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# Local Government Interim Committee

67th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA as of 9/22/21

### Local Government Interim Committee

September 23 & 24, 2021  
State Capitol Building, Room 152

*Agenda times are approximate – items may take more or less time than scheduled.*

#### Thursday September 23, 2021

- 1:00 pm**      **Call to Order – Roll Call – Chair Geraldine Custer**
- 1:05 pm**      **Meeting Overview (Tab 1) – Toni Henneman, Research Analyst**
- Review Draft Work Plan and Matrix
  - Anatomy of a Study Overview
  - Draft Interim Study Timeline
- 1:15 pm**      **Ballot Initiative Requirement Memo (Tab 1) – Julie Johnson, Staff Attorney**
- 1:30 pm**      **MARA Study Update – Nick VanBrown, Legislative Fiscal Analyst**
- 1:45 pm**      **Workforce/Affordable Housing Update – Cheryl Cohen, Board of Housing Director**
- Multifamily Coal Trust Homes Program update, ARPA funding, and general housing topics
  - Public Comment\*
  - Questions from the committee
- 2:15 pm**      **BREAK**
- 2:30 pm**      **SJ 13 – Study of Prevailing Wage Laws (Tab 2)**
- 5 Session Summary of Prevailing Wage Legislation – Toni Henneman
  - Agency introductions and explanation of current wage calculations – Eric Strauss, DLI Employment Relations Division Administrator
  - Panel Discussion on Eastern MT Issues
    - Jason Strouf, Custer County Commissioner
    - Shane Gourder, Richland County Commissioner

- Rick Norby, Mayor of Sidney
- Jeff Hintz, Sidney Public Works Director
- Chris Dschaak, Mayor of Wolf Point
- Jerry Jimison, Mayor of Glendive
- Kevin Dorwart, Glendive Director of Operations
- Steve Zachmann, Mayor of Baker
- Questions from the committee
- Public Comment\*

**4:00 pm**      **Committee Work Session**

- Discuss Study Plan & Timeline for SJ 13

**4:15 pm**      **Review Friday agenda – recess for the day**

**Friday September 24, 2021**

**9:00 am**      **Reconvene – Roll call – *Chair Custer***

**9:05 am**      **HJ 30 - Study of County Water and/or Sewer Districts (Tab 3)**

- Special District Statutory Authority – *Toni Henneman*
- Special District Board Training & Support – *Dan Clark, MSU Local Government Center Executive Director*
- Questions from the Committee
- Public Comment

**10:10 am**      **HJ 30 Panel Discussion**

- Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems
- Pam Ellis, County Water District of Billings Heights
- Julie Spencer, Bigfork Water & Sewer District
- Questions from the Committee
- Public Comment\*

**10:45 am**      **BREAK**

**11:00 am**      **SJ 23 - Study of Public Notice via Electronic Means (Tab 4)**

- Overview of LC10 from 2021 Session – *Toni Henneman*
- City Clerk Discussion
  - Marty Rehbein, City of Missoula
  - Marie Johnson, Cascade County
  - Stacey Amundson, City of Glasgow
  - Jodi Rogers, City of Choteau
- Public Comment\*
- Questions from the Committee

**12:00 pm**      **LUNCH**

- 1:00 pm**      **Local Government Powers, Forms, & Review** (Tab 5)
- Discussion of self-governing and general power governments, forms of county and city governments, and 10-year voter review – *Dan Clark, MSU Local Government Center Executive Director*
  - Public Comment\*
  - Questions from the Committee
- 2:00 pm**      **Public comment\*** on any item in LGIC’s subject matter jurisdiction
- 2:15 pm**      **Committee Work Session**
- Discuss study plans for HJ 30 & SJ 23
  - Review Interim Timeline
  - Review & adopt Work Plan and Work Plan Matrix
  - Review Meeting Dates
  - Further instruction to staff
- 3:00**            **Wrap up and adjournment**

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