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STATE ANNOUNCES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

(HELENA) – The State of Montana has created a new working group to help strengthen communication and cooperation between local governments and the Department of Revenue.

The Advisory Council Working Group on Local Government Issues will discuss and may make recommendations on the annual certification of taxable values and newly taxable property, and the administration of shared revenue sources, such as coal gross proceeds and oil and gas revenues. The group will also make suggestions on enhancements to department communication and services to local governments.

“By working together, the department and group members will better understand department tasks and how they impact local governments, as well as the unique issues individual governing bodies face,” said Department of Revenue Director Dan Bucks.

Nine appointed members representing a broad cross-section of local government officials from across the state comprise the working group. The members are:

Kathy Bessette, Hill County commissioner, who will chair the council
Kim Buchanan, Gallatin County treasurer
Paulette DeHart, Lewis and Clark County treasurer
Jerry Jimison, Glendive mayor
Susan Nicosia, Columbia Falls finance director
Ryan Rusche, Roosevelt County attorney
Lisa Smith, Powell County treasurer
Chris Veis, Billings city council
Jason Wiener, Missoula city council

“It’s important that we have this opportunity to have regular, direct communication with local government officials. This will help us provide the best service we can to these constituents across Montana who provide such vital services to our citizens and businesses,” said Bucks.

The first meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Sam W. Mitchell Building, 125 N. Roberts, in Helena.

To read the agenda, go to [Advisory Council Working Group on Local Government](#).

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