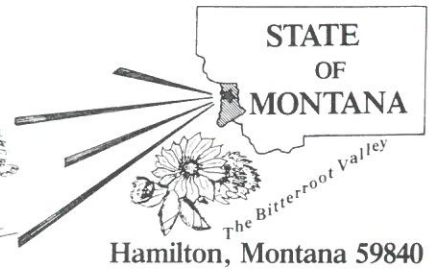
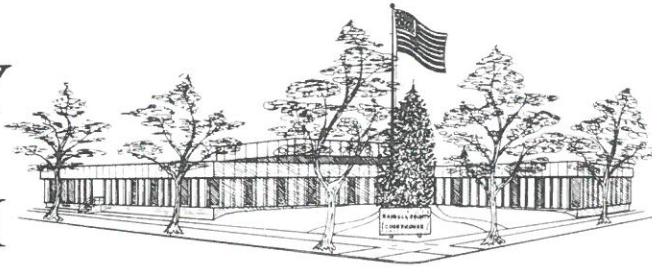


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Re: Ravalli County Extension of Time Request for Freight Monster MT-BSTF-1-16-04

Dear Ms. Townsend,

Ravalli County requests that the Department of Commerce, Big Sky Trust Fund Committee provide Freight Monster with a 1 year extension of time, through August 9, 2020. The original contract was for \$225,000. Freight Monster made their first BSTF Draw under the existing contract in March of 2016. To date, Freight Monster has been reimbursed in the amount of \$37,500 for the creation of 5 net, new jobs. Freight Monster previously deobligated all the remaining funds in the amount of \$187,500.

At this time Freight Monster has 16 full time employees. We are asking for an additional year to have time to hire the employees so that the company can break even with the Department and not have to repay \$37,500. Freight Monster feels strongly that they will be able to bring their employee numbers to a point where there would not be a claw back of funds. The company is actively trying to recruit employees.

We appreciate the consideration of our request for an extension and the past and current support from the Department for our community and for Freight Monster.

Sincerely,


Jeff Burrows
Ravalli County Commissioner, Chair