



# MICHIGAN COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

**MAC Track**

**April 7-9, 2025**

**AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

<b>MONDAY</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
4/7/2025	4:30 PM	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b> <i>We begin festivities with a Strolling Dinner at 5:30pm</i>
4/7/2025	TIME TBD	<b>MACPAC Board Meeting</b>
4/7/2025	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>MAC Board Meeting</b>
4/7/2025	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Strolling Dinner   Premier Partners Vendor Showcase</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
4/8/2025	7:30 AM	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>
4/8/2025	7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
4/8/2025	8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	<p><b>POD 1: Your Association at Work in 2025</b>            MAC initiatives in 2025 will be the focus of the first pod of the conference:</p> <p>"Legislative Update" by Deena Bosworth will review MAC's 2025 State Priorities, expectations for legislative action in 2025 with a GOP-controlled House and realignments in MAC's Governmental Affairs Team and Political Action Committee.</p> <p>"State of MAC" by Stephan Currie will give a high-level overview of the association.</p> <p>"Learning with MAC" by Derek Melot will walk attendees through MAC's revamped website, changes to the County Commissioner Academy and investments by the association in improved customer service through enhanced data analysis.</p>

**TUESDAY - continued**

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4/8/2025	9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>POD 2: What is Changing in Washington, D.C.</b> Matt Chase, executive director of the National Association of Counties, will review the first few months of the Trump administration and GOP-controlled Congress and what that means for counties as far as policy and fiscal challenges and opportunities in the months ahead.
4/8/2025	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors</b>
4/8/2025	10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>POD 3: Addressing Michigan's Juvenile Bed Shortage</b> In late 2023, sweeping legislation was signed to address the persistent shortage in bed space for juvenile offenders. This pod will review progress made since legislation was enacted and what counties can be doing to assist.
4/8/2025	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>POD 4: Rehmann Sponsored Session - Dealing with Ransomware Attacks: A County Perspective</b> Grand Traverse, Wayne and Wexford counties are among Michigan local governments targeted in recent months with ransomware attacks. Hear from an industry expert and a targeted county on what you can do to make sure your county can defend itself in the digital realm.
4/8/2025	11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
4/8/2025	12:45 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>POD 5: What the Heck is a "Con-Con" Anyway?</b> Michigan is one of 14 states where voters are asked intermittently whether they wish to hold a "Constitutional Convention," or "Con-Con," to revamp its state constitution. The next such vote will be in 2026. Learn what a constitutional convention would mean and how it would operate from an analyst from the nonpartisan Citizens Research Council of Michigan.
4/8/2025	1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>POD 6: Getting Housing Built: How Counties Can Leverage State Resources</b> Michigan's State Housing Partnership is halfway through its five-year plan to boost new housing, yet many MAC members report ongoing shortages in their communities. Learn how county governments can make the most effective use of state resources to get the construction crews going.
4/8/2025	2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors</b>

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4/8/2025	2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	<b>POD 7: Better Roads? That's Gonna Cost You</b> The advocacy group "Fix MI State" says 98,400 miles of Michigan's paved roads are in fair or worse condition and that an additional \$3.9 billion per year is needed to "properly fund road repairs and maintenance." With the cost of reconstructing a single lane-mile of road at \$3.2 million (2022 estimate), what are Michigan's options are getting on top of this infrastructure crisis?
4/8/2025	3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>POD 8: Gallagher Sponsored: Addressing the Healthcare Challenge - County Perspectives and Opportunities</b> Increasing healthcare costs continue to challenge county budgets in 2025 and beyond. Join Gallagher and a panel of your county peers as they discuss the challenges, opportunities, and a variety of solutions for addressing the complexities of providing a cost-effective, quality healthcare program that helps attract and retain talent as part of your overall total compensation package.
4/8/2025	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Networking Reception   Strolling Dinner</b>
4/8/2025	9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	<b>President's Hospitality Suite</b>

**WEDNESDAY**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
4/9/2025	7:30 AM	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>
4/9/2025	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
4/9/2025	8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>POD 9: A Discussion with Michigan's Legislative "Quadrant"</b> MAC has invited new House Speaker Matt Hall, House Minority Leader Ranjeev Puri, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks and Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt to engage in an informal conversation on what to expect out of Lansing in 2025. Audience questions are strongly encouraged to maximize this rare opportunity. Moderated by Kyle Melinn of MIRS News Service.
4/9/2025	9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>POD 10: The Return of "Ax MI Tax"</b> After failing to navigate Michigan's ballot rules in 2024, a small advocacy group is again making the rounds to convince voters to vote away the fiscal foundations of state and local public services in our state. Attorney Steven Liedel of the Dykema law firm will arm attendees with the facts on the fundamental legal inconsistencies in this effort and the fiscal carnage that would result from its passage.

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4/9/2025	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Networking Break</b>
4/9/2025	10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	<p><b>POD 11: Acrisure Sponsored: Navigating Workplace Trends: Practical Strategies for Michigan County Leaders</b></p> <p>Join Sonja Brininger, HR Consultant, as she shares the latest workplace trends affecting the public sector. This session, tailored for Michigan county leaders, will cover practical approaches and strategies for navigating changes in local government workplaces. Drawing from her extensive experience, Sonja will provide valuable insights into enhancing employee engagement, optimizing operations, and implementing effective policies. This presentation aims to offer county leaders the knowledge needed to support their workforce. Attend this session to gain practical advice and perspectives that can help you manage and lead more effectively.</p>
4/9/2025	11:00 AM	<b>Conference concludes/hotel checkout</b>



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