

## **Supplemental & Revised Real Estate Tax Bills**

**April 5, 2024**

Blaine County is among 49 out of 56 Montana counties whose County Commissioners decided to charge a lower number of school equalization property tax mills this year, claiming those mills should be capped based on inflation, just like local mills. The Montana Department of Revenue (DOR) disagreed, saying they had the authority to set the number of equalization mills, which support equity in education across school districts.

In November, the Montana Supreme Court sided with the State, declaring counties must abide by the DOR's calculation of the mills.

These 49 counties now need to collect an additional 17 mills from property taxpayers. The additional tax amounts to around \$23 for every \$100,000 of a property's value.

Revised/Supplemental bills were mailed to Blaine County taxpayers during the first week of April.

- If you paid your taxes in full last fall, you will get a supplemental bill and need to pay only the additional 17 mills.
- If you paid only the first-half taxes, you will receive a revised bill showing \$0.00 due for the first-half and there will be a new second-half amount which you will have to pay by May 31, 2024.

If you have questions about how to pay your taxes, call the **Blaine County Treasurer's Office at 406-357-3280**. Pay online using WebPay at [www.blainecounty-mt.gov/Treasurer](http://www.blainecounty-mt.gov/Treasurer).

Further questions regarding the County's decision to charge fewer school equalization property tax mills on the original tax bills can be directed to the **Blaine County Commissioners at 406-357-3250**.