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RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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COMMISSIONERS,

THE BITTER ROOT IRRIGATION DISTRICT IS FILING THIS REPORT TO THE COUNTY AS OUR OFFICIAL APPEAL TO YOU AS THE COUNTY'S GUARDIAN OF OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND ARE REQUESTING YOU TO ADDRESS VIOLATIONS OF MT CODE 7-6-612 (3)(a)(b)(c). THE DISTRICT FEELS STRONGLY THAT TREASURER, VALERIE STAMEY HAS THE DUTY TO PROVIDE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY OF ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CASH RECEIPTS AND FOR DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENT OF ALL DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND BOARDS. OUR FUND ACCOUNTS ARE 5 MO IN ARREARS AND THE DISTRICT BELIEVES THERE IS NEGLECT AS WELL AS REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH THIS STATUE. WE WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH COLLECTION OF THE STATUE THAT STATES THE BOARD SHALL INSTITUTE SUITS FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE SUM WHICH IS \$500 PER EACH MISSING REPORT. THE DISTRICT HAS 2-3 MONTHLY REPORTS FOR OVER 5 MONTHS AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY A101'S ARE MISSING FOR OUR DISTRICT.

I PERSONALLY VISITED THE TREASURERS OFFICE TO WELCOME HER AND INTRODUCE MYSELF. I WAS MORE THAN WILLING TO GIVE HER A EVERY CHANCE TO DO WELL. I CLEARLY GAVE HER AN EMAIL LIST OF ALL FUND REPORTS REQUIRED BY OUR DISTRICT. I ALSO VISITED HER AGAIN WITH A WRITTEN LIST AND COPIES OF OUR REQUIRED FORMS ON A MONTHLY BASIS. IT WAS SO OBVIOUS WITHIN A MONTH OF HER HIRE THAT SHE HAD NO CLUE WHAT SHE WAS DOING. RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING SHE BLAMED MARIE, THEN JOANNE, THEN KLARRYSE, THEN MARY, THEN JANA, THEN LINDA. EVERYONE BUT HERSELF. SHE COMPLAINED MANY TIMES THAT SHE SPENT SO MUCH TIME ON THE PHONE AT NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS CALLING COUNTY CITIZENS, SHE JUST COULD NOT GET HER WORK DONE. THAT IS NOT ON HER JOB DESCRIPTION. WHY WOULD SHE BE CALLING CITIZENS??!! SHE WAS DISHONEST MANY TIMES WHEN I CALLED OR EMAILED HER TO ASK WHEN I COULD EXPECT MY REPORTS AS I HAD AN AUDIT DUE. AGAIN AND AGAIN SHE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD HER ROLE BUT AGAIN DID NOT TELL ME THE TRUTH AND TOLD ME THEY WOULD BE THERE IN A DAY OR TWO. SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO DO ANY OF MY REPORTS. AND AS OF THIS DATE, THOSE REPORTS HAVE NOT ARRIVED. THE FEW THINGS I DID GET WERE SIMPLE A101'S THAT WERE DONE BY SOMEONE ELSE. VALERIE'S MANY ACCUSATIONS ABOUT MISSING RECORDS SEEM STRANGE AS SHE HERSELF HAS TOLD ME SHE HAS TAKEN RECORDS FROM THE COUNTY HOME TO WORK ON THEM. SHE ALSO STATED IN A GOP MEETING WHICH AIRED ON YOU TUBE THAT SHE INDEED HAD RECORDS FROM THE COUNTY IN HER POSSESSION. THE DISTRICT AUDIT IS DUE TO THE STATE BY FEB 28TH. WILL THE COUNTY PAY FOR LATE FINES AND TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OUR MANY YEARS OF CLEAN AUDITS THAT ARE NOW LATE TO THE STATE AUDITOR??

THIS IS NOT A WITCH HUNT TO MAKE US FEEL BETTER. OUR DISTRICT IS GOING WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AS TO OUR FINANCIAL STANDING WHICH HAS BEEN NEGLECTED AND REFUSED BY THE TREASURER. WHAT IS CORRECT IS THAT THE RECOVERY OF THESE REPORTS IS OUR GOAL. THE TREASURER MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE OVERWHELMING FINANCIAL DISASTER SHE HAS CREATED WITH THE ENTIRE COUNTY. IT IS YOUR DUTY TO SEE TO IT THAT SHE IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO ALL OF US.

RESPECTFULLY,

ELAINE CULLETTO
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