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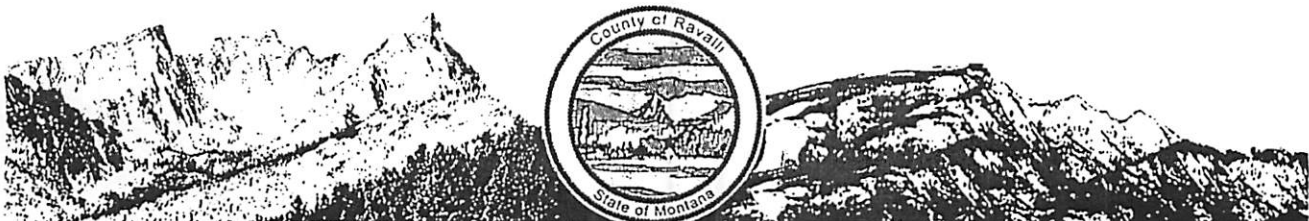
**Re: Disclosure of Current and Material Pending or Threatened Litigation –
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016**

Dear Ms. Doyle:

In connection with the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the following is a description of any material pending or threatened litigation, claims or contingencies involving matters with respect to which this office has been engaged or to which this office has devoted substantive attention on behalf of Ravalli County. Matters are regarded as material if they individually or (if a series of similar claims or lawsuits) in the aggregate involve amounts in excess of \$10,000.

Litigation – Pending and Resolved:

1. *Birkeneder v. Ravalli County*. Plaintiffs seek damages stemming from an alleged defective notice of Sheriff's sale. Ravalli County has asserted defense; action by the Court on the County's defenses is still pending. MACo has accepted claim and is providing a defense.
2. *Bugli, et al. v. Ravalli County, et al.* Plaintiffs seek to block Ravalli County's efforts to remove a gate across a public road; plaintiffs also seek damages. After the District Court dismissed plaintiffs' action, plaintiff appealed and filed new action in District Court. Both Montana Supreme Court and District Court actions are currently pending.
3. *Corbisiero v. Ravalli County*. Plaintiff sought damages stemming from Ravalli County's alleged negligence while plaintiff was an inmate in the Ravalli County Detention Center. MACo accepted claim and provided defense. Claim settled and is in the process of being dismissed.



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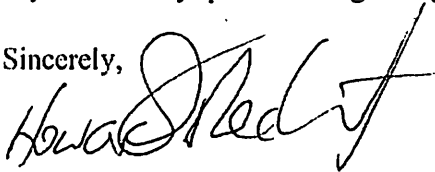
4. *REMLC Rental Property and Management Services v. Board of Trustees of Ravalli County Tourism Business Improvement District, et al.* Plaintiff seeks damages and injunctive relief stemming from alleged TBID actions. MACo has accepted claim and an indemnification defense sought from TBID.
5. *Siphakis v. Ravalli County.* Plaintiff asserted claim for personal injuries stemming from an automobile accident in which a county vehicle was involved. MACo accepted claim and provided defense. Claim settled.
6. *Stamey v. Ravalli County.* Plaintiff, prior Treasurer of Ravalli County, brought claim stemming from the County's actions in suspending and ultimately dismissing her due to official misconduct. MACo has accepted claim and is providing a defense.
7. *Warren v. Wofford, et al.* Plaintiff asserted claim stemming from an officer-involved shooting death. MACo has accepted claim, which is close to settlement for a nominal sum.

The foregoing list includes all civil litigation and claims which I have been able to identify, including those resolved during the fiscal year. This disclosure includes matters that existed as of June 30, 2016, and from that date to the date hereof. The County will supplement this information if additional information is obtained concerning suits or potential claims materially affecting the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

In the course of performing legal services, this office has not formed the professional conclusion that unasserted possible claims call for financial statement disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Howard F. Recht,
Deputy Attorney

cc: Ravalli County Commissioners
Klarryse L. Murphy, Chief Financial Officer
Dennis Jupka, MACo Claims Manager