

The Form of Brandon Talsma's Water Gun Sanctuary—Complaint 25FC:0014

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Date Friday, March 21st, 2025 at 3:58 PM

Executive Director Eckley:

I am requesting your copy of my electronic mail directing Jasper County, IA, to halt any further attempts to contact me by Jasper County, IA employee and Jasper County, IA Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy Ryan Eaton (attached). This request was based on the evidence supporting his violation of Iowa Code Sections 708.7(1.) (a)(4.) and 718.6 on 12 APR 2023. At the same time, the evidence shows he spread false allegations supported by zero evidence against me in an email to Jasper County, IA Attorney Scott Nicholson, including spousal abuse and stalking Jasper County, IA employees.

I take zero responsibility for any electronic mail sent by Ryan Eaton (See: Jasper County, IA's response to case 25FC0014) after the date of the attached email block, that requested that Ryan Eaton never contact me again. This request was made due to the evidence of his lack of professionalism, proper conduct, and use of false allegations of criminal conduct supported by zero evidence in his correspondence. The evidence supporting Jasper County, IA, Attorney Scott Nicholson's failure or possible choice not to prosecute this evidence is irrelevant. The evidence supporting Jasper County, IA, Attorney Scott Nicholson's use of this correspondence in a response to a civil complaint provides evidence of his involvement in this alleged criminal act and evidence of continued harassment (See: Iowa Code Section 708.7) as supported by the evidence.

My complaint against Jasper County, IA, Attorney Scott Nicholson, will be filed with the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Review Board via certified mail on 31 MAR 2025. This complaint will include over 30 exhibits spanning August 2019–March 2025. This evidence will show your involvement with Jasper County, IA, Attorney Scott Nicholson in what later became a statewide attack on my service-connected mental health disabilities in the weeks after I was discharged from the Des Moines, IA, VA Hospital. After 6 weeks of mental health inpatient treatment. During this treatment, I was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) related to the evidence of military sexual trauma (MST) and false allegations of criminal conduct supported by zero evidence that evidence shows I have been attacked with.

It intrigues me how much evidence is available that shows how many of those licensed by the Iowa Court and those they delegate to spread false allegations of criminal conduct supported by zero evidence and alleged discrimination that violate Iowa Code Chapter 216. It is quite possible these forms of public servants and law enforcement officers (specifically at the Jasper County, IA Sheriff's office) should shut their mouths and show their handcuffs if they expect to halt my lawful work after twenty years of honorable service in the United States Navy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the Grinnell, IA Police Department, and the Marshalltown, IA Police Department for being there for me and being a source of support. At the same time, the evidence shows the State of Iowa was more focused on criminalizing what evidence shows was a victim of domestic abuse and military sexual trauma (MST) rather than providing requested assistance. It is these honorable acts by the officers of the Grinnell, IA Police Department, and the Marshalltown, IA Police Department that have kept me launching from Iowa's flight deck every day rather than giving up on life.

"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,"

— Romans 5:20

Leading with Light

It is when this world is at its darkest that the bold and the courageous must stand and lead with the Light.

https://youtu.be/UVRUxtPKK-w?si=L_H66R2cO5U-q8cE

The Venus Fly Trap Theorem

To trap the unethical, the hunter must provide an environment or manifest a paradigm that enables the arrogant to possess a level of comfort that motivates them to execute their crime.

<https://youtu.be/O7eQKSf0LmY?si=mm8Q4s7MhkBNy3K6>

Respectfully,

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On Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 at 8:39 AM, Eckley, Erika <erika.eckley@iowa.gov> wrote:

Received. Including Mr. Merritt in the response.

Erika Eckley, Executive Director

Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB)

On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 11:56 AM Ryan Eaton <reaton@jasperia.org> wrote:

Director Eckley,

Mr. Nicholson was called away on a family emergency yesterday and has asked me to scan and email his response in his absence.

He indicated he may be gone all week.

Thank you.

Ryan Eaton

Chief Information Officer

Jasper County Information Systems

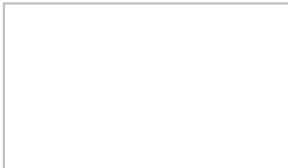
101 1st St. N., Room 108

Newton, IA 50208

641-841-1100

<https://jasperia.org>

reaton@jasperia.org



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ELECTRONIC MAIL BLOCK – JASPER COUNTY, IA – USER_ REATON@JASPERIA.ORG.pdf 33.90 KB

RE_ Iowa Open Records Request - Jasper County, IA - #009_#010_#013_#016.pdf 822.75 KB

25FC0014.pdf 155.28 KB

Electronic Mail - Grinnell IA - 21 APR 2023.pdf 4.58 MB

TO: IPIB Board Director Erika Eckley
FROM: Jasper County Attorney Scott Nicholson
Jasper County IT Director Ryan Eaton
RE: Answer to Complaint 25FC:0014

Director Eckley,

Back in 2023, Michael Merritt made an open records request to Jasper County, Iowa, for emails concerning Iowa State Representative Jon Dunwell. Ryan Eaton contacted Mr. Merritt via email on August 4, 2023 (attached) and explained that Jasper County has previously provided requested records at no cost. Mr. Eaton further explained the costs related to prior and current request.

Most importantly, Mr. Eaton specifically stated that no further records requests would be reviewed until Mr. Merritt paid Jasper County for the Dunwell request.

To date, the Jasper County Auditor, IT Director and Attorney have not received any monetary payments from Mr. Merritt for the work previously done for him (Dunwell request).

On the IPIB website, there was a power point training called "Sunshine Laws." That training states that "Fulfillment of a request may be made contingent upon payment of a fee and estimated expenses shall be communicated to the requestor." (authority unknown).

In his August 4, 2023, response to Mr. Merritt. Mr. Eaton explained that there had been previous work done by his department (the Dunwell request) and those fees would have to be paid before any more work would be done, which would include Mr. Merritt's request for billing documents related to Microsoft 364, which is before the IPIB now.

Jasper County has a Public Records Request Policy. In that Policy, under the paragraph labeled "Advance Deposits" it states: "If any requestor has not paid a previous amount due under this policy, the County department shall require full payment of the previous amount due plus a full deposit for estimated services before processing a new request" (attached).

In summary, Michael Merritt has owed Jasper County fees for a previous request he made in 2023 and has not yet paid. Under Iowa case law and Jasper County Policy, Jasper County must be paid prior fees before any more public records requests will be reviewed that are made by Michael Merritt.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Nicholson

Ryan Eaton

Ryan Eaton

From: Ryan Eaton
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 12:10 PM
To: Michael J. Merritt; cipherus.x1@cipherphoenix.com
Cc: Scott Nicholson; Brandon Talsma; Doug Cupples
Subject: RE: Iowa Open Records Request - Jasper County IA - 563 - CM-X2 - Status Request - II/II
Attachments: Record Request - 1686706919547.pdf; Iowa Open Records Request - Jasper County IA - 563 - CM-X2.pdf; Unnamed attachment; PRR 3187 Invoice.pdf; Record Request - 1686700206365.pdf; Cipher Phoenix Mail - Iowa Open Records Request - Greene County IA - 503 - CM-X2- Status Request - 01 of 02.pdf; Record Request - 1686700018752.pdf; Cipher Phoenix Mail - Electronic Service - Iowa Open Records Request.pdf; Record Request - 1686700007298.pdf; Cipher Phoenix Mail - Public records requestfsd.pdf; Record Request - 1686700180772.pdf; Unnamed attachment.pdf; Record Request - 1686700223126.pdf; Iowa Open Records Request - Update - Michael J Merritt - 31 JUL 2023.pdf

Mr. Merrit,

I have been tasked with reviewing your latest requests and I am afraid the Iowa Public Information Board already ruled for Jasper County, and we will not provide you with "user names" for Jasper County Facebook accounts.

The Supervisor's Facebook pages are their own and not administered or connected to Jasper County. You will need to address that with them.

I appreciate your confusion about the fees charged by different entities for E-discovery services. Indeed, the security requirements play a significant role in determining the cost. Organizations dealing with sensitive data like CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Services) have stricter security requirements, and therefore, they may need to more experienced and certified IT staff, which can lead to higher fees.

On the other hand, educational institutions, like schools, may not handle such sensitive data, so they can potentially use alternative, cost-effective solutions. Utilizing a paid intern or cyber security student to perform the E-discovery under supervision can help reduce expenses while still ensuring compliance with privacy regulations and removing personal identification information (PII) to protect individual privacy.

It's essential for organizations to understand their specific data security requirements and tailor their E-discovery approach accordingly. By doing so, they can strike a balance between cost-effectiveness and maintaining the necessary level of security.

As the only staff member with training and a license to use Gimmal's Discovery Attender for Open Records Requests, they are performed by me. You will find this in smaller departments where resources may be limited, it can be more costly for both the organization and the requestor.

The NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) framework or NIST 800-53 is widely used for information security and access control in various organizations and government agencies. The principle of least privilege is a fundamental concept in this framework, where each user or account is granted only the minimum level of access necessary to perform their specific tasks, reducing the risk of unauthorized access and potential security breaches.

Jasper County has implemented a process for searching and granting access to specific accounts, but this access is given on a temporary basis. The process involves the following steps:

1. Access Request: When someone needs access to a particular account or resource, they must submit a request.
2. Individual Permission: Each account is individually granted access based on the principle of least privilege. This means that users will only be given access to the specific resources they need and nothing more.
3. Processing: The access is granted and processed after business hours. The specific details of the access request and the time it takes to process are automatically recorded in a report.
4. Access Removal: Once the authorized user has completed their task, the access is removed. This ensures that the temporary access is not left open unnecessarily.

The time taken to process an access request varies depending on the size of the account. Accounts with larger data volumes (e.g., 25 GB) may take several hours to process, while smaller accounts may be completed in 30 minutes or less.

By implementing this access control process, Jasper County is ensuring that only authorized personnel have access to specific resources for the duration required, minimizing the risk of unauthorized access and potential security threats. Additionally, the logging and reporting of access times provide transparency and accountability for access-related activities.

MXtoolbox.com or dnsstuff.com can be used to view our Jasper County's MX records to see it is on Microsoft's Government Cloud. Again, as required by Federal Law, CJIS data must be stored within the United States and with ever increasing cyber-attacks, it is more cost effective to use third party security than attempt to protect it in house.

Previously we have provided approximately 40 hours of both IT staff and Attorney timelwages on your requests at no charge. It seems there was a misunderstanding, and any organization can bill for staff's time to complete requests. My wages increased on July 1st and the current cost at 1.5 for afterhours "time only" is \$83.35.

You will need to discuss the fees for the County Attorney's staff hourly rate to review the results and redact any Personal Identifiable Information (PII), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, or Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) protected data. That will be redacted according to Federal laws.

Based on your previous emails regarding building databases and the potential for collecting information contained in metadata on attachments, all requests will be printed and sent by certified mail to the address you have provided.

I have an outstanding open request from you for emails from Jon Dunwell to any jasper county email account. Per your request I included the cost per hour and received no confirmation that you accepted or would pay that fee. That will need to be paid for before additional requests are reviewed and completed.

Please Contact the Jasper County Attorney's Office – general@jaspercoatty.org to confirm fees and authorize the billing for the work you have requested.

Ryan Eaton
Chief information Officer
Jasper County, Iowa

County department head, requested records will be available for the requestor's review for a period of one week after notification to the requestor that the original public records are available for inspection and copying. If the requestor does not review the original public records within one week or make other arrangements with the County department, the requestor may incur additional charges for the additional time spent in the re-search, re-preparation or re-retrieval of the public records.

3. Other Applicable Fees and Deposits:

A. Additional Costs:

Any costs not covered by the above fee schedule shall be charged to the requestor based upon the actual costs incurred by the County department, including but not limited to all amounts charged to the County department by third parties in connection with the fulfillment of any public records request.

B. Advance Deposits:

If the County department estimates the fees for the requested services will be greater than ten dollars (\$10.00), the County department may require the requestor to make an advance deposit to cover all or part of the estimated fees. If a deposit is required, no work will begin on a request until the deposit is received by the County department. Any funds collected by the County department in excess of the actual fees will be refunded to the requestor in a timely manner. If any requestor has not paid a previous amount due under this policy, the County department shall require full payment of the previous amount due plus a full deposit for estimated services before processing a new request.

C. Cumulative Charges:

The charges outlined herein are cumulative to the extent they reflect the actual cost to the County department. For example, if a one-page black and white document takes 30 minutes to locate and the requestor wants the document copied and mailed, the charges will include charges for the 30 minutes of retrieval services, (.25 hours at staff rate), \$0.25 for the photocopy and the applicable postage charge for a certified mail delivery.

From: Russ Behrens
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 12:07 PM
To: Michael McClelland; Ann Wingerter
Cc: William J. Sueppel - Meardon, Sueppel & Downer P.L.C. (billjs@meardonlaw.com)
Subject: RE: ELECTRONIC MAIL BLOCK – JASPER COUNTY, IA – USER: REATON@JASPERIA.ORG

Just politely ask him to will out our form requesting public information and pay the appropriate fee. No way he does not connect with Ann and like her immediately 😊.

From: Michael McClelland <mmcclelland@grinnellpd.com>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Russ Behrens <RBehrens@grinnelliowa.gov>; Ann Wingerter <AWingerter@grinnelliowa.gov>
Cc: William J. Sueppel - Meardon, Sueppel & Downer P.L.C. (billjs@meardonlaw.com) <billjs@meardonlaw.com>
Subject: RE: ELECTRONIC MAIL BLOCK – JASPER COUNTY, IA – USER: REATON@JASPERIA.ORG

Sheriff Halferty called me this morning....Merritt was at the Jasper County Attorney's office again today, harassing staff and requesting any and all information regarding active shootings, mass shootings, training documents, etc. More of the same but enough to cause some concern with Sheriff Halferty on his state of mind. I'm keeping our officers and County deputies apprised on this info.

Respectfully,
Michael A. McClelland
Chief of Police
1020 Spring Street
Grinnell, IA 50112
641-236-2670 x3210



From: Michael McClelland
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 8:28 AM
To: Russ Behrens <RBehrens@grinnelliowa.gov>; Ann Wingerter <AWingerter@grinnelliowa.gov>
Cc: William J. Sueppel - Meardon, Sueppel & Downer P.L.C. (billjs@meardonlaw.com) <billjs@meardonlaw.com>
Subject: FW: ELECTRONIC MAIL BLOCK – JASPER COUNTY, IA – USER: REATON@JASPERIA.ORG

FYI....Just keeping you all in the loop on Mr. Michael Merritt, a.k.a., Cipher Hunter. Please read Cpt. Johnson's memo first to get a better idea of this individual. At first your inclined to ignore it as he is obviously suffering from some kind of mental illness. Looking at his history, and the confrontations he has had with other government entities, I believe we need to take preemptive steps to prepare for his actions. We are keeping a file on everything in case he becomes a nuisance as he has become for Jasper County and other municipalities. I would classify him as a "First Amendment

auditor” as he attempts to catch someone violating policy or Iowa Code, files lawsuits, and inundates the city with FIOA and Open Records requests. I’ve placed temporary signs up around the Public Safety Building, restricting access, etc. He has a Facebook account under, Cipher Hunter, and a web page, cipherphoenix.com, which gives you a better idea of his intentions.

Respectfully,

Michael A. McClelland

Chief of Police

1020 Spring Street

Grinnell, IA 50112

641-236-2670 x3210



From: Wanda Simmons <WSimmons@grinnellpd.com>

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 7:25 AM

To: Michael McClelland <mmcclelland@grinnellpd.com>; Dan Johnson <gpd212@grinnellpd.com>

Cc: Chris Wray <gpd221@grinnellpd.com>; Matthew Moore <mmoore@grinnellpd.com>; Ben Smith <bsmith@grinnellpd.com>; Nathan Anderson <nanderson@grinnellpd.com>

Subject: FW: ELECTRONIC MAIL BLOCK – JASPER COUNTY, IA – USER: REATON@JASPERIA.ORG

From: Michael J. Merritt <cipher.hunter@cipherphoenix.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:06 PM

To: Scott Nicholson <snicholson@jaspercoatty.org>; Scott Nicholson <general@jaspercoatty.org>; Brandon Talsma <btalsma@jasperia.org>; Doug Cupples <dcupples@jasperia.org>

Cc: erika.eckley@iowa.gov; John Halferty <jhalferty@jaspersheriff.org>; Jon Dunwell <jon.dunwell@legis.iowa.gov>; robb@newtongov.org; Wanda Simmons <WSimmons@grinnellpd.com>; webteam@ag.iowa.gov

Subject: ELECTRONIC MAIL BLOCK – JASPER COUNTY, IA – USER: REATON@JASPERIA.ORG

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I expect never to hear from Mr. Ryan Eaton at any time. At the same time, given the evidence of Jasper County, IA Attorney Nicholson’s desire to protect my rights related to a domestic abuse no-contact order and being hit by a car in a crosswalk a few blocks from the Jasper County, IA courthouse, I do not expect that this situation will be adequately handled.

The solution to this situation seems logical Jasper County, IA, can charge me for violating Iowa Code Section 708.11, as it communicated for the first time while responding to a record request for public records related to the evidence regarding its constitutional rights violation during the 2022

election year, or it can charge Mr. Eaton with violating Iowa Code Section 708.7 for falsely accusing me of a crime I did not commit while communicating with the Jasper County, IA attorney through electronic mail.

Jasper County, IA, failing to charge anyone in this situation only provides further evidence of the entitlement, incompetence, and corruption within the Jasper County, IA, Attorney's office.

I will be at the Jasper County, IA Supervisor's meeting on 24 APR 2023 to address these allegations and report to Jasper County, IA, that I was allegedly accused of stalking Jasper County, IA employees as reported by Mr. Ryan Eaton nearly a year ago and as public records stored and preserved by the Iowa Courts articulate the Jasper County, IA Attorney's office took zero action to protect its employees. The only action evidence indicates Jasper County, IA, took was blocking me on Facebook while these elected leaders sought their re-election.

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Newton, IA 50208

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Cipher Hunter

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From: "Michael J. Merritt" <cipher.hunter@cipherphoenix.com>
Date: 4/20/23, 23:06
To: "Scott Nicholson" <snicholson@jaspercoatty.org>, "Scott Nicholson" <general@jaspercoatty.org>, "Brandon Talsma" <btalsma@jasperia.org>, "Doug Cupples" <dcupples@jasperia.org>
CC: "erika.eckley@iowa.gov" <erika.eckley@iowa.gov>, "John Halferty" <jhalferty@jaspersheriff.org>, "Jon Dunwell" <jon.dunwell@legis.iowa.gov>, "robb@newtongov.org" <robb@newtongov.org>, "wsimmons@grinnellpd.com" <wsimmons@grinnellpd.com>, "webteam@ag.iowa.gov" <webteam@ag.iowa.gov>

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— Attachments: —

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Electronic Mail - Ryan Eaton - Jasper County IA - 13 APR 2022.pdf	306 KB
20230307135609547.pdf	330 KB
708.7.pdf	40.9 KB

Subject: RE: Iowa Open Records Request - Jasper County, IA - #009/#010/#013/#016
From: "Ryan Eaton" <reaton@jasperia.org>
Date: 4/12/23, 18:37
To: "Michael J. Merritt" <cipher.hunter@cipherphoenix.com>
CC: "General Attorney" <general@jaspercoatty.org>, "Scott Nicholson" <snicholson@jaspercoatty.org>, "Brandon Talsma" <btalsma@jasperia.org>, "Doug Cupples" <dcupples@jasperia.org>

Mr. Merritt,

I did not respond to your ramblings from Monday because I do not begin to understand where you were going with your thought process. So, here is my best guess for answers:

1. You don't like the smell of Jasper county, but your live in Poweshiek so, I guess that is solved?
2. I don't know how Mr. Talsma drives a tractor, but last time I talked to him about farming, he uses GPS integration. The tractors basically drive themselves, so I cannot explain why his rows are crooked. Maybe he needs to download and update. I will pass your concern along. I do wonder why you are watching him?
3. Mr. Cupples has been out of car sales for quite some time, but I will let him know you are thinking of him.
4. I have no idea who "The Babtist standing in dirty water" refers to so, I am unable to share your words with them.
5. I don't really spend any time thinking about you or your somewhat clouded experiences in the Navy were like. I do know several retired Naval people including Master Chiefs. I don't really know what that means but, it sounds impressive.
6. You are correct, I did go to my office and ignore you. I was not really sure how to handle a man with wild hair and in pajamas following me through the courthouse with a camera asking why I am being mean to him. I don't suppose I learned anything. I still would not know how a rational person is supposed to react to that.
7. I don't know or actually care when or why you abused your wife. That seems to have happened in California and a judge or the Navy ruled on that already? I briefly tried to understand in your multiple letters you included me on, but frankly you bounce around so much got lost trying to figure out who the Nazis in Montana are and what they have to do with an email request.
8. I can't dance. Not even a little.
9. The Iowa Public Information Board already ruled, we provided you with a list of who is blocked on 2 of the 10 pages. You are it.

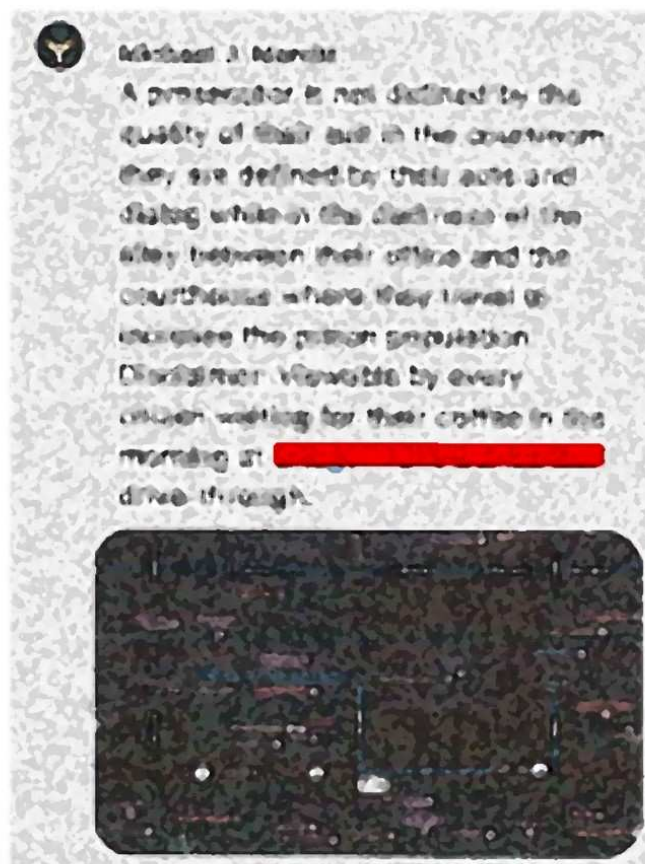
You already let IPIB and a long list of your normal spam recipients know that you are taking us to District Court for blocking you and we are waiting to receive a Subpeona. I will remind you why, since you keep saying "The evidence proves it is a political move to silence you". I get the feeling you really want it to be that, but it is far less complicated.

The day you started stalking county employees and mapping their locations and times, I received several phone calls complaining and asking me to stop it. I untagged the posts and you replied "Nice try" and reapplied them. I contacted Facebook and they suggested I simply block you.

Sorry it does not fit your last 8 months of all these elected officials trying to silence you. It was simply to protect county employees.

Really is came down to economics. It is cheaper for the county to be sued by 1 and explain in court why I took action than to be sued by 9 employees of the office you tagged for ignoring their employee safety complaints.

Here is a obscured image of that particular post.



Now back to the email requests. I did some quick research and Mr Dunwell did not move back to Iowa until 2019 and was not in office until a special election in Oct 2021. Covid-19 delayed his swearing in until 2022. So, your search parameters are invalid. you still have not provided the names of the users emails to search. I gave you the "Actual cost" to perform the search.

Your assessment on the cost is incorrect. While I understand some entities have more basic email systems that you can understand, we have much higher security and encryption set up on each account to meet federal and state requirements. We follow the NIST Principle of Least Privilege (POLP). I must manually allow the E-discovery account access each encrypted box and download gigs of email to a forensic computer to then be searched, reported, then then reviewed and exported.

With 3 staff to support hundreds of employees it can only be done after hours.

You will need to confirm you will pay the those costs with the Attorney's office. Then, as previously explained 3 times now, make a complete request by dates, name of user to search. Please see the IPIB ruling attached.

Finally, per your request, I will no longer be your contact nor will you need to talk to me in the IT role when you can find a ride to Newton. You have all that time I back now. You will resume putting in requests through the County Attorney. You can remove me from future emails or not, I occasionally get time to read them.

Good luck to you and goodbye.

Ryan

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