

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Elsie Arntzen, on January 30, 2007 at 3:13 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Hal Jacobson (D)  
Rep. William J. Jones (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

**Staff Present:** Sonja Lee, Legislative Branch  
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 426, HB 372, 1/24/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 426**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:36 Rep. John (Jack) Ross (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 426, Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:02 Eric Griffin, Director, Department of Lewis and Clark County Public Works

**EXHIBIT (loh20a01)**

00:07:32 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Countys

00:08:23 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

00:09:53 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Commissioners, Richland County Economic Commission

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:00 Rep. Stahl

00:11:20 Rep. Wiseman

00:11:30 Ms. Wood

00:12:38 Mr. Morris

00:13:51 Rep. Stahl

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:08 Rep. Ross

**HEARING ON HB 372**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:57 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 372, Revise county treasurer salary.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:33 Rhonda Wiggers, County Treasurers Association

00:22:32 Dean Roberts, Administrator, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:24:24 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:49 Rep. O'Hara

00:25:06 Mr. Morris

00:26:22 Rep. Kottel

00:27:31 Mr. Morris

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:24 Rep. Ingraham

00:29:35 Chairman Arntzen

00:30:42 Rep. Hands

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:43 P.M.

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REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN, Chairman

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PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary