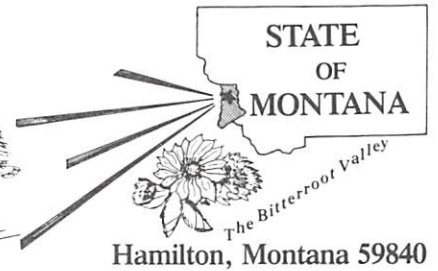


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



September 29, 2017

Ms. Carol Crockett
Tourism Grant Manager
Montana Office of Tourism
PO Box 201505
301 South Park Avenue
Helena, MT 59620-0505

Dear Ms. Crockett,

Ravalli County, represented by the Board of County Commissioners, is proud to work in partnership with the Ravalli County Museum and Historical Society to ensure that Ravalli County citizens and nonresidential visitors to our area have an outstanding Museum at the old Courthouse.

The County owns the old Courthouse, designed by AJ Gibson and built in 1900. While an important cultural asset in our community, the old structure poses a challenge to keep properly maintained. Working with the nonprofit Ravalli County Museum, we are able to leverage each other's energy and talents to steward and improve the lovely old building for all to enjoy.

The Board of County Commissioners has pledged \$10,000 to the Lighting and Seating Campaign, and welcomes the Montana Office of Tourism to join with us and other generous donors to make this significant upgrade at the Museum. Proper lighting will showcase exhibits, make more programs possible, and also save energy. Durable, comfortable and easy to move and store seating, will be a relief to our many visitors, especially seniors who need proper support while seated and the volunteers who move chairs on a daily basis to accommodate difference program needs.

With new lighting and seating, the Museum can continue to host the local community, as well as a significant number of non-resident visitors attending Museum programs. And with these improvements, we can attract many others to the broad offerings at the Museum. When we work with the Museum staff, almost certainly one of us will comment on the amazing slate of activities the Museum mounts and hosts and how good that is for our community. We appreciate their endeavors and very much want to see these upgrades take place. Our Museum deserves the best.

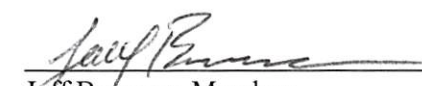
With King Regards,




Greg Chilcott, Chairman


Ray Hawk, Member


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