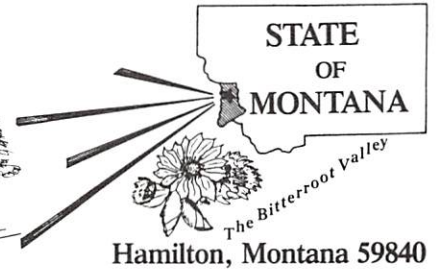
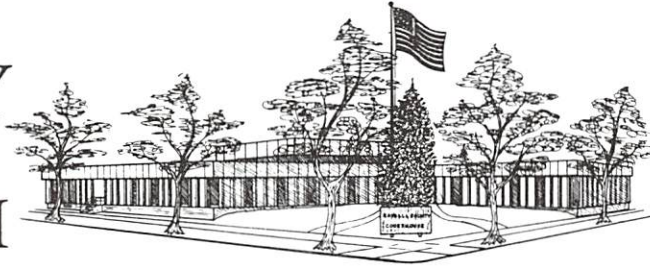


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



March 24, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Ravalli County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Hamilton Downtown Foundation's (HDF) efforts to develop the Hamilton Community Ice Rink at Big Corral Park. This project represents an exciting opportunity to activate a growing county park while creating a unique winter recreation amenity that will serve residents and visitors from across the Bitterroot Valley.

Big Corral Park has long been envisioned as an important recreational asset for Ravalli County. During the county's community feedback open houses related to the park's planning process, residents of all ages and backgrounds expressed strong interest in seeing the park become a family-friendly recreational space, including enthusiasm for the possibility of an ice rink on the grounds. While the county continues working toward the resources needed to fully implement the park's long-term development plans, the proposed ice rink provides a practical and achievable way to begin bringing activity to the site in the near term.

Ravalli County has approved a lease agreement allowing HDF to develop and operate the community ice rink within Big Corral Park, demonstrating the county's support for the project and its compatibility with the park's long-term vision. The rink will allow the community to begin using and enjoying the park while remaining aligned with future park improvements as they are implemented.

The Hamilton Community Ice Rink will fill an important regional gap in winter recreation infrastructure. A refrigerated rink will provide reliable ice conditions throughout the winter season and serve residents from communities across the Bitterroot Valley while also encouraging visitors to travel to Hamilton during the winter months. In addition to providing meaningful recreation opportunities for local families, the project has the potential to support local businesses by strengthening year-round visitation to the area.

The Ravalli County Commissioners appreciate HDF's leadership in bringing community partners together around projects that strengthen recreation, economic vitality, and quality of life in the Bitterroot Valley. We believe the Hamilton Community Ice Rink will become a valued community asset and an important step in bringing the long-term vision for Big Corral Park to life.

We strongly support the Hamilton Downtown Foundation's efforts to develop this project and encourage its consideration for funding opportunities that help bring this important community asset to fruition.

With gratitude,

Dan Huls, Chairman
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners