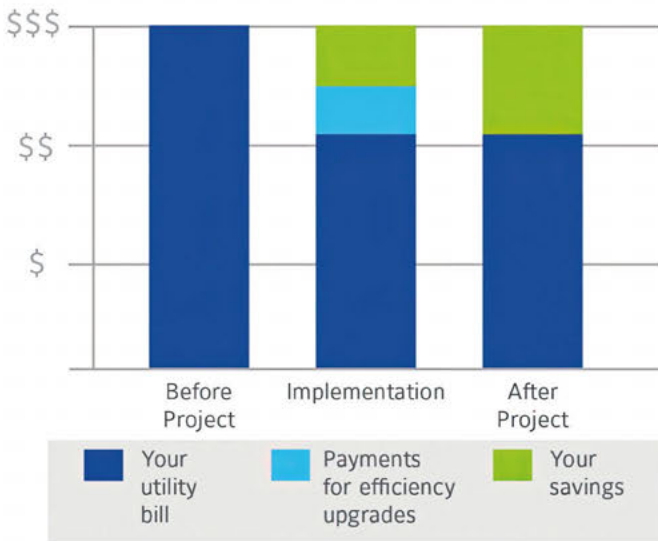
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## **Elizabeth Hertel**

Elizabeth Hertel is the director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Previously, she was senior chief deputy director for administration, where she oversaw external relations and communications, financial operations administration, legislative services, legal affairs, policy & planning, strategic integration, organizational services, workforce engagement and community and faith engagement.

Hertel joined the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) in 2013 as the senior assistant for policy and planning, and in February 2014, was appointed director of Policy and Planning. Following the merger of the Departments of Community Health and Human Services into MDHHS in 2015, Hertel served as senior deputy director for policy, planning and legislative services. In October 2016, she left that position to serve as director of Michigan advocacy for Trinity Health and returned to MDHHS as chief deputy for administration in February 2019.

Prior to joining MDCH, Hertel worked as a senior adviser for health policy in the state House Republican Policy Office and as a legislative assistant to state Rep. Bruce Caswell. She began her tenure in the House in 2005. In 2010, she worked as a consultant with Public Sector Consultants and then as a policy analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield. She returned to the House in 2011.

## **Andrea LaFontaine**

As a collaborator experienced in local, county and state government, Andrea's background in policy, administration and trail building poise Michigan Trails for the future. She has built new partnerships and fostered relationships with communities, businesses, local trail managers and users while encouraging collaboration for the advancement of trail networks throughout Michigan.

Prior to working for MTGA, Andrea spent two years in the Executive Division at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. She came to the Executive Division after serving three consecutive terms representing the former 32nd District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University.

## **Eric Lupher**

Eric Lupher is president of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, an organization of Michigan citizens founded in 1916 to devote continuing attention to state and local government affairs. For more than 100 years, the goal of the Citizens Research Council has been to provide tools to the citizens of Michigan to secure good state and local government. Through its research and publications, the Citizens Research Council

provides an independent, nonpartisan, and objective source of factual information on state and local policy issues.

Eric Lupher has been president of the organization since 2014. He has been with the council since 1987, the first two years as an intern in the Lent Upson-Loren Miller Fellowship Program, and since then as a research associate, director of local affairs, and now president of the organization. During this span, he has done studies on many different state and local government policy issues. Much of his work over the past couple of years has concentrated on local government issues, including government finance, organization, service provision, and the consolidation of local governments.

He has served in leadership positions with the Governmental Research Association and the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC), an advisory body for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), representing the user community on behalf of the Governmental Research Association. He received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree in public administration from Wayne State University.

## **Ed Noyola**

Ed Noyola has been with County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) for 18 years, serving as lead lobbyist and chief deputy director.

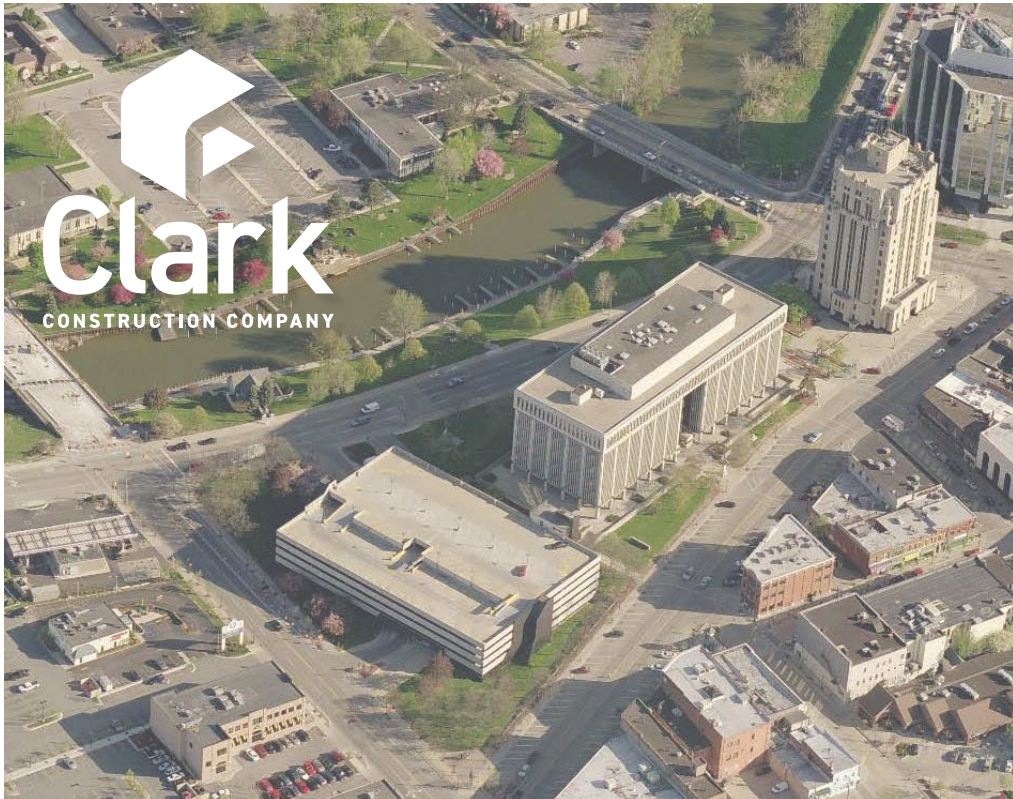
Prior to joining CRA, Ed spent two years at the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association and 27 years at the Michigan Department of Transportation in property acquisition and as legislative liaison. He knows more about road funding and Michigan's infrastructure system than anyone else in Michigan.

## **Julie Pioch**

Julie Pioch is a district director for Michigan State University Extension in Southwest Michigan and has been working with community leaders for almost 30 years. She is a professional registered parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians and has many years of experience serving on elected and appointed governing boards as well as in leadership roles with nonprofit organizations.

## **Steve Roznowski**

Steve Roznowski is a principal and project engineer with Spicer Group. He began as design engineer in the Water Resources Group in 2010. From there, he was promoted to project engineer and then project manager. He became an associate at Spicer Group in 2013, a senior associate in 2016 and a shareholder in the company in 2018. He continues to serve clients from Spicer's Dundee office. He is a licensed professional engineer in both Michigan and Ohio and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University and a master's in civil engineering from Colorado State University.



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## Ted Seitz

For nearly 20 years, Ted Seitz has been a member of Dykema's consumer finance litigation, appellate, and class action teams. Ted has been admitted, appeared and acted as lead trial and appellate counsel in state and federal courts across the country. He also regularly appears before administrative agencies and in mediation, arbitration, and other ADR proceedings.

He represents public corporations, middle-market corporations, and non-profit foundations in a variety of commercial disputes. In the past few years, Ted has developed a pro bono practice devoted to public policy, social justice, and prisoners' rights issues, where he has also been a court-appointed mediator.

## Chris Swanson

Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson is a career police officer with experience spanning nearly three decades, serving in a variety of positions, including corrections, patrol, narcotics, criminal investigation, death investigation, human trafficking

investigation and command operations. Swanson oversees the fifth-largest Sheriff's Office in Michigan and is responsible for creating multiple programs that benefit the Genesee County population.

## Matthew Walker

Matthew Walker joined the Michigan Department of Attorney General in 2019. He currently serves as assistant attorney general in the Corporate Oversight Division. Walker's work specializes in opioids and antitrust matters. Walker is a graduate from Michigan State University Law School. Prior to his work in the Attorney General's Office, he has experience working as a law clerk in the 30th Circuit Court and as a forms and resource analyst with the Michigan State Court Administrative Office.

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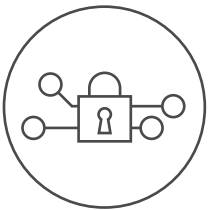
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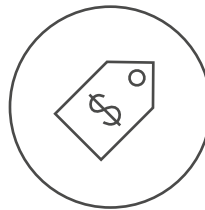
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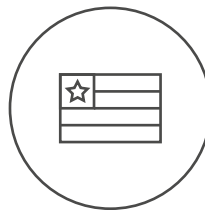
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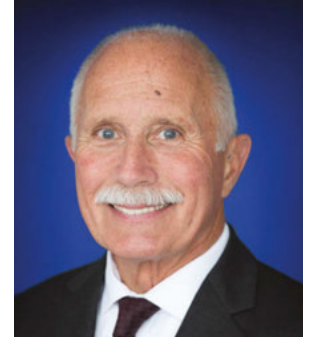
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