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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

MICHAEL E. SPREADBURY,

Plaintiff,

v.

BITTERROOT PUBLIC LIBRARY, CITY OF HAMILTON, LEE ENTERPRISES, INC., BOONE KARLBERG P.C., DR. ROBERT BROPHY, TRISTA SMITH, NANSU RODDY, JERRY STEELE, STEVE SNAVELY, STEVEN BRUNER-MURPHY, RYAN OSTER, KENNETH S. BELL, and JENNIFER LINT,

Defendants.

Cause No. CV-11-064-M-DWM-JCL

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM L. CROWLEY

STATE OF MONTANA) : ss. County of Missoula)

William L. Crowley, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. He is one of the shareholders in the law firm of Boone Karlberg P.C. He has personal knowledge of the matters stated in this Affidavit. Further, the Affidavit is submitted to conform to the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1924 relating to a verification of the Bill of Costs, dated May 31, 2012, and filed in this action.
- 2. On April 19, 2011, a filing fee was paid in this action on behalf of the municipal Defendants to the United States in the amount of \$350.00 (see Exhibit A to this Affidavit). The fee was necessarily incurred in the case.
- 3. On April 20, 2011, an appearance fee in the amount of \$70.00 and a removal fee in the amount of \$5.00 was paid to the Montana Twenty-First Judicial District Court, Ravalli County, Montana on behalf of the municipal Defendants in this action (see Exhibits B and C to this Affidavit). The fees were necessarily incurred in the case.
- 4. In its Order, filed September 29, 2011 (Doc. 112), the Court awarded attorney's fees to Defendants City of Hamilton ("City") and Bitterroot Public Library ("BPL") incurred in connection with two motions to compel Plaintiff Michael Spreadbury to respond to discovery. The Court determined that Plaintiff

Michael Spreadbury's *pro se* status did not justify his non-compliance with the Court's discovery orders, an award of attorney's fees to the City and BPL would not be unjust, and Plaintiff Michael Spreadbury's failure to respond to the discovery requests was not substantially justified. [Doc. 112, pp. 6, 8.] The Court also determined the hourly rate charged by defense counsel was reasonable, and a reasonable lode star calculation, arrived at by multiplying the hourly rate by 17.1 hours, was \$2,821.50. [Doc. 112, pp. 10, 13-14.] Further, the Court's Order concludes by stating, "As a result, Plaintiff shall pay Defendants \$2,821.50, and this amount shall be imposed as part of the final judgment ultimately entered in this case." [Doc. 112, p. 14 (citation omitted).] As outlined in the Court's Order (Doc. 112), the services for which the attorney's fees were awarded were actually and necessarily performed in connection with this case.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2012.

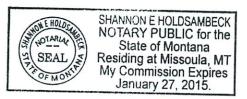
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO this 1st day of June, 2012, by William L.

Crowley.



Notary Public for the State of Montana Printed Name: Shannon E. Holdsambeck

Residing at: Missoula, Montana

My Commission Expires: January 27, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby	certify that	, on the 1st	day of June,	2012, a copy	of the foregoing
document was s	served on the	ne followin	ng persons by	y the followin	g means:

- <u>1, 3</u> CM/ECF
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- Overnight Delivery Service
 - Fax
- 2 E-Mail
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