

ANNUAL CONVENTION



Monday, June 15

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
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County Registration Desk Open

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM
Central Lobby

Afternoon Refreshments

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM
D Hall 10 – 12

Welcome & Overview of Convention

Troy Ross, *MAS President/Jackson County Supervisor*
Derrick Surette, *MAS Executive Director*

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM
D Hall 10 – 12

Important Federal Legislative Update

Ron Berry, *NACo Southern Region Representative/ Roane County, Tennessee Commissioner*

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM
D Hall 10 – 12

City Inmates in County Jails: Where Do We Go from Here?

Will Allen, *Butler Snow LLP Attorney*

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
D Hall 10 – 12

From Funding to Fiber: A Statewide Broadband Update from BEAM

Sally Doty, *Office of Broadband Expansion & Accessibility of MS Director*

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Annual Early Bird Reception

The Sacred Heart Center – 870 Howard Avenue

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Niche

Registration Desk Open

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Exhibit Hall 2- 4

Exhibit Hall & Challenges Open

Complete Your Challenge by Visiting Every Exhibitor + Cast Your Votes for Your Favorite Booths

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Exhibit Hall 1

Kids Zone Open

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM
Exhibit Hall

Breakfast on Exhibit Hall

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Exhibit Hall

County Partner Showcase Sessions

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM
C Hall 1-2

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Action: Practical Applications for County Gov't

Ben Busching, *Polimorphic Technology*

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Update from MSU Extension Services

Angus Catchot, *MSU Extension Director*





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Tuesday, June 16

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Statewide Leaders Update

Jason White, *MS Speaker of the House*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Exhibit Hall 2-4

Networking Lunch on Exhibit Hall

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
D Hall 4 - 6

Guest Activity: Door Hanger Painting Class

Must be pre-registered

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
C Hall 1 - 3

A Discussion About Property Tax Cuts and County Revenue

Sumner Davis, *MSU Ext Services Center Head*

Jimmy Ladner, *Hancock County Admin/Tax Collector & Assessor*

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM
C Hall 1 - 3

Strength in Numbers: MAS Group Purchasing Program

Derrick Surrette, *MAS Executive Director*

Warren Greenlee, *MAS Board Counsel*

Sumner Davis, *MSU Ext Services Center Head*

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM
D Hall 1 - 3

Issues & Concerns Around Solar & Wind Projects

Sumner Davis, *MSU Ext Services Center Head*

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM
D Hall 10 – 12

Focus on Use Tax Collection and DOR Property Appraisal Process

Jeff Foreman, *DOR Deputy Director for Motor Vehicles and County Services*

Emily Joorfetz, *DOR Deputy Officer for Business Tax*

3:15 PM
Networking Lounge
Exhibit Hall

Expo Hall Afterhours Networking Reception

Stop by for refreshments, fellowship, and door prizes.

Wednesday, June 17

7:30 AM
Niche

Registration Desk Open

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Exhibit Hall 2- 4

Breakfast on Exhibit Hall

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM
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Wednesday, June 17

9:15 AM – 12:00 PM
D Hall 10-12

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM

Roads & Bridges: Critical Updates on Funding and Reporting
Harry Lee James, OSARC State Aid Engineer

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Stretching Every Dollar: Practical Road Network Management
Cody Burnett, Starkville City Engineer

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Morning Refreshments

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

How to Survive After a Disaster
Jeff Dungan, MS Association of County Engineers (MACE) Engineer

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Your County's Digital Front Door
Jason Camp, MSU Extension Specialist
Tina Wells, Tyler Technologies General Manager
Amanda Green, Tyler Technologies Director of Operations
Jacob Woodward, Tyler Technologies Project Manager

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Exhibit Hall 2- 4

Networking Lunch on Exhibit Hall

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM
C Hall 1 – 2

* Honors Ceremony & Transition of Officers*

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM
C Hall 1 – 2

Grand Prize Drawings & Expo Show Challenges Results

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Central Lobby

Ice Cream Social

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Presidents' Celebration Cookout
Hardrock Hotel Pool

Thursday, June 18

All events on Thursday to be held at the Beau Rivage Hotel, Conference Floor

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Magnolia Room

Breakfast

2026 Regular Legislative Session Recap
Steve Gray, MAS Government Affairs & Deputy Director

Supervisor Graduation Ceremony

* MAS/MASIT Annual Membership Meeting & Elections*





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Affiliate Group Meetings

Tuesday, June 16

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
D Hall 7 – 9

MS Association of County Road Managers (MACRM)

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
L 1 – 4

MS Association of County Engineers (MACE)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
D Hall 1 – 3

MS Association of County Administrators & Comptrollers (MACAC)

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9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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MS Association of County Board Attorneys (MACBA)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

