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Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 5:04 PM

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Subject: Response to Coalition for Good Governance's 3/7/2022 Open Records Request to Coffee County

Ms. Marks,

My name is Jennifer Herzog and I serve as Assistant County Attorney for Coffee County. Please accept the following as Coffee County's response to your open records request dated and received Monday March 7, 2022. Please find below our response to each individual request.

1. All communications between Misty Martin (Misty Hampton) and members (as individuals or as a group) of the Coffee County Board of Elections for the period November 1, 2020 through March 15, 2021.

Response: As you have been previously notified in response to a prior open records request, IT support has confirmed that the former Election Supervisor Misty Hampton's email account is no longer accessible. Members of the Board of Elections and Registration of Coffee County did not for the dates requested have county assigned email addresses. Personal emails, text messages, and/or social media communications responsive to your request may or may not be located on individual board members or Ms. Hampton's private accounts. However, certain board members have joined and/or left the board since the time period requested. We are willing to request the current members and/or IT support as necessary to voluntarily search the private accounts of current board members, should they be willing, for the dates in question to determine if there are any documents responsive to your request. For former members and former employees, and any current members not willing, those records would need to be sought through another avenue such as a court subpoena.

1. All communications between Misty Martin (Misty Hampton) and state or county elected officials between November 11, 2020 and March 15, 2021 regarding election equipment or election tabulations.

Response: See response to #1 above. Further, this is a very broad request that could potentially require the search of many state or county elected officials email addresses or other forms of communication. Because Ms. Hampton's email account is no longer available, the only way to obtain the documents you seek for the county is to search each individual county elected official's account for the time period requested, which would take significant time and resources and involve IT Support at the rate of \$100.00 per hour. If you would like to narrow this request, then it would greatly reduce the cost estimate provided below. A good faith search of hard copy records in the office has provided no documents responsive to this request.

3) All communications between November 11, 2020 and March 15, 2021 among Coffee County Election Board Members (whether as individuals or as a group):

- a. regarding election equipment,
- b. regarding informal meeting arrangements
- c. regarding software copying, equipment imaging, or electronic preservation of records.

Response: See response to #1 above. A good faith search of hard copy records in the office has provided no documents responsive to this request.

4) All communications between Misty Martin (Misty Hampton) during the period between November 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021 and:

- a. Cathy Latham
- b. Scott Hall
- c. Chris Harvey
- d. Gabriel Sterling
- e. Dominic LaRiccia
- f. Dominion Voting Systems employees or contractors

Response: See response to #1 above. Subject to said response, please find enclosed responsive records which were located in hard copy form (these are provided at no cost to you).

We object to certain documents responsive to this request under the authority of O.C.G.A 50-18-72(40) and (41). As provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71, the estimated cost to search, retrieve, copy, redact, and/or supervise access to the requested documents is \$621.38. This fee includes a charge of \$100 per hour for IT Support and \$21.38 per hour to cover the administrative costs of assisting you with your request (e.g., staff time searching for, retrieving, copying, etc.) to access county records as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71. This fee represents the hourly rate of the lowest-paid, full-time employee with the necessary skill and training to respond to your request. There is no charge for the first 15 minutes. Should you need copies of any of the requested records, the charge is generally 10¢ per page for letter or legal sized documents. Because this estimated cost is over \$500.00, OCGA 50-18-71 allows Coffee County to demand pre-payment before taking steps to respond to same. Please forward payment to the attention of County Clerk/Coffee County Records Custodian Tracie Vickers at Coffee County Commissioners Office, 101 South Peterson Avenue, Douglas, GA 31533. Upon receipt, Coffee County will move forward with the steps necessary to fully respond to your request. In the alternative, please narrow your request as you deem appropriate in writing.

Thank you,

Jennifer

From: Marilyn Marks <Marilyn@USCGG.org>

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:44 AM

To: openrecordsrequest <openrecordsrequest@coffeecounty-ga.gov>

Cc: Vickers, Wesley <Wesley.Vickers@coffeecounty-ga.gov>

Subject: Public records request

This is a public records request filed under Georgia Code Section 21-2-72 and Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50. I am making this request in my individual capacity and on behalf of Coalition for Good Governance, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Please supply the following records:

1) All communications between Misty Martin (Misty Hampton) and members (as individuals or as a group) of the Coffee County Board of Elections for the period November 1, 2020 through March 15, 2021.

2) All communications between Misty Martin (Misty Hampton) and state or county elected officials between November 11, 2020 and March 15, 2021 regarding election equipment or election tabulations.

3) All communications between November 11, 2020 and March 15, 2021 among Coffee County Election Board Members (whether as individuals or as a group):

- d. regarding election equipment,
- e. regarding informal meeting arrangements
- f. regarding software copying, equipment imaging, or electronic preservation of records.
- g.

4) All communications between Misty Martin (Misty Hampton) during the period between November 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021 and:

- g. Cathy Latham
- h. Scott Hall
- i. Chris Harvey
- j. Gabriel Sterling
- k. Dominic LaRicca
- l. Dominion Voting Systems employees or contractors

If any records are withheld or denied, please cite the legal authority on which you rely to deny the records request.

Please contact me if you have questions. Thank you for your assistance.

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