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AGENDA (Updated 11/19) Local Government Interim Committee

November 20, 2025

State Capitol Building, Room 137

Agenda times are approximate.

- 9:00** **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Senator Forrest Mandeville, Presiding Officer
- 9:05** **HJ 30: Presentation on potential updates to elevator building codes** – Stephen Smith, Executive Director – The Center for Building in North America (Tab 2)
1. Public comment *
 2. Questions from the committee
- 9:50** **HJ 57: Panel with DOJ and users of the Statewide Public Safety Communications System**
1. Panel members:
 - Jamin Howell – Technical Manager, Montana Emergency Communications
 - Jeff Newton – Chief of Police, City of Great Falls Police Department
 - Laura Schultz – Program Administrator, Montana Emergency Communications
 - Lee Johnson – Director of Criminal Investigation Division, Department of Justice
 - Mike Linder – Sheriff, Yellowstone County
 2. Public comment*
 3. Questions from the committee
- 10:50** **Break**
- 11:00** **HJ 47: Panel with county safety entity representatives on cooperation** (Tab 3)
1. Panel members:
 - Jason Jarrett – Assistant to the Sheriff and Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association Mutual Aid Coordinator
 - Randy Okon – Project Coordinator and Deputy Fire Warden, Missoula County
 - Rich Cowger – Chief, Columbus Fire-Rescue
 - Scott Van Dyken – Undersheriff, Cascade County
 2. Public comment*

3. Questions from the committee
- 12:00 HJ 28: Federal grant primer presentation** – Maxwell Parson, Research Analyst (Tab 4)
1. Public comment*
 2. Questions from the committee
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 1:30 HJ 47: Panel with municipal safety entity representatives on cooperation** (Tab 3)
1. Panel members:
 - Brian Black – Captain, City of Great Falls Police Department
 - George Richards – Captain, Billings Fire Department
 - Greg Tryon – Assistant City Manager and former Chief of the Central Valley Fire Department, City of Belgrade
 - Jordan Venezio – Chief of Police, City of Kalispell Police Department
 2. Public comment*
 3. Questions from the committee
- 2:30 Break**
- 2:45 Presentation on the implementation of HB 681** – Anna Pakenham Stevenson Ph.D., Administrator – DNRC Water Resources Division (Tab 5)
1. Public comment*
 2. Questions from the committee
- 3:30 Update on the Water Policy Interim Committee’s exempt well study** – Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
1. Public comment*
 2. Questions from the committee
- 3:45 Exempt Wells: Panel with localities and industry on water use**
1. Panel members:
 - Adrienne Cotton – Cotton Construction and Montana Building Industry Association
 - Brian Heaston – Engineer, City of Bozeman
 - Ronda Wiggers – Lobbyist, Montana Water Well Drillers Association
 - Ryan Leland – Director of Public Works, City of Helena
 2. Public comment*
 3. Questions from the committee
- 4:45 Committee Work Session** (Tab 6)
1. Letter to Congress on capital gains taxes when selling homes– *action item*
 2. MSU Local Government Center 40th anniversary comments or remarks
 3. Public comment*
 4. Questions from the committee
- 5:15 MAID litigation update** – Maddie Krezowski, Staff Attorney
- 5:30 Public comment*** on any item in LGIC’s subject matter jurisdiction
- 6:00 Wrap up and adjournment**

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