



# MICHIGAN COUNTIES

## LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

April 27-29, 2026  
DoubleTree by Hilton - Lansing

# AGENDA

## MAC Track

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AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### MONDAY

DATE	TIME	EVENT
4/27/2026	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Premier Partner Booth Setup
4/27/2026	11:30 AM	Registration Desk Opens   Welcome Snacks
4/27/2026	1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	<b>POD 1: Ensuring Your County Websites are ADA-compliant</b> Speakers: Stephan Welke & Nick Brousseau, Michigan Department of Treasury The Michigan Department of Treasury explain the new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II regulations requiring state and local governments to meet access standards for digital content (WCAG 2.1 Level AA). County leaders will learn what the rules mean for public-facing websites, documents, forms and applications, including key compliance deadlines based on jurisdiction size. The session also will highlight Treasury's submission requirements.
4/27/2026	1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors
4/27/2026	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	<b>POD 2: Navigating the Financial Landscape</b> Sponsored Session by: <b>Rehmann</b> EMPOWER YOUR PURPOSE! In 2026, counties face an evolving landscape of legislative and policy changes from revenue sharing modifications to gas tax updates that directly influence budgeting, service delivery, and long term planning. Understanding these changes and their practical implications is increasingly complex as mandates expand and resources remain constrained. This session provides a clear, practical overview of strategies county leaders can utilize to navigate fiscal compliance, budgetary planning and the operational impacts of emerging federal and state legislation. Attendees will gain insights that support informed decision making amid ongoing changes.
4/27/2026	2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors

**MONDAY**

		<b>POD 3: Dangers in Your Landfill</b>
4/27/2026	3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Speaker: Heidi Sanborn, National Action Stewardship Council Landfills house far more than you may think. The executive director of National Action Stewardship Council will discuss how end-of-life products and problem materials drive landfill costs and safety risks for local governments. She'll discuss product-stewardship/EPR solutions that reduce disposal burdens on local governments and taxpayers.
4/27/2026	4:00 PM	Hotel Check-in
4/27/2026	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>MAC Board Meeting</b>
4/27/2026	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Buffet Dinner &amp; Reception   Premier Partners Vendor Showcase</b>

**TUESDAY**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
4/28/2026	7:30 AM	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>
4/28/2026	7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
4/28/2026	8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>POD 4 - Associations at Work: Updates from MAC and the National Association of Counties</b>
4/28/2026	9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors
		<b>POD 5: Managing Your County Workforce through Generational Shifts</b> Sponsored Session By:  <b>ACRISURE®</b>  Michigan counties are navigating persistent staffing shortages, retirements and succession planning challenges at a time when operational demands continue to grow. This session explores how simplifying and unifying core functions can reduce administrative strain, support continuity as roles turn over and help counties do more with the teams they have today. We'll share practical perspectives on operational design, risk management and workforce support — offering county leaders ideas for building resilience, preserving institutional knowledge, and creating sustainable operations for the next generation of public service employees.
4/28/2026	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors

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4/28/2026	10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>POD 6: What's Going on with Energy Policy?</b> This presentation will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explore Michigan's growing energy demands and what they mean for reliability, infrastructure and costs across the state.</li><li>Examine how the Trump administration's energy priorities could shape the Midwest energy landscape and influence Michigan communities.</li><li>Focus on how counties can anticipate impacts, plan for change and position themselves to protect residents while supporting economic growth.</li></ul>
4/28/2026	11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors
4/28/2026	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	<b>POD 7: Property Taxes</b> Speaker: Jared Walczak, Tax Foundation
4/28/2026	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch   CAA Awards Presentation
4/28/2026	1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>POD 8: Remarks from Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer</b> Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, now in the final year of her second term, has been invited to deliver remarks to the conference on her 2026 policy priorities.
4/28/2026	2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors
4/28/2026	2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>POD 9: Big? Beautiful? What Does Federal Spending Legislation Mean for Michigan?</b> Speaker: Bob Schneider, Citizens Research Council of Michigan Learn how the federal "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" could affect the state budget, especially local revenue sharing and other state programs counties depend on like Medicaid, mental health services, child welfare and public health. This presentation will focus on how counties might feel these impacts — through reduced funding and more people needing help through local services.
4/28/2026	3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors
4/28/2026	3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>POD 10: The Politics of 2026</b> The "Baldly Bipartisan" team of John Sellek and Adrian Hemond will give their entertaining and insightful analysis of what's going to happen as voters select a new governor, a new U.S. senator and a new Legislature.
4/28/2026	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Legislative Reception</b>

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4/28/2026	9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	<b>President's Hospitality Suite</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
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4/29/2026	8:00 AM	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>
4/29/2026	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Legislative Awards Breakfast</b>
4/29/2026	9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<b>POD 11: Legislative Roundtable</b> Key legislative leaders will join moderator Kyle Melinn of MIRS News Service for a lively discussion of what will – and won’t – happen in Lansing in 2026.
4/29/2026	9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Networking Break with Premier Partner Vendors
4/29/2026	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Premier Partner Booth Teardown
4/29/2026	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>POD 12: An Update on Opioid Settlement Funding and Spending in Michigan</b> Speaker: Matt Walker, Michigan Department of Attorney General Conference participants will receive an update on opioid settlement funds, including funds received and spending to date across jurisdictions. The Michigan Department of Attorney General will review key spending trends from 2023–2025, with many communities’ prioritizing prevention, treatment, recovery, and data-informed strategies to address local needs. The presentation will highlight the role of county leadership in ensuring funds are used effectively and in alignment with Exhibit E. This session will also focus on the new Michigan-specific reporting requirements, outlining what local governments must track and report to maintain compliance and promote transparency.
4/29/2026	10:45 AM	<b>Conference Concludes   Hotel Checkout</b>



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