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Mr. Wallace A. Oliff
1926 East Fork Road
Sula, MT 59871

Re: Sula Rural Fire District, Station #4

Dear Mr. Oliff:

I am in receipt of your July 13, 2007 letter regarding the Sula fire station. As you no doubt remember, we have discussed this matter a number of times, and you have also spoken to other members of my office, as well as various County Commissioners. You have provided us with information, including the letter from David W. Cook, Supervisor of the Building Codes Bureau for the State of Montana. As you note in your letter, Mr. Cook, whose job it is to determine if buildings are up to code, stated the building is compliant.

It is unfortunate that you do not believe the building has been built the way it should have been. However, as my office has stated repeatedly, there can be no crime when the building was built to legal specifications. The very professional folks at the Building Codes Bureau have made that determination, and it is their determination to make. If you feel that a contract provision has been broken, you should discuss that with a private attorney.

Sincerely,

Alex Beal

Alex Beal
Deputy Ravalli County Attorney

Cc: Ravalli County Commissioners
Sula Rural Fire District, Box 7, Sula, MT 59871 (with attachment)

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