



MAS FALL EDUCATIONAL & POLICY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 8-10
2025
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Final Agenda

Wednesday, October 8

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Registration

Lobby

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

‘Meet and Greet’ Exhibit Table Set up

Lobby

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Connect with ‘Meet and Greet’ Exhibitors

Lobby

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Afternoon Refreshments

Terrace Hallway

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

INSTITUTE EDUCATION CLASSES

Oxford Hall

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Forms and Functions of County Government

Sumner Davis, Center Head, MSU Ext Services Center for Government & Community Development



3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Workshop Kickoff: What Not to Miss this Week + MAS Updates

Troy Ross, President, MS Assn of Supervisors

Derrick Surrette, Executive Director, MS Assn of Supervisors



4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Workshop Kickoff Reception

The Lyric (offsite)

Hop on a trolley for a ride to The Lyric located at 1006 VanBuren Ave.

Trolleys will run between the OCC and The Lyric beginning at 4:00 PM, with continuous service until 6:30 PM. All welcomed!

Thursday, October 9

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

Breakfast

Oxford Hall

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration

Lobby

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Connect with ‘Meet and Greet’ Exhibitors

Lobby

8:15 AM – 11:15 AM

INSTITUTE EDUCATION CLASSES:

Oxford Hall

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM

Welcome and Opening General Assembly

Troy Ross, President, MS Assn of Supervisors

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All Meetings and Activities will be Held at the Oxford Conference Center Unless Otherwise Noted



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Oxford Hall

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

INSTITUTE EDUCATION CLASSES CONT'D:

Forecasting & Positioning for the 2026 Regular Legislative Session

Steve Gray, Director of Governmental Affairs, MS Assn of Supervisors



9:15 AM – 10:00 AM

Attracting Economic Development: Strategies, Resources and Insights from MDA

Bill Cork, Executive Director, MS Development Authority (MDA)



10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Terrace Hallway

Morning Refreshments

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Ready or Not? Preparing Your County for the Next Big Storm

Stephen McCraney, Executive Director, MS Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)



11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Terrace Hallway

Networking Lunch

1:00 PM

Local Interest Tours – *Limited Seating it will be first come. Begin loading Trolleys at 1 PM outside OCC. Departure at 1:30 PM*

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Terrace Hallway

County Connect Dinner

Join us for great food & fellowship. Pre-dinner refreshments will be provided, followed by dinner.

Friday, October 10

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

Terrace Hallway

Breakfast

7:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Lobby

Registration

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Lobby

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Oxford Hall

INSTITUTE EDUCATION CLASSES CONT'D:

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

AI for County Governments: Real Use Cases, Real Impact
Marc Watkins, Asst Dir of Academic Innovation at University of MS



9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Unlocking Free Cybersecurity Resources for Counties
Bobby Freeman, Director, MS Cyber Unit



10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Terrace Hallway

Morning Refreshments

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Court Imposed Unfunded Mandates? How to Fight Back!
Danny Griffith, Partner, Jacks Griffith Luciano, P.A.



11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Ratifying MAS 2026 Legislative Agenda
Steve Gray, Director of Governmental Affairs, MS Assn of Supervisors
Lee Caldwell, MAS Legislative Committee Chair
Troy Ross, President, MS Assn of Supervisors

11:30 AM

Adjourn

Affiliate Group Meetings

Wednesday, October 8

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Auditorium

MS Assn of County Administrators & Comptrollers

Thursday, October 9

7:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Auditorium

MS Assn of County Road Managers

Friday, October 10

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Auditorium

MS Assn of County Road Manager

Key Legend:		<i>Elective Credit</i>		<i>Phase One Core Credit</i>		<i>Phase Two Core Credit</i>
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