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From: Archie Thomas <archie5463@gmail.com>
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To: Ravalli County Clerk & Recorder; Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Mail in election , please forward the all commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

Please implement mail in election procedures for both the primary and general election immediately. Use whatever short term funding and manpower allocations to support the clerk and recorder's office to get this done. You may need to use financial reserves to get this done quickly. In Regina, you have the most competent clerk and recorder in the state advising you. Please listen to her carefully.

In the long term federal monies maybe available to offset some these costs. View this as a long term investment in a more responsive voting system. As with many crisis decisions you have to make forward reaching conclusions with limited resources, based on the best available data on an unknown threat to public health. Montana at present is behind the national Covid 19 infection curve. Your present time local decisions are more important than ever to help offset past missed national containment decisions.

As county commissioner's it comes as no surprise that many times you are in a thankless position. First we thank you in advance from any decision you make and your service in these times.

This decision will be more thankless than most. Why? If your decision is successfully, you will have insured that nothing happens to increase the public health threat. When was the last time you were publicly complimented for implementing and funding an event you did not want to happen?

Best Regards and Good luck,

Archie L Thomas

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