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AGENDA

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May 28, 2026

State Capitol Building, Room 154

Agenda times are approximate.

(Updated 5/27)

- 9:00** **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Senator Forrest Mandeville, Presiding Officer
- 9:05** **Panel on Implementation of the Montana Land Use Planning Act (Pt. 1)**
1. Panel members:
 - Billings: Wyeth Friday – Planning and Community Services Director & Anna Vickers – Planning Division Manager
 - Bozeman: Chris Saunders – Community Development Manager
 - Great Falls: Brock Cherry – Planning and Community Development Director
 - Helena: Christopher Brink – Community Development Director
 - Missoula: Eran Pehan – Community Planning, Development and Innovation Director
 2. Public comment*
 3. Questions from the committee
- 10:25** **Break**
- 10:30** **Panel on Implementation of the Montana Land Use Planning Act (Pt. 2)**
1. Panel members:
 - Belgrade: Katharine King – Community & Economic Development Director
 - Columbia Falls: Eric Hanks – City Manager
 - Kalispell: PJ Sorensen – Director of Development Services
 - Laurel: Kurt Markegard – Chief Administrative Officer
 - Lewistown: Unable to attend
 - Whitefish: David Taylor – Planning and Building Director
 2. Public comment*
 3. Questions from the committee
- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00** **HJ 28: Presentation(s) on Grants Systems from the Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (UGOPB) & the Wyoming Grants Management Office (WGMO)**

1. Presentation on the Utah Funding Opportunities Portal: Kim Rodela – Fiscal Grants Manager, UGOPB & Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator and Managing Director of Planning Coordination, UGOPB
 2. Presentation on the WGMO: Kevin Hibbard – Director, Wyoming State Budget Department & Christine Emminger – Administrator, WGMO & Senior Budget Analyst, Wyoming State Budget Department
 3. Public comment*
 4. Questions from the committee
- 2:00 HJ 47 & 57: Presentation on Alternative Funding Structures for the Statewide Public Safety Communications System** – Maxwell Parson, Research Analyst
1. Public comment*
 2. Questions from the committee
- 2:30 Interim Review** – Maxwell Parson, Research Analyst
1. Public comment*
 2. Questions from the committee
- 3:00 Update on the Water Policy Interim Committee’s Exempt Well Study** – Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
1. Public comment*
 2. Questions from the committee
- 3:30 Committee Work Session**
1. April 2nd legislation discussion follow up – Maxwell Parson, Research Analyst, LSD
 2. Legislation discussion and requests
 3. Public comment*
 4. Questions from the committee
- 5:00 Public Comment*** on any item in LGIC’s subject matter jurisdiction
- 5:15 Wrap Up and Adjournment**

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