

2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION



Monday, June 15

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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Exhibitor Set up

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
D Hall 10 – 12

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Welcome & Overview of Convention

Troy Ross, MAS President/Jackson County Supervisor

Derrick Surrette, MAS Executive Director

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Federal Legislative Update

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

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

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

Will Allen, Butler Snow LLP Attorney

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

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 – *Hosted by Hol Mac*

The Sacred Heart Center – 870 Howard Avenue

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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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 – 9:30 AM
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Kids Zone Breakfast Snacks

Rise and Shine! Tasty breakfast snacks for all kids!

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM
Exhibit Hall 2- 4

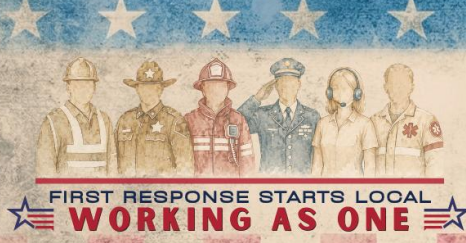
Breakfast on Exhibit Hall

9:45 AM
L-7
Exhibit Hall

County Partner Showcase Sessions – *New this Year!*

Energry Mississippi takes the Expo floor to kick off the County Partner Showcase, sharing solutions counties can put to work back home





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10:15 AM – 12:00 PM
C Hall 1-3

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

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Remarks from the Speaker of the House
Jason White, Speaker, MS House of Representatives

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Exhibit Hall 1

Kids Zone Lunch
Yummy for your tummy! Kid-approved lunch

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

Discussion about Property Tax Cuts and County Revenue
Manly Barton, Speaker Pro Tempore, MS House of Representatives
Trey Lamar, Chair, Ways & Means Committee MS House of Representatives
Jimmy Ladner, Hancock County Admin/Tax Collector & Assessor
Sumner Davis, MSU Ext Services Center Head

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM
C Hall 1 - 3

Strength in Numbers: Group Purchasing
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/
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.



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Wednesday, June 17

7:30 AM

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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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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

Central Lobby

Morning Refreshments

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

D Hall 10 – 12

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

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

D Hall 10 – 12

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
The results are in! You visited the booths, you cast your votes — now join us for challenge results, booth vote winners, and Grand Prize Drawings!

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

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
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D Hall 1 – 3

MS Association of County Administrators & Comptrollers (MACAC)

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MS Association of County Board Attorneys (MACBA)

