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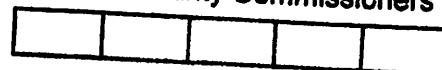
From: Peggy Tonon <peggy.tonon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: The 2020 Ravalli County Fair

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From: Peggy Tonon <peggy.tonon@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 3, 2020 at 2:14 PM
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Ravalli County Commissioners



Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to cancel all or most of the Ravalli County Fair for this season. As with so many others, I am sad to make this request of you because the fair is truly a highlight of the year for so many. It is especially important to the 4-H participants who always work hard raising animals and completing other 4-H projects throughout the year in anticipation of the fair. It is also important for non-profit organizations who host food booths and raise significant money during the fair to support their operations.

That being said, we are in the middle of a health crisis and need to respond in a way that protects as many of our citizens as possible. There is virtually no way to safely have a rodeo (with crowded stands), food vendors (with crowded lines) or most of the other events. I might have a different opinion if masks were to be made mandatory for attendance at the fair with no food vendors and with true enforcement. Unfortunately, I don't see that happening.

I imagine that you have heard the argument that those who have concerns about their health should simply not attend. That is, at best, a simplistic argument. We now have community spread of Covid-19 and those who do choose to attend will be out in the community after possible exposure putting all with whom they come in contact at risk. I might be less concerned if I saw consistent mask wearing, but, again, that is not yet happening.

I urge you to follow the lead of other large events in our community that have been cancelled or significantly reduced (Daly Days, Brew Fest, BlueGrass Festival etc.) and err on the side of safety. I would also urge you to perhaps review the Missoula County Fair Plan which addresses these issues and is still holding a much reduced fair.

As Covid-19 cases continue to increase in our state and in our county, cancelling or greatly reducing the fair is the only responsible option.

Sincerely,
Peggy Tonon

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From: Bob Popham <bobpophamranch@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Greg Chilcott; Chris A. Hoffman; Jeff Burrows; Chris Taggart
Subject: [EXTERNAL] C. Ben White Memorial Open Lands project

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Gentlemen,

As most of you know, my wife, Jane and I were participants in the Open Lands Program a few years ago. I think it is a very important tool Ravalli County has to keep the life style we're all here to enjoy. ALL property tax payers in the County support this Program with funding. I am proud what has been done for agriculture with this Program, we also need to meet the needs and desires of the citizens who live here for the outdoor enjoyment the Program supports.....such as this project for river and forest access. As has been the case in most Projects the Land Trust has brought forward, this Project is leveraged quite well.....about 3-1. We support this application and encourage your vote for approval.

Thank you,
Jane and Bob Popham
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