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Subject: Public Display Policy

As you may recall, last November and December we visited the issue of permissible displays in Ravalli County buildings and on County grounds. I am concerned to develop a policy which will include any and all persons and beliefs, consistent with federal law on equal protection, due process, and separation of church and state. We learned last year, that Ravalli County has no uniform policy. Further, the County spent County money on supporting displays which could be easily interpreted as promoting one particular belief.

In addition to my interest, there are a number of organizations and news organizations that share this interest and concern. I asked the Board to examine this at the first of this year and, to date, have learned that no progress has been made. I understand the stresses upon the County Attorney's time, but this matter is of paramount Constitutional weight and great public impact. I want a policy in place in time to allow for meaningful involvements for this end of the year season... which, in a legislative sense, is not all that far off.

The Board should propose and adopt an ordinance consistent with State and Federal law.

I await seeing the proposal and learning when the Board will hold public hearings on this matter.

Thank you for your response,
Sincerely,

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