



Billy Blume &lt;madvideos@gmail.com&gt;

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**RE: Open Records Request**

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**tccommissioner@townscountyga.com** <tccommissioner@townscountyga.com>

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 4:47 PM

To: madvideos@gmail.com

Cc: robb@kikerfirm.com

To Whom it May Concern (Billy):

This is regarding the following open records request:

Open Records for Ken Henderson All emails sent and received for 30 days from his work computer, if he uses his home computer or phone to conduct county business I am requesting that as well. Internet Web history past 30 days Personell File Disciplinary file Any complaint filed either verbally or written in the past 23 years County expenditure Bill, county credit card, flex card, any means by which the sheriff and deputies pay for anything while on duty 3 months Any video interrogations conducted with any suspect past 6 months All complaints made either verbally or in writing from anyone in the detention center, wether it be inmates or guards A list of all county lawyers that currently or represent Towns County Ga A lost of all custodian of records assigned by the county That will be all I am requesting for now, if you do not house any these materials can you please advice on who to direct these requests to?

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I have contacted the county's IT person and he will gather the emails and web browser history from the sheriff's computer and phone for the last 30 days.

He has estimated the cost to be \$100.

The sheriff's Personnel file is contained in this office. It will need to be copied and any personal information ( i.e. ss #, address, etc...) redacted before it can be released.

The file contains approximately 15 pages. Because these are payroll documents, they do contain a lot of personal information for redaction, so I will estimate at least 3 minutes a page which is 45 minutes of my time.

As for the complaints, I do have some emails from the last few weeks concerning the sheriff. However, I have thousands of emails that will have to be reviewed to determine if any others are complaints concerning the sheriff or jail.

Also, the administrative assistant in the office has thousands of emails that will have to be reviewed for complaints to determine if any we have any concerning the sheriff or the jail. I estimate it will take at least a week (or 40 hours each ) to review these emails one by one. However, if we do a broad search for

Towns County Sheriff or Towns County Detention Center, we could possibly cut the time down to about 2-3 hours each

to review the search results. However, this method will not guarantee that all complaint emails (if there is any) will be discovered.

You have requested complaints for the last 23 years on the sheriff; however, our current sheriff has only been in office since January 1, 2021. Are you still interested in complaints filed prior to that date ( if any)?

This office does not have access to video interrogations, you will need to contact Vicki Ellis at the Towns County Sheriff's Office for those records. She can be reached at (706)896-4444.

I will copy all records that this office has on the Sheriff's Department Credit Card and Gas card. I will also have to review our records to see if any deputy or sheriff has received a reimbursement check in the last 3 months. I estimate this will take about 3 hours of my time and copying, reviewing, and redacting

Costs will apply . I will not be able to give you costs estimate for that until I discover how many copies we are talking about. However, using a broad estimate of 100 sheets the copy cost would be 10 dollars ( .10 a page) and the review, redact at 2 minutes a sheet would be about 3.33 hours of my time.

Robb Kiker is the county attorney.

I am the custodian of records for departments under the Commissioner which include but are not limited to:

EMS, Fire, Election, Recreation, General Administration

Road Department, Tax Assessor, Building Department, Towns County Transit

Chatuge Campground, E911 dispatch, EMA Director, DATE fund, JAIL fund

SPLOST, ARP funds, Victim Assistance Fund

I work with the above department heads to ensure that open records requests are answered timely and correctly.

My email address is [financedirector@townscountyga.com](mailto:financedirector@townscountyga.com).

Other elected officials are responsible for their own open records request. The tax commissioner is Michael Anderson and he receives all open records request, unless he is not in the office, then

his Deputy Tax Commissioner, Elizabeth Dillard, receives and answers the request. Their emails are [taxcommissioner@townscountyga.com](mailto:taxcommissioner@townscountyga.com) and [tctcstaff@hotmail.com](mailto:tctcstaff@hotmail.com) respectively.

The sheriff's office has assigned Vicki Ellis as the Custodian of Records. I do not know the other elected officials' Custodian of Records. You will need to contact them directly for that information.

David Rogers Probate/Magistrate Judge can be reached at (706)896-3467

Cecil Dye Clerk of Court can be reached at (706)896-2130

District Attorney Jeff Langley can be reached at (706)896-6489

I do not have contact information for the coroner; however, her name is Tamela Cooper and she owns Banister's Funeral Home in Hiawassee, GA.

Following are the cost estimates for your request:

IT costs \$100

Costs of copying personnel file 1.50

Costs of reviewing and redacting personnel file  $.75 \times 25.50 = 19.13$ - (first 15 minutes free)  $6.38 = 12.75$

Complaints (if every email is to be reviewed and redacted)  $40 \times 25.50 = 1020$  +  $19.44 \times 40 = 777.60$  Plus copy charges at .10 a page (no way to estimate the cost of that)

Complaints with the broad search method  $3 \times 25.50 = 76.50$  +  $19.44 \times 3 = 58.32$  Plus copy charges at .10 a page

Complaints if you only want the ones dated back to Jan. 1, 2021:  $25.50 \times .25 = 6.38$  plus about 1.50 copy charge

As far as the records of payments for the sheriff's office,  $3 \times 25.50 = 76.50$  + broad estimated copy charges = 10.00 + review & redaction charges = 84.92

The total cost estimates are as follows:

Total with the review of all emails (without copy and redaction costs) 2,083.27

Total with the broad search of emails (without copy and redaction costs) 420.49

Total with only complaints we are aware of without email searches 293.55

I estimate that we will have your requested information ready by end of business on August 19, 2022.

Please get back to me concerning the questions I have posed.

Also let me know if you agree to pay the chosen estimate and we will begin to work on your request.

Thank you and feel free to reach out to me for any further questions.

Andrea Anderson

Finance Director

Towns County

Office (706)896-2276

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**Bill B** <madvideos@gmail.com>  
To: tccommissioner@townscountyga.com

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM

First off thank you for your response, I have found this to be the most extensive and comprehensive and most professional of any Georgia Open Records request to date for myself. Thank you for your service.

On to my request, or new requests.

1. Costs of copying personnel file 1.50
2. Costs of reviewing and redacting personnel file .75 x 25.50 = 19.13- (first 15 minutes free) 6.38 = 12.75
3. Complaints if you only want the ones dated back to Jan. 1, 2021: 25.50 X .25 = 6.38 plus about 1.50 copy charge

Plus mailing, if this exceeds \$50 please advise.

I can pay many ways, over the phone, internet, app on phone if you have one or a money order in the mail.

If I decide to request the additional documents I will advise at a later date.

Thank you  
Billy

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**Bill B** <madvideos@gmail.com>  
To: tccommissioner@townscountyga.com

Mon, Aug 8, 2022 at 7:29 AM

Good day,

I am following up on my request. I sent this to your office 8.2.22 and have not received the materials or when the materials will be ready. I look forward to your cooperation and help in this matter.

Thank you  
Billy

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**financedirector@townscountyga.com** <financedirector@townscountyga.com>  
To: Bill B <madvideos@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 8, 2022 at 10:04 AM

I apologize. I did not realize you were expecting another answer unless I estimated the cost to be above \$50 as I had included a timeline with my first answer.

However, I have been working on your request and do expect to have it in the mail before the end of business on Friday. There will be an invoice included with an

Address for you to send the check.

Can you send me the address to send the answer, I cannot locate it on any previous correspondence?

Thank you,

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**Bill B** <madvideos@gmail.com>  
To: financedirector@townscountyga.com

Mon, Aug 8, 2022 at 10:09 AM

Here is the entire communication between us. There is no email about you mailing anything. I requested materials that were less than \$50 from your list.

1. Costs of copying personnel file 1.50
2. Costs of reviewing and redacting personnel file  $.75 \times 25.50 = 19.13$ - (first 15 minutes free)  $6.38 = 12.75$
3. Complaints if you only want the ones dated back to Jan. 1, 2021:  $25.50 \times .25 = 6.38$  plus about 1.50 copy charge

Thanks  
706 220 4146  
Billy

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**Bill B** <madvideos@gmail.com>  
To: Kristen Settlemire <KSettlemire@law.ga.gov>

Wed, Jan 4, 2023 at 11:53 AM

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