

Dates & Locations

November 10, 2008
Marquette
10:00am-3:00pm
Holiday Inn Marquette
1951 U.S. 41 West
Marquette, MI 49855

November 24, 2008
Big Rapids
3:00pm-8:00pm
Holiday Inn Big Rapids
1005 Perry Avenue
Big Rapids, MI 49307

November 25, 2008
Grayling
10:00am-3:00pm
Ramada Inn Grayling
2650 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738

December 2, 2008
Kalamazoo
3:00pm-8:00pm
MTEC Center at Kalamazoo Valley
Community College
7107 Elm Valley Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49003

December 3, 2008
Frankenmuth
3:00pm-8:00pm
Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge
One Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

December 11, 2008
Novi
3:00pm-8:00pm
Tollgate Education Center
28115 Meadowbrook Road
Novi, MI 48377

**Registration and Refreshments
30 Minutes Prior To Listed Start Time**

Deadlines For Registration:

- Marquette November 3
- Big Rapids November 17
- Grayling November 18
- Kalamazoo November 25
- Frankenmuth November 26
- Novi December 4

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NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER Workshop 2008



Preparing new
commissioners
to meet the
challenges
of county
government in
Michigan

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New County Commissioner Workshop

Dear Newly-elected County Commissioner,

Congratulations on your election to a very important position in county government. You will be joining nearly 700 other commissioners throughout Michigan who serve in this valuable and influential role.

We encourage you to attend one of the six New County Commissioner Workshops, designed to help you learn about the challenges and responsibilities of this new role. For more than 30 years, Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Association of Counties have offered this workshop series and other educational opportunities for new and returning commissioners, administrators and county officials.

Participants in the 2008 New County Commissioner Workshops will:

- Explore the complexity of governance in today's world.
- Learn more about their roles and responsibilities.
- Gain an initial understanding of county finance.
- Learn the questions to ask when making decisions on policy issues.
- Network with other commissioners.

We encourage your participation in one of the workshops and look forward to meeting with you.

Best wishes,

Thomas G. Coon
Director of Extension

Timothy K. McGuire
Executive Director, MAC

Who Should Attend?

Although targeted for newly elected county commissioners, experienced board members, county administrative officials, county clerks and treasurers are all invited to attend.

COST: \$75 in advance, \$85 for late registration. The cost includes a meal and the instructional materials. You can pay by check or credit card; please make checks payable to *Michigan State University*.

Registration Options (choose one):

- 1) Register on the web at www.msue.msu.edu/slg.
- 2) Contact your county Extension Director to register.

Note: County Extension Directors will be coordinating transportation.

Other members of the MSU Extension State and Local Government team include: Dave Fenech, Hal Hudson, Eric Hufnagel, Scott Loveridge, Cyndi Mark, Marilyn Rudzinski, Mark Skidmore, and Michelle Walk.

For more information, including maps and driving directions, go to:
<http://www.msue.msu.edu/slg/>
or contact your local County Extension Director

Workshop Topics

Commissioners as Policymakers

Organizing the County Board

- Committee structure
- Board rules and practices

Legal Issues

- Conflict of interest
- Incompatible offices

County Administration

- Central county administration
- Elected and appointed officials in county government

County Governmental Functions & Services

- Health and education
- Public safety and courts
- Physical and economic development
- Finance and administration

Financing County Government

- Revenue and expenditure trends
- Federal and state role in county finance
- Budgeting and accounting
- State, local, federal interactions