



Executive Committee Minutes
Minnesota Association of County Administrators
Conference Call
Friday, April 20, 2012
9:00 a.m.

President, Sharon Hanson	<u> X </u>	At-Large, Bob Meyer	<u> X </u>
Vice President, Duane Hebert	<u> X </u>	At-Large, Nate Burkett	<u> </u>
Treasurer, Deb Gruber	<u> </u>	At-Large, Sara Folstad	<u> X </u>
Secretary, Luci Botzek	<u> X </u>	AMC Staff, Julie Ring	<u> X </u>
Past President, Molly O'Rourke	<u> X </u>	AMC Staff, Beau Berentson	<u> X </u>

- I. **Call to order** – Sharon Hanson, MACA President, 9:03 a.m.
- II. **Approval of March Executive Committee minutes:** Duane made a motion to approve the minutes, Bob Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. **AMC General Government Policy Analyst – Legislative Updates/Happenings**
Julie ring provided an update of the MAGIC Act. The House GOP will be caucusing the bill this morning. Based on what happens there, AMC will determine next steps. Julie expects that MAGIC will be heard in Ways and Means on Monday. The House author, Carol McFarlane will be meeting with the Governor today on the bill.

The Governor's office does not support the language of Article I, which provides counties authority similar to cities and townships. If AMC is told that the Governor will veto the bill because of Article I, AMC will likely proceed with Article II alone. There is a small fiscal note with the bill that needs to be worked on before Monday. Julie is hopeful that by the end of the AMC Board meeting today a strategy for working on the MAGIC Act will be clear.

The budget reporting mandate bill is in Ways and Means this morning. Because this initiative is part of Reform 2.0, the House is serious about pursuing it. AMC believes the House will be put in the tax omnibus bill because that bill is a difficult one for the House to veto. The Governor's office requested a memo regarding the problems and solutions of the bill. This was sent to the Governor yesterday. Julie expects that if the bill went to the Governor on its own, it would likely be vetoed.

The tax omnibus bill is in conference committee. The broad tax omnibus bill, in the form it is in now, is likely not possible because of the business property tax reduction is included. Beau predicts that there will be a separate technical tax bill that will be passed.

The fireworks bill that allows the sale and use of Class C fireworks in Minnesota is moving through the legislative process. AMC proposes parts of the bill that preempts local governments from any regulations around sale or use, which is a concern for areas in highly populated areas. The senate bill allows counties some regulation for authority and there have been indications that the House authors will take the senate language.

On the environment side, the SSTS bill was passed by the House. On the Senate side, it is included in the environment omnibus bill. The inverse condemnation bill did not meet deadline, so AMC is expecting this bill will not be moving this year.

A Veteran's hiring bill was passed this week which allows counties to give preference to veterans in hiring. AMC is okay with the permissive language of the bill.

HHS has been relatively quiet this year. The VCA formula that AMC has been working on will not be moving forward this year. Julie expects a modification of the formula will be worked on prior to next session with AMC and MICA taking the lead.

The group discussed who has the local authority to develop policies on allowing attorneys to carry. Julie suggested having Ryan Erdmann work to develop some policy guidance in collaboration with the Sherriff's Association. AMC will continue this discussion in the future and the potential for other county staff wanting similar legislation in the future.

- IV. **Follow-Up from Legislative Conference MACA Agenda/Technical Training**
Attendance at this training was similar to previous years. One of the highlights of the training was discussion about establishing relationships with other affiliates. Sharon Hanson asked for comments and suggestions about the training. The committee agreed the affiliate panel was especially helpful and should be given again with affiliates in attendance.

Julie asked for comments on MACSSA. The group was satisfied with the presentation. MACA is looking to have a joint meeting with MACSSA in June/July. In addition, Sharon commented on the importance of establishing a relationship between Eric and Beau to share information. Julie invited the committee to contact her if they need assistance moving forward.

- V. **MACA Fall Conference**

Duane asked committee members with topic ideas to forward them on to him.

VI. MACA Input Process with Affiliates – Meet with MACSSA July 25, 2012- Discuss Agenda

This meeting will focus on how the two groups want to communicate and strategies for accomplishing this. Sharon will send out a draft agenda to members. It was suggested that a discussion occurs about where local government is going in the future with changes such as increased SDA authority. Sharon suggested inviting the MACA board to the meeting.

VII. Committee Assignments

- a. MCIT Board Rep - The MCIT board does the actual appointment, which usually follows the MACA recommendation. The committee discussed having a rotating term for the board. Sharon will contact Robin at MCIT to discuss this possibility. The discussion will take place at a future meeting. The group decided to recommend Chuck Enter for appointment.
- b. Audit Committee – The group decided to send an email is sent out by Beau to membership and see who is interested.

VIII. Committee Updates

- a. IGR- Nothing to report.
- b. Membership – Sharon will send the email with updates from Nate to the committee. There are potentially two new members, Murray County and Kanabec County. The group agreed to send an intro letter to these two new members, encouraging them to join. Molly suggested having a discussion at the next meeting regarding membership dues.
- c. Professional Development – Duane sent out an email to obtain ideas for presenters.
- d. By-Laws – There are firm commitments to serve on this committee. Molly will organize a conference call at the end of May.

IX. Other

Sharon began a discussion about updating the handbook that hasn't been updated since 2009. Beau provided that he could update this during the interim. After the legislature adjourns, Beau will look at how much actually needs updating. Dave Hemze originally coordinated this handbook and would be a beneficial source to start this project. Luci added that the Department of Revenue will provide a useful summary after adjournment.

X. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.