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From: Allen Burruss [allbur@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 9:20 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Runway

To the commission.

I hope that in the coming days you will anticipate the future before you cast your votes in the matter of the runway expansion. Many would like to see the door slammed on anything other than their narrow view of what they see as the future. I hope you have the wisdom and fortitude to make a decision that will allow for realistic growth in the future. You must recognize that the local economy is already less than stellar, with few opportunities for employment that provides a realistic living for a working person. The airport is not a huge employer but it is working for some and it does bring money into the local economy. Please do not harm or close this working concern for the satisfaction of the a vocal group that is only concerned with there own agenda that certainly does not deal with any realistic future plan.

Allen Burruss, a working taxpayer that had to move to another state to find work.

10/17/2012

Ravalli County Commissioners;

I thank you first off for finally bringing a decision forward on the Ravalli County Airport. Too many years and too much posturing have resulted in dilapidation of this County asset.

I hope that your decision is based on facts, public benefit and future use of our airport. To pick an alternative that allows for safety is number one priority. To plan for the future should follow, allowing for development and growth that will help the Airport be self-sustaining. The improvements to infrastructure, i.e. taxi way/lanes, runways and underground services, will be a result of any alternative you chose other than #1.

The only alternatives that will accomplish safety and future planning to the fullest are alternatives 4, 4A and 4B. They move air traffic and runways the farthest from the High School and residential housing. Of those three alternatives, your choice will have to be based on what best accomplishes your goals for this airport.

One factor to consider is the Daly Ditch site. Those buildings are too dilapidated and structurally unsound to be considered for relocating. Yes they are of some historical value but documenting them fulfills the necessity of historical requirements. If the Daly Ditch site is then not a factor in deciding amongst 4, 4A and 4B, you can choose where the limits of RPZ's and other FAA airspace will be required. You could totally confine the RPZ's between Tammany Lane and the Stock Farm Road if you so decide, or there is a benefit to homes to the south by moving as far north as depicted.

Your decision here is of vital importance to Ravalli County and you as elected Commissioners have a tough and contentious decision to make. Please base that decision on safety and future needs.

Tex Irwin, Ravalli County citizen, business owner and pilot.

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From: Steve Wolters [steve@gemstatetransportation.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 11:07 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Support our outdated airport.

Ravalli County Commissioners,

We encourage you to take action that should have been done almost 40 years ago. As some of you know, we have provided information to you in past years referencing the 1974 Master Plan (ALP) and the recommendation from FAA and the engineers at that time to buy the property south of the airport and extend the runway to 5200 feet. 38 years later with subdivisions and encroachments, it seems a bit overdue to address the safety of our county airport and the security of it's future, with option 4B as the only sensible choice. In most other communities in our country, today's discussion is about going from 5200 feet to 7000 feet of runway.

Ravalli County is our home and we fly in and out of the airport weekly due to much of our business being out of state. We would not be able to live here without Ravalli County Airport. Again, the time is past due to make the right choices for the safety and future of our airport by choosing 4B while the FAA funding opportunity is still available.

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From: Gary Matson [gmatson@montana.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 5:50 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Airport

I am a Missoula general aviation pilot but have been a user of the Ravalli County Airport for over a decade. I respectfully urge the Commissioners to support Alternative 4B for Airport expansion. Even with Hamilton's proximity to Missoula, the extra assets the Airport brings to the County are essential for Ravalli County and for all of us in Western Montana who want vitality in our economy, commercial and emergency services, and recreational resources. An expanded Ravalli County Airport is essential to building these resources, and will enable the FAA funding that plays an essential role in the construction and maintenance that will keep the Airport safe and vital to the County and region.

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