

June 24, 2014

Ravalli County Commissioners
ATTENTION: County Airport
215 S 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Commissioners:

It has come to my attention that 3 of you have decided to disregard a prior decision by the citizenry about our airport. That decision seems to be mainly pushed by Commissioners Foss and Stoltz, and perhaps Burrows is included in this disregard for public input.

We have had enough of the behind the scene action by these people. It was decided in 2003 that the citizenry had the right to vote before any contract was let to extend the runway. Extending the runway would benefit a very small number of people/planes. The noise and pollution would increase greatly. This is not what is wanted by Hamilton and Bitterroot Valley.

Now, Federal funds are not available as they once were and I would like to know where the money would originate. It seems that it would be necessary to purchase land for this expansion at a very high cost from one landowner. Where is that money available for such a purchase?

This matter should be placed on the November ballot so that the citizenry would express their opinions; rather than allow you to make such a decision. Property values will be affected dramatically. It is not right to disregard the majority for a very small minority. I don't believe that there are enough larger jets coming into our Valley to justify such action.

This is a major issue – not to be decided by just the Commissioners.

Sincerely,



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