



HON. JAMES A. HAYNES
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Ravalli Board of County Commissioners
Commissioner J.R. Iman
Ravalli County Administration Building
Hamilton MT 59840

RE: Lighting / Dimmer Switch - District Courtroom #2

Dear Commissioner Iman:

This is a request for authorization of less than \$300 (est. \$235) to vastly improve the lighting in the jury box of Courtroom #2. A few complaints about the lighting have been registered in the past. After completing a 3-day trial this week, several jurors turned in written remarks such as "way too bright," causes "headaches," "lighting is uncomfortable can it be toned down?"

Becky Knutson obtained an estimate from Cory Caddell of approximately \$235 to install different light bulbs and a dimmer switch. Apparently Cory felt this request was a non-maintenance issue and declined the expenditure from his budget.

Would you kindly look into this and indicate to Becky (375-6790) if the matter can be quickly resolved and the lighting/dimmer switch promptly installed. We have another criminal trial scheduled to begin on Monday. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James A. Haynes".

James A. Haynes, District Judge
Department No. 2

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