

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 18, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Shannon Augare (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

**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 437, 3/11/2013

**HEARING ON HB 437****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:43 Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 437, Allow county to create improvement district for certain purposes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:59 Dan Schwarz, Yellowstone County (YC)  
00:19:14 Don Reed, Lockwood Community Steering Committee (LCSC)  
00:23:20 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:23:43 Susanne Vinton, Lockwood School Board (LSB)  
00:25:02 Tobin Novasio, Superintendent of Schools, Lockwood  
00:25:54 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce (COC), Yellowstone County (YC)  
00:26:34 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, representing self  
00:28:31 Matt Elsaesser, City of Helena (COH)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:59 Sen. Olson+  
00:41:35 Dan Schwarz, YC  
00:42:44 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:45:41 Sen. Olson  
00:46:05 Dan Schwarz  
00:47:03 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:57:08 Dan Schwarz  
00:57:32 Rep. McNiven  
00:58:32 Sen. Barrett  
01:01:40 Rep. McNiven  
01:02:49 Sen. Boulanger  
01:06:13 Sen. Barrett  
01:07:05 Rep. McNiven  
01:08:08 Sen. Buttrey  
01:08:21 Sen. Barrett  
01:08:35 Sen. Malek  
01:09:31 Dan Schwarz  
01:09:39 Sen. Malek  
01:11:28 Rep. McNiven  
01:11:39 Sen. Buttrey

01:12:31 Harold Blattie, MACo

01:13:17 Sen. Olson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:13:37 Rep. McNiven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los58aad.pdf](#))**