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**From:** Brian Cherry [bccherry@gmail.com]  
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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Website Email -

Good morning:

i am writing to add my name to the list of those Ravalli County residents (and voters) who are offended by remarks reportedly made by Commissioners and other representatives of the County in a meeting held last week with representatives of the Conferderated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. To be sure, I find Jan Wisneiwski's words racist and utterly unconscionable, but so too, were those attributed to Mr. Chilcott. Racetracks and casinos?! One doesn't have to dig too hard to sort out the superficial stereotypes that underpin that remark. And as for choosing trees, how do our many christian churches choose their buildings for tax exemption? Can thay claim a spiritual connection as legitimate as the Salish ties to the Medicine Tree? I can't see it; cheap rent in a strip mall hardly compares in terms of cultural and historic significance.

And to suggest that this is about \$800 in tax money? Since I don't want this to devolve into a rant I had better stop right there. My intention is to communicate my outrage. At a minimum, apologies are in order. Apologies to the Tribes but also to those of us you purport to represent.

Brian Cherry