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From: Russ Lawrence [russworks@outlook.com]
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 12:41 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Title X Funding

Commissioners:

I'm not sure on what grounds you decided to reject funding for Title X services provided by the Ravalli County Public Health Department.

I thought the whole purpose of county government was to provide for the public safety, health, and general welfare. Isn't that the oath you swore? Please explain to me how rejecting funding to provide needed services for Ravalli County women, who are poor and need such health care services, serves the function we elected you to fulfill?

I have a great deal of board experience and training. The ultimate question on the agenda for every meeting can always be reduced to: what good do we do, for whom, at what cost? In this case, the answer couldn't be clearer--provide health services, for women in need, at no additional cost to county taxpayers, funded by a federal program enacted and approved by our duly elected representatives. If you're not going to do that, what good ARE you doing?

As I understand God played a role in influencing this decision, could you also explain how this aligns with Jesus' observation in Matthew 25: 33-40, regarding how you treat the least among you?

Thank you for any explanation you can provide.

Sincerely,

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