

## Glenda Wiles

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**From:** Chris A. Hoffman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** 'Elliott Oppenheim'  
**Cc:** Jeff Burrows; Greg Chilcott; Ray Hawk; Doug Schallenberger; Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** RE: Public Display Policy

Mr. Oppenheim,

The only update I have for you is that Chairman Burrows has asked me to work on the policy. I can only assure you that I will get to it when I can. I know, sir, that this is a project for which you have a great deal of passion, and I can understand that. I am interested as well. Believe it or not, we have a good deal on our plate, here in Ravalli County, and budget season will soon be upon us, too. As I'm sure you can well understand, projects must be prioritized. While we definitely need to get this policy in place, there are several others we are currently working on which, frankly, impact our citizens health, safety and welfare at this moment.

Finally, I can tell you that I have spoken to our civil attorney, to at least get it on his radar. Given your background, I'm sure will understand that I will be somewhat at his mercy...given that we are all, to some degree, subject to the tyranny of the urgent.

Please feel free to stay in touch with me, and I will do my best to update you as I begin to work on this policy. Until then, I appreciate your patience.

Best,

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**Subject:** Public Display Policy

Any update? Progress? With the notice and comment period needed, we want to get this concluded by 1 November... fast approaching. This is a simple project and I do not understand this delay.

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**From:** Chris A. Hoffman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 2:07 PM  
**To:** Jeff Burrows; Greg Chilcott; Ray Hawk; Doug Schallenberger; Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** FW: Tyranny of the Urgent.

Below, Mr. Oppenheim's response to my email, and what I just sent back. For the record.

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**Subject:** RE: Tyranny of the Urgent.

Mr. Oppenheim,

It was not my intention to be dismissive and I regret that you took it that way. Rather, given your persistence and great interest in the creation of this policy, my intention was honesty. As far as a "turn of phrase," I don't know who Charles Hummel is, but I certainly wasn't claiming to have coined it. The tyranny of the urgent is a reality, I'm afraid, and I'm sure you know that. I'm also quite sure that you understand the need to prioritize.

I have courteously attempted today, to assure that I have taken on the project and that I will get to it as soon as I am able. It is unfortunate that you have chosen to read ulterior motives into my forthright communication. That is, of course, your choice sir, but if I may make a suggestion, I would ask that you dispense with the accusations and threats, and save your zeal for helping me when the time comes that I am able to focus on it.

As to the time frame, I will not give you a for certain date, because I cannot do that honestly. I can say that I am personally committed to completing this project well before November.

Finally, I once again ask for your continued patience, and I remain available to discuss this issue with you, anytime.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Tyranny of the Urgent.

This dismissive reply doesn't cut it. That's one of the best turns of phrase I have ever experienced! Well done. Charles Hummel's 1967 article is well known... Use quotes...

There are a number of organizations that anticipate this policy. Apparently, Ravalli County has none. The County at this time appears to favor one form of Christian expression over others of equal legitimacy. This is not "how it works" in a Democracy such as ours.

You can't simply sandbag this civil rights issue. The County has a legal duty to respond in a meaningful way to this demand.

Here's another turn of phrase for you: Justice Delayed is Justice Denied. (Google that...) This Policy needs to be in place for this end of this year... or there may be a request for a Court to create one. Months have now passed and nothing has been accomplished. If not now, when? (Google, that, too.) I assume your inaction to this point is excusable... but it will be hard to excuse if you delay further. When may I expect your response? Please give me date. April 1st?

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