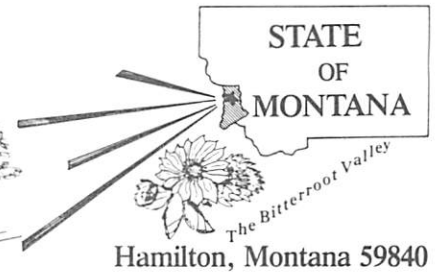


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Re: Magruder, et al. Administrative Claim

Dear Ms. Tafoya and Ms. Hromadka:

This letter responds to your letter and Administrative Claim received by this office on November 26, 2018. Per the dictates of M.C.A. 2-9-301, we are making this response within the prescribed time frames.

Please be advised that your claim has been given careful attention by this body. Among other things, that attention has included a telephonic meeting held on February 14, 2019, attended by Ms. Tafoya, Deputy County Attorney Dan Browder, and assigned MACo legal counsel Mark F. Higgins, at the conclusion of which your side was invited to provide us with any additional information concerning or rationale supporting the submitted claim. In addition, a closed Commission session, for the purpose of obtaining and considering legal advice, was held on March 11, 2019.

After due consideration, the Ravalli County Commission has decided on two courses of action with respect to the Administrative Claim you have made. First, we are hereby advising you that the claim for alleged damages, and other affirmative relief, is being denied.

Tafoya and Hromadka

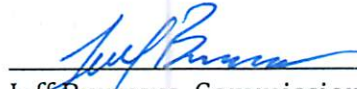
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Second, the Commission has determined that it will accept for consideration the February 14, 2017 petition as subsequently amended and submitted by your client, Brad Magruder. Although County representatives were correct when they informed your clients multiple times that their petition cannot be granted unless all the landowners whose tracts access the part of the road petitioned to be abandoned "agree to the abandonment" (§ 7-14-2615, MCA), the Petition was likely statutorily sufficient under §§ 7-14-2601 and -2602, MCA. Therefore, unless you inform us your client no longer wishes to have the petition considered, the Commission will convene a public hearing on it. The preferred date for that hearing is April 3, 2019, which would entail public notice of the same on March 20 and 27. Given the pendency of those dates, we are asking that you advise Glenda Wiles (406-375-6500) of your and your clients' availability on the proposed date as soon as possible, in case an alternate date is required.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Jeff Burrows, Commission Chair