

March 31, 2010

Andy Naze
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Dear Mr. Naze:

Re: Mandamus Action

Regarding the posting of public notices, Atty. Rollins remembers the conversation differently than I do, and he does not say how many records custodians required "correction." Regardless, the posting of notices has little bearing on the current matter. I originally raised the issue to express my skepticism that the county was following the letter of the law to the extent that Atty. Rollins was requiring of me.

Atty. Rollins' second point is a more serious matter. I continue to be perplexed at Atty. Rollins' continuing claim that I am making demands for records within an insufficient or unreasonable time-frame. Where is he getting this idea? I *have* stated that it is unacceptable for the county to deflect and delay my request for excessively bureaucratic excuses, but other than noting the approaching election, I have made no demands for timeliness of responses.

I have repeatedly indicated that the information I have requested was important to provide to the public prior to the election for county executive, now only a few days away. When I originally submitted my request on March 11, and resubmitted the same request to the public works department on March 16, I didn't expect that the election deadline was a likely concern. Nonetheless, I stated the time-critical nature of my request regarding the approaching election, and that is the only "demand" I have made on the responsiveness of the county. In spite of these facts, Atty. Rollins (and County Executive Ziegelbauer) continue to make this misrepresentation, including in Atty. Rollins' most recent response.

I *am* concerned that no records have been produced by the county in response to my March 11 request, nor to my resubmission of the same request to the public works department on March 16. It is difficult to conclude that the county is responding in good faith, when no records have been produced in 20 days since my March 11 request, and no records have been produced in 15 days since my March 16 resubmission of the same request. (I have received records in response to separate requests for other records which I also submitted on March 16, but nothing in response to the requests which are the subject of this Request for Mandamus. Atty. Rollins and County Executive Ziegelbauer have repeatedly used responses to these other requests to obscure the failure of the county to respond my original, disputed request.) It now appears possible that the county may have successfully deflected and delayed responding to my request for information until after the election, which is amazing, considering it was submitted nearly a month in advance.

Sincerely,

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