Montana officials attend training institute

06/2/10 Contact: Jen Blessum, (406) 994-6694, <u>jennifer.blessum@montana.edu</u> D, L, W College of Letters and Science, Department of Political Science, General Campus/events

Billings – More than 200 Montana officials attended a recent training institute conducted by the Montana State University Local Government Center at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings.

In all, sessions for three groups were held.

In the first, 101 municipal clerks, treasurers and finance officers attended the 30th annual Montana Municipal Institute for Municipal Clerks, Treasurers and Finance officers. This year, 14 clerks who attended achieved certification from the MSU Local Government Center. The institute is a three-year, 120-hour certification program. Graduating clerks are marked by an asterisk below.

Eighty-six Montana mayors and council members attended the Municipal Elected Officials Workshop. The Local Government Center and the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) developed the workshop in response to requests from local government officials to provide education that addresses the statutory expectations of elected office and how to govern effectively.

The Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) also conducted the Jim Tillotson Service Program providing city attorneys and MMIA defense counsel an opportunity to further their understanding of risk and exposure issues specific to Montana cities and towns.

Those who attended the trainings joined the MSU Local Government Center in celebrating its 25th anniversary. Attendees were:

Anaconda-Deer Lodge Robert Pierce, County Commissioner Neal Warner, County Commissioner

Baker Beverly J. Anderson, Deputy City Clerk

Belgrade *Michelle Clark, Administrative Secretary

Billings Thomas Hanel, Mayor Karla Stanton, Human Resource Director Patrick Weber, Financial Manager *Cari Martin, City Clerk

Bozeman Stacy Ulmen, City Clerk

Bridger William Kroll, Mayor Deanna Hay, Town Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Stevenson, Assistant Town Clerk

Broadus Alveda Hurst, Mayor Peggy Fruit, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Browning Lockley Bremner, Mayor

Cascade Jodie Campbell, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Choteau Jodi Rogers, City Finance Officer Mary Corey, City Deputy Clerk

Colstrip John Williams, Mayor Thomas Jankowski, Council Member Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

Columbia Falls Vickie Ott, City Deputy Clerk/Cashier Barb Torres, City Deputy Clerk/Payroll

Columbus Ronald Barndt, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Conrad John Shevlin, Mayor Wendy Judisch, Council Member Agnes Fowler, City Finance Officer

Cut Bank Timothy Curtiss, Council Member Diana Filban, City Clerk/Treasurer Tina Voise, City Clerk/Treasurer

Darby Rick Scheele, Mayor Evelyn Savochka, Council Member Ned Trowbridge, Council Member Tari Conroy, Town Deputy Clerk

Deer Lodge Mary Ann Fraley, Mayor Marlene Olmstead, Council Member Donna Seaton, City Deputy Clerk

Denton Lori Weinheimer, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Dillon

Martin Malesich, Mayor Richard Achter, Council Member Randy Gustine, Council Member Harvey Lake, Jr., Council Member Ty Cobb, City Treasurer Delores Gregory, City Clerk

Dutton Susan Fleshman, Mayor Cheri Fuhringer, Town Assistant Clerk

East Helena Sandra Milsten, City Clerk/Treasurer

Ekalaka Lisa Jourdan, Town Clerk/Treasurer Ennis John Clark, Mayor John Bancroft, Town Commissioner Diane McPhetres, Town Commissioner Kelly Elser, Public Works Director

Eureka Lisa Flynn, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Fairfield Marlene Banninger, Town Finance Officer

Forsyth Brad Matteson, Mayor John Hill, Council Member Dan Murnion, Council Member Chris Purkett, Council Member Doris Pinkerton, City Clerk/Treasurer Pat Corbin, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Fort Benton Mimi Heydon, City Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parchen, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Fromberg Brenda Kansala, Town Clerk

Glasgow Daniel Carney, Mayor Norm Girard, Council Member Stacey Amundson, City Clerk/Treasurer Tiffany Prongua, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer *Deborah Cusker, Utility Billing Clerk

Glendive Jerry Jimison, Mayor Linda Jones, Council Member Clarence Vallard, Council Member

Grass Range Betty Deeney, Town Clerk/Treasurer Great Falls *Lisa Kunz, City Clerk/Records Manager

Hamilton Jerry Steele, Mayor Jamie Guisinger, City Deputy Clerk

Hardin Kim Hammond, Mayor Rochelle Angevine, City Clerk *Michelle Dyckman, Finance Officer

Harlem William J. Taylor, Mayor Sondra Ashton, Council Member Charles Kulbeck, Council Member *Lorri Williams, City Clerk/Treasurer

Harlowton Geri Hensel, City Clerk/Treasurer

Hot Springs Robert Dobrovolny, Council Member Mendy Estill, Council Member Julie Lazaro, Town Clerk

Joliet John Francis, Council Member Emily Ringer, Council Member Tracy McNeiley, Town Clerk/Treasurer Kalispell Deb Deist, City Treasurer

Kevin Annie Pickering, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Laurel Chuck Dickerson, Council Member

Lewistown Nikki Brummond, City Finance Officer Tonya Vanek, Assistant City Clerk

Libby Doug Roll, Mayor Robin Benson, Council Member Barb Desch, Council Member Vicky Lawrence, Council Member Glena Hook, City Clerk/Treasurer

Lima David Olsen, Mayor Carla Weidinger, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Livingston *Jessie Hogg, Assistant City Finance Officer

Malta Shyla Jones, Mayor William Crowder, Council Member Bonnie Wiederrick, Council Member Carolyn Schmoeckel, City Clerk/Treasurer Dianna Hines, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Manhattan Vicki Ellison, Town Clerk/Treasurer *Pam Humphrey, Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer

Melstone Pam Barnett, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Miles City A.C. Ronning, Council Member Leif Ronning, Council Member Kelly Thibault, Council Member Kori Pray, City Clerk *Billie Burkhalter, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Nashua Stephanie Viste, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Philipsburg Ann Fillmore, Mayor Tomme Carlyon, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Plains

Chris Allen, Council Member Sandy Chenoweth, Council Member Debbie Churchill, Council Member Shanon Hedahl, Council Member Carl Reeb, Council Member Jenifer Reynolds, Council Member Linda Arnold, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Plentywood Kelly Thiel, City Clerk

Red Lodge Brian Roat, Mayor Wanda Kennicott, Council Member Maryvette Labrie, Council Member Paulette Richter, Council Member Janie Michelcic, Deputy City Clerk *Tina Raymond, Administrative Assistant

Ryegate Brenda Kaler, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Saco Howard Pippin, Mayor Gayle Hammond, Council Member *Shirlee Whitaker, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Scobey Ron Audet, Mayor *Sonya Southland, City Clerk/Treasurer

Shelby Sarah Clary, City Billing Clerk Teri Ruff, City Finance Officer

Sheridan Gail Leary, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Stevensville Lewis Barnett, Mayor Clayton Floyd, Council Member Pat Groninger, Council Member Robin Holcomb, Council Member Desera Towle, Council Member Roni L. Kimp, Town Clerk/Treasurer Denise Philley, Deputy Town Utility Clerk

Sunburst Linda Burley, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Superior Denyse Traeder, Council Member Brenda Schneider, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Terry Caryn Rein, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Thompson Falls Chelsea LaBelle, City Clerk/Treasurer *Nadean Nelson, Assistant City Clerk

Three Forks Gene Townsend, Mayor Victoria Kosevich, Council Member Sharon G. Smith, City Clerk/Treasurer

Troy Donald Banning, Mayor Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rebo, Deputy City Clerk

Twin Bridges Thomas Hyndman, Mayor

Valier McKenzie Graye, Mayor Jackie Sheble, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Virginia City Madeleine Alkire, Town Clerk/Treasurer

West Yellowstone Pierre Martineau, Mayor Jamie Greene, Operations Manager Tom Nesbitt, Council Member Brad Schmier, Council Member Lanie Gospodarek, Town Finance Director Liz Roos, Town Clerk Moira Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk

Whitefish Sherri Baccaro, Assistant to the Public Works Director Rose Elliott, Utility Services Supervisor Michelle Howke, Customer Service Clerk Rich Knapp, City Finance Director Vanice Woodbeck, Assistant City Clerk

Whitehall Mary Janacaro-Hensleigh, Mayor Darcy Perrenoud, Town Clerk/Treasurer Diana Parks, Deputy Town Clerk

Winifred Kristin Carlstrom, Town Clerk

Winnett Kardy Eickhoff, Mayor Mary Meserve, Town Clerk/Treasurer -ma/cs-

Carol Schmidt, editor Mountains and Minds magazine Montana State University News Service 416 Culbertson Hall Bozeman, Montana 59717 (406) 994-1966

Visit us on the Web at www.montana.edu