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From: Sue S <ssducks@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:55 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unpaving of Certain County Roads

Dear Commissioners: We were notified by our neighbors last night (around 8:30 pm) about your meeting today regarding the unpaving of certain county roads. I do not know why the residents of this area were not given advanced warning of this upcoming meeting. Were we not told because the County has already made up their minds?

I live on Carlton Drive and this street is heavily used by all the residents who reside in this area, including Helen Court and N. Barbara Drive. We are one block south of Florence Carlton School and there are many children who live in this area and it would be a tragic for a child to get hit because the County Commissioners decided to try and save a few bucks and just gravel this road.

You not only put harm and danger to our children, but you also de-value our homes in the future if a gravel road is put in. It will create a high amount of dust in our area and with someone who has severe asthma, will cause health conditions of many residents to suffer from non-stop dust.

There are numerous houses (30+) in this area alone and is very heavily used by residents driving to and from Missoula. All of these homes are right on the street. There are no sidewalks. As it is, the pavement is in poor shape with numerous potholes. The County will have to maintain the gravel road in the future with grading every year. This road and surrounding roads need to be paved.

I would think an area next to a school would be given high priority when it comes to a decision to not pave surrounding areas. I do see that Long Street is not on your list and it is right in front of the school and a business, which is full of pot holes and a hazard.

This is a very terrible idea and I would hope the Commissioners would take into consideration the residents and children in this area, as well as the health of individuals.

PLEASE do not make a decision on this matter until all parties are heard. This is extremely important to our residents and our area that we call home.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint, and I sincerely hope that this terrible 'pavement removal' proposal is discussed in whole and we are not just pushed to the side.

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