

**SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS  
OF THE  
RAVALLI COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING 1:30 PM**

**Wednesday, September 06, 2023**

**Commissioners' Meeting Room  
County Administration Building,  
215 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Hamilton, MT 59840.**

**1. Roll Call**

Commissioner Dan Huls, Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner Jeff Burrows.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Taggart, minutes

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public comment: For those participating via Granicus, you may call 406-375-6513 in order to provide your public comment**

None.

**4. 1:30 PM Discussion with possible decision: Justice Court / Detention Center proposed improvements**

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Present:

Justice of the Peace 1, Judge Jennifer Ray

**BCC consensus:**

- **Approve removal of 5 posts along Madison**
- **Approve moving forward with City approved donated trees along Madison**
- **Obtain more bids for a new sign, to include installation**
- **No motorcycle parking where requested at SW corner of Detention Center**
- **Approve purchase of stencils or vinyl decals for entry doors (with funds from JP 1 Operating)**

**5. Public comment on items not otherwise on the agenda**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Chilcott moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Burrows. All voted "aye" (3-0).**

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Chris Taggart, Administrative Assistant

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recognized by the Board.

**1:30 P.M. REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. Roll Call**
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Gentlemen,

With the removal of the trees surrounding the Court House, we respectfully ask that the Commissioners to consider the following maintenance and physical improvements:

- The ability for individuals to “sponsor” replacement trees around the Courthouse. This would include small placards allowing people to donate the tree in memory of a loved one.
- A new sign denoting the location of the Ravalli County Detention Center and Justice Court. We have taken the liberty to contact a local timber frame contractor and secured a diagram and quote. See attached. This quote does not include the cement base and the center sign which would need to be ordered.
- A small specialized parking area for motorcycles on the south west corner of the Detention center. This area was initially irrigated for a lawn but has not been maintained for several years and now is just dirt. If possible, we would like to have the soil scraped off and replaced with a ¾” minus gravel base. Additionally, a small sign designating this as a motorcycle parking area would promote motorcycle and vespa use among employees. Note: There is already a surveillance camera covering this area. We have talked with Captain McElderry and he agrees.
- We feel that the sign posts along the sidewalk should all be removed as they don’t currently serve any useful purpose.

If you have a questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us and thank you for considering these improvement requests!

Ravalli County Justices of the Peace

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Jennifer Ray

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Scott Burlingham