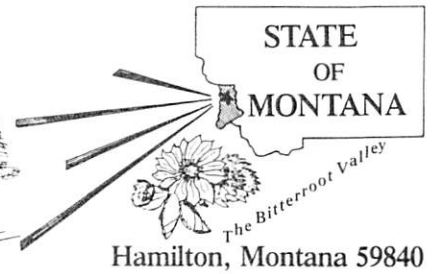
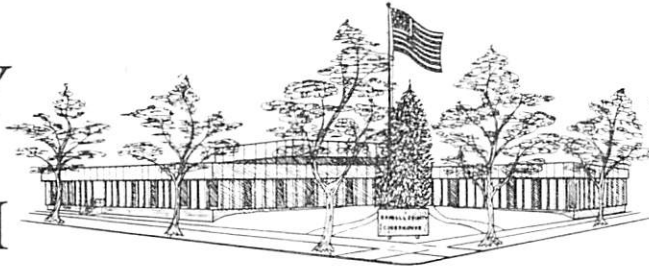


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



City of Hamilton
Mayor Steel
223 S. 2nd Street
Hamilton, MT 59840

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Honorable Mayor Steel,

It has recently come to our attention that there may be a hazard on the highly traveled Fairgrounds Road. We had reports of five (5) accidents on the dates of December 9th & 10th, 2016. Two (2) of the accidents were hit and run and three were reported. All of the accidents were single vehicle and caused property damage. Four (4) of the vehicles were travelling westbound on Fairgrounds Road and lost control after the right side of the vehicle(s) hit the edge of the road. Upon hitting the edge of the road the drivers lost control of the vehicle, leaving the road and hit the fences. Three (3) vehicles struck the fence on the right (north) side of the road and one (1) left the left (south) side of Fairgrounds Road and collided with a post, tension line and a fence. The anomalous accident was one of the hit and run reports and appeared to have entered the main gate of the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, drove east across the snow-covered grass and then drove through the chain link fence that bordered the 200 block of Fairgrounds Road.

The road surface conditions on both days were wet, icy, snow, slush, etc. It appears as though all four accidents resulted from vehicles coming into contact with the shoulder of the road in this area. As you know there are many pedestrians who utilize the sidewalk in this area.

We respectfully request that you have the road inspected in this area for deficiencies that may contribute to causing vehicles to lose control and exit this roadway.

Sincerely,

Greg Chilcott
Chairman, Board of Ravalli County Commissioners