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**Subject:** Stamey demands County Auditor reports

Hello everyone,

Please see attached letter.

County Auditor Bill Fulbright has failed to examine the books and accounts of the county.

Montana Code Annotated 7-6-2409 demands that it is the duty of the County Auditor to examine the books and accounts of the county treasurer, the county clerk and recorder, the sheriff, the clerk of the district court, and all other county and township officers within 15 days prior to the first regular session of the board of county commissioners in March, June, September, and December. The County Auditor shall make a report of these quarterly examinations which shall contain a full and complete statement of the money received and disbursed by each of the officers since the last examination and report.

A copy of these reports are to be kept in the Auditor's office open to inspection by all.

I have shown that the receipts of the deposits of all branches of Ravalli County government are either missing in entirety or have not been kept for the past four to six years. Bill Fulbright has been the County Auditor since January of 2011. Bill Fulbright should have discovered this and began an investigation and should have informed the Commissioners. This is his duty. There is no way to reconcile the accounts of any branch of Ravalli County government without the receipts.

The duty to examine the books of those departments is a necessary and required check on the veracity of county financial records. Any delegation of his duty must ensure that those departments are not examining themselves. Even if the actual examination is delegated to another, Bill Fulbright is still solely responsible for ensuring that he has complied with his statutory duty. There should be a record of his quarterly reports.

The historic mess of the books and accounts of Ravalli County must sit on the shoulders of Bill Fulbright and the Ravalli County Commissioners who also failed to ensure that Bill Fulbright was doing his job. The Ravalli County Commissioners should place themselves and Bill Fulbright on administrative leave pending a full investigation their failure and the failure of Bill Fulbright to protect the financial accounts and records of Ravalli County. I demand that the Ravalli County Commissioners and Bill Fulbright allow immediate public inspection of the required quarterly reports for the last ten years. If the reports are not available for public inspection open to all by Monday, February 3, 2014 at 10 A.M. then I will assume no such reports exist and take required action.

Valerie Stamey,  
Ravalli County Treasurer

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