

STATEMENT AND REPORT OF RAVALLI COUNTY TREASURER VALARIE STAMEY TO  
RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 21, 2013 11 A.M.

What you see in the papers is an orchestrated and vile campaign to destroy my character to protect corrupt county commissioner, J.R. Iman who has been knowingly protected by Greg Chilcott. The further purposes of this character assassination were to cover up missing files that were intentionally removed from the Treasurer's Office by Joanne Johnson. These missing files contained receipts and documentation including expenditures of Federal monies, and to hide the illegal selling of tax liens by Linda Isaacs and Mary Borden. I will bring suit against these parties for their various tortious actions against me.

My office is a crime scene of past illegal activity. I have contacted and I am requesting a full investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation who describes public corruption as their number one priority of criminal investigation because, "Public corruption poses a fundamental threat to our national security and way of life." Did your hear that J.R.?

J.R. Iman threatened me to stop asking question and not talk to others as I attempted to merely gain access to the accounts of the Treasury Office at First Interstate Bank. J.R. Iman was very disturbed that I was attempting to do my job. I was deprived personal access to the accounts for three weeks. J.R. Iman prohibited me from knowing the combination to the Treasurer's safe. Ask yourself why a man who stole county property should be so intimately involved in the Treasurer's Office? The badger was guarding the eggs and he couldn't even admit his conflict of interest in these matters concerning me.

I pleaded with Greg Chilcott and Jeff Burrows to do something about it. My pleas fell on deaf ears. In fact, after presenting Greg Chilcott with clear evidence of the above, I heard Mr. Chilcott go into J.R. Iman's office and tell J.R. "God dammit you son of bitch what the fuck have you done now." These are Mr. Chilcott's words not mine. Clearly Mr. Chilcott knew of J.R. Iman's corrupt tendencies, and clearly Mr. Chilcott's clandestine actions against me last Friday are as corrupt. By the way Greg you know that MACO has already told the County Commissioners that you can't remove me at will, so why the fallacious press story to the contrary?

I have done nothing illegal so get out of my private life.

It is clear that numerous records of receipts and deposits have been removed from the Treasures Office. I asked Kalryse Murphy where these files are? She said they were removed for an audit. However, a tax clerk volunteered that JoAnne Johnson had taken them "To Protect Us" from Mary Hudson Smith. Mary was in office for less than two months and over three years later they have never been returned. Furthermore, Bonnie Dugan has intimidated an employee who was attempting to catalogue the extent of the files that are missing.

A reading of Montana Law shows that every single tax lien assignment for the last four years has been illegal affecting the rights of our citizens and the liability of this County. Bill Nelson and Hudgins have only scratched the surface. Please see Zinvest v. Hudgins, DV-12-517. Attorney fees were awarded in the case and the county is likely liable for those amounts. Thank you for your service Marie, Linda, and Mary.

This orchestrated attack that you have read in the papers went into overdrive following my demand to the County Commissioners that they must do something about the illegally sold tax liens or that I will have to.

It is for all of these reasons and more:

1. I am suspending Bonnie Dugan with pay as her continued presence in the office will contaminate the necessary investigations.
2. I demand Joanne Johnson and Kalryse Murphy immediately return the missing files and any other secreted away or removed files personally to me in the Treasurer's Office.
3. All correspondence with my office will be in non-electronic writing directed solely to Valarie Stamey Ravalli County Treasurer. All other intra county communications will not be recognized nor acted upon. Taxpayer requests or calls from non-Ravalli County entities that I wish to take will be recognized.
4. Commissioners in compliance with their own rules are prohibited from communicating with any department employee during their work activities.

5. All other signatories on Treasury Office accounts at First Interstate Bank besides my own will be removed or I will change banks.
6. Henceforth the Treasurer's Office will be closed between 12 and 1 p.m. every working day as is allowed by Montana Law.
7. In compliance with Montana law, office policies will be enacted that ensure that documents are never taken from the Treasurer's Office again.
8. The county commissioners will allocate necessary funds for the protection of public records in my office including a security guard or I will seek a court order.
9. I will establish office protocols in accordance with Montana State Law for the proper disbursement and keeping of all public funds. Montana law has been held in contempt by this Commission and by prior County Treasurers; this will end today.