

March 23, 2014

Dear Commissioners:

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday regarding combining the offices of the Planning office and the Environmental Health office.

I have been unable to find out the agenda for the meeting.

I would like to refer you to my previous letter that is in the commissioners correspondence.

Please do not combine these offices. We, the people deserve an environmental health office that is run by a professional with the proper education and training. This is VERY important. Our valley will begin to grow again and we will need a leader in that department that is professional and qualified.

Of course you are trying to save money, especially after the big treasurer's mistake that is costing us money every single day. Don't do the same thing again by putting an unqualified person in charge of qualified people.

Do not cut corners where our clean water and environmental health is concerned.

Additionally, the citizens deserve a good look and input on a big overhaul of county government as you are proposing (if you are). Putting the planning manager in charge of the administrative duties and budget of the environmental health department is ridiculous. If you are planning to do that, you owe the people a good explanation and a full report full of data that shows that this is a good idea.

Several of you seemed to think this was a bad idea last week so I am not sure why this is on the agenda again.

If you are changing our government structure, be transparent, put it out there for all to see and weigh in on. Don't be sneaky and do all of this while the good people of Ravalli County are at work. Make your decisions loud and clear and give the people the opportunity to see what you are doing.

Please hire a qualified sanitarian as you advertised. We deserve no less.

Thank you.

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