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ANNUAL MONTANA MUNICIPAL INSTITUTE

The *Montana State University Local Government Center* conducted the 27TH Annual Montana Municipal Institute for Municipal Clerks, Treasurers & Finance Officers and an Elected Officials Workshop on May 6 -11, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings.

In attendance were 106 Municipal Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers from across the state participating in a curriculum which focused on developing their administrative, leadership and technical skills. The Institute is in response to the rapidly expanding responsibilities of local government officials and the growing complexity of their jobs. The Municipal Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers have recognized the need for continuing professional education programs to keep them abreast of new and more effective methods for meeting their responsibilities.

The *MSU Local Government Center* conducted the Institute and coordinated the professional certification training on behalf of the Municipal Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers. Instructors include MSU and visiting academic staff members, practicing experts in municipal government and resource persons from the public sector who work directly with local government.

Two additional programs were held in conjunction with the Clerks, Treasures /Finance Officers Institute.

A Municipal Elected Officials Workshop was held on May 9-10. In attendance were 87 Mayors and Council/Commission members from across the state to learn about their roles and responsibilities as elected officials, to keep updated on new and emerging issues and opportunities of importance to local governance and to enhance their capacity to serve effectively, professionally and efficiently in municipal government.

Also during week long Institute the Montana Municipal Insurance Authority (MMIA) 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.

The agenda was developed in collaboration between the Local Government Center and the Montana Municipal Insurance Authority (MMIA) in response to requests from Mayors, City Council members and City Attorneys and in recognition of a number of risk exposures which have occurred in the past year

Associating the Program with the Institute allows for interaction between city attorneys and elected and administrative officials of both the executive and legislative branches of local government

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Baker

Beverly Anderson, Deputy Clerk

Big Sandy

Annmarie Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer

Big Timber

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Boulder

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Bozeman

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Bridger

Deanna Hay, Clerk/Treasurer

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Broadus

Milton Amsden, Mayor

Peggy Fruit, Clerk/Treasurer

Harlan Jones, Councilperson

Browning

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William Morris, Mayor

Cascade

Karen Morrison, Clerk/Treasurer

Chinook

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Choteau

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Corlene Martin, Councilperson

Jodi L. Rogers, Finance Officer

Nancy Semenza, Councilperson

Circle

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Colstrip

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Paula Peplow, Deputy Clerk
John Williams, Mayor

Columbia Falls

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Ronald D. Barndt, Clerk/Treasurer

Conrad

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John P. Shevlin, Mayor

Cut Bank

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Diana Filban, Clerk/Treasurer
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Darby

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Gail Garrison, Clerk
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Evelyn Savochnka, Councilperson
Ned Trowbridge, Councilperson

Deer Lodge

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Mary Ann Frayley, Councilperson
James D. Magone, Mayor
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Chris J. Zawada, Clerk

Denton

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Dillon

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Faye E. Jones, Clerk
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Dutton

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Ekalaka

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Ennis

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Brad Matteson, Mayor
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Glendive

Jerry Jimison, Mayor

Grass Range

Ron Ahlgren, Mayor
Peggy Nelson, Councilperson

Hamilton

Steven Green, Administrative Assistant
Lynda Nelson, Deputy Clerk
Jerry Steele, Councilperson

Hardin

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Harlem

Sondra J. Ashton, Councilperson
Tim Carse, Clerk/Treasurer

Harvre

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Annette Swinney, Deputy Clerk
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LaRue Schara, Councilperson
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Fred Madden, Clerk
Pam Payovich, Adm/Recording Secretary
Rick VanAken, Commissioner

Lodge Grass

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Moore

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Polson

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Kala Parker, Assistant Clerk

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Miriam Lockman, Councilperson
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Debbie Tomicich, Clerk

Rexford

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Ronan

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Ryegate

Brenda L. Kaler, Clerk/Treasurer

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Scobey

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Tammy Cahill, Treasurer

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Teri Ruff, Finance Officer

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Sunburst

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Superior

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Whitehall

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Winnett

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