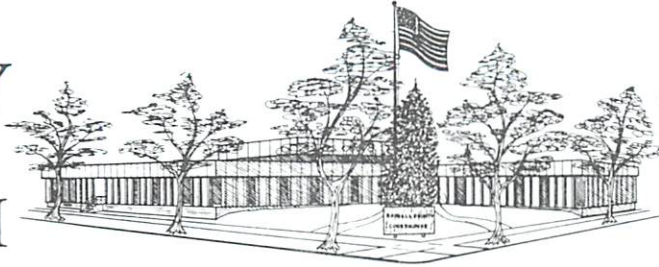


# COUNTY OF RAVALLI



November 1, 2018

City of Hamilton  
Dominic Farrenkopf, Mayor  
223 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear Mayor Farrenkopf,

This letter is to memorialize that the Ravalli County Commissioners were provided the opportunity to meet and consult in a public meeting with the opportunity for public comment regarding the proposed North Hamilton Urban Renewal District with a tax increment finance provision and its effect on the County. The City of Hamilton in so far as Ravalli County is concerned has acted in accordance of MCA 7-15-4282.

The County was provided notification of the time and date of the City's public hearing on the Ordinance that took place on September 18, 2018. The County noticed a County public meeting with City staff and Mayor for "Discussion of the City of Hamilton's North Hamilton Urban Renewal District" on October 15, 2018, and held a subsequent public meeting on October 30, 2018 to further discuss the proposal.

The County has also received notice of the final public hearing before the City Council on November 7, 2018, and understands if the North Hamilton Urban Renewal District and Plan are adopted a Ravalli County Commissioner or a board designee will have the right to participate on the advisory board that will recommend project plans for City Council review.

Portions of the North Hamilton Urban Renewal District and the Ravalli County Targeted Economic Development District are inside the boundary of the Opportunity Zone. Large portions of the areas within these Districts and the Opportunity Zone are infrastructure deficient. Ravalli County supports the North Hamilton Urban Renewal District and the chance to collaborate with the City to fund the construction of infrastructure in the area which will foster economic development, and increase tax base and jobs.

By   
Chris Hoffman, Vice-Chairman  
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners