

After attending the meeting today, I realize that you do not even know what kind of duties that you would be handing to the new head of the environmental health department. Your agenda as noted in the newspaper stated that a possible decision would be made on whether to combine these two offices or not.

We need a qualified person to run the Sanitarian's office, not a head that is not a Sanitarian with a lead Sanitarian under him. That is still putting an unqualified person above those who are qualified. This did not work in the Treasurer's office and it will not work here. Let's keep the leadership in our county strong and qualified. We deserve no less. Thank you.

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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Dear Commissioners:

I was shocked when I saw the notice for this meeting in the newspaper on Sunday. It seems like you did not learn a thing from your huge mistake with the Treasurer's office.

1) Valerie Stamey was an unqualified person who was put in charge of managing ACTUAL treasurers with experience

3 Qualified candidates from the office applied for the job.

Terry Nelson is an unqualified person that you are seeking to put in charge of ACTUAL sanitarians with experience

3 Qualified candidates from the office applied for the job

Sound familiar?

You APOLOGIZED for doing this before. Why on earth would you do this again???

Have you heard this? The definition of idiocy (or insanity) is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results.

The local board of Realtors recommended that you do this on January 15. You thought that was a good idea? They say jump, you say how high?

It is about time that you started looking out for the people and STOPPED looking out for your friends. I am a full dues paying member of the board of Realtors, by the way.

2) Apart from the idiocy of this idea to put an unqualified person in charge of qualified people, this is a bad idea for our clean water.

The planning office approves subdivisions based on the subdivision regulations that they created. The environmental health office determines the type and location of septic tanks based on SCIENCE.

The Environmental Health department is an important safeguard to protect our clean water. DO NOT COMPROMISE OUR CLEAN WATER BY PUTTING INCOMPETENCE IN CHARGE - AGAIN

Do not hide behind the idea that you will save us money by eliminating this position and putting a political ally in charge. Do not play with OUR tax dollars.

You ALREADY cost us over \$50,000 by doing this same exact thing already.

3) This is a substantial change that you are proposing to county government offices that have been in existence for a very long time.

This is an issue with SIGNIFICANT public interest and ADEQUATE NOTICE is IMPERATIVE.

Much more than one meeting is needed and is the reasonable thing to do.

Just because the offices are not as busy as they were a few years ago due to the recession is not a reason to combine these offices. We all know that growth and development is on the rise and it will be busy again. This is NOT a good excuse.

Please don't live the definition of idiocy and do the same thing again and expect different results.

Do not do this and then come back to apologize for it.

Do not act like you are doing this to save us money after you spent over \$50,000 of our money by doing this EXACT same thing in the Treasurer's office.

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