

My name is Lacey Orcutt. I am the County Executive Director in Pondera County Montana. I have been with the agency since June 2006.

My career with FSA was supposed to be a six-week stint as a temporary during this time I worked on crop reporting and GIS. In November 2006 I was hired in Pondera County as a program technician where I was responsible for payment eligibility, conservation reserve program as well as farm records, updates, and GIS changes. This is also where my interest in NASCOE began. My CED at the time had volun-told not volunteer theory about joining NASCOE. throughout his career he was extremely involved and saw the benefits of what NASCOE has to offer, especially for those in the county office. In August 2007 my CED asked if I wanted to attend the national convention in Omaha Nebraska, I said sure. So, there I was the only person from Montana attending. I knew nobody and off to national convention I went. after attending this national convention, I came back with a whole new energy for what NASCOE is, does, and continues to do for all of our employees. upon my return from the national convention, I was selected as Montana's secretary treasurer. I served in this capacity until 2013. Not only did I serve as Montana secretary treasurer during my time, I have also served as the Montana vice president and president.

In July 2010. I was hired on as a COT. I completed my training by traveling throughout the state of Montana for an entire year from one end to the other I visited over 28 different county offices during this time.

In July 2011, I was hired as the CED in Teton County Montana a supervised five employees. we primarily dealt with irrigated barley as well as dryland wheat peas, lentils, chickpeas, and livestock. In July 2019, I was put into a temporary shared management position with a County office that was an hour and a half away from my Teton County office. I served in this role for three and a half years.

In July 2021 I was asked to serve as the northwest area alternate. I accepted with a little hesitation but it has been an experience that has taught me so much. I have met a lot of great people and got to see NASCOE work done behind the scenes.

In August 2022, I was hired as the CED in Pondera County, Montana. I have referred to this as going back to my roots and where my career, with FSA and NASCOE really started from.

This change also comes with 2 hours of my day not being spent in a vehicle traveling to/from work. These 2 hours allows me to spend time with my greatest accomplishments in life, my family. My husband, David, and I have 2 precious kiddos. Our son, Brody is 6. He is very observant, quiet and all farm boy. Our baby girl, Haddie is 4. She is fiesty and fearless. They love to ski, ride 4-wheeler and travel.

After serving in this role as your executive, I have had an amazing opportunity to work with many people in the NWA and build an amazing team around me. Matt joined our team mid-year as the area Alt. Matt and I have visited about this upcoming year and with his support and yours, I am announcing my candidacy to serve as your area Exec in the upcoming year and I would appreciate your support.