

Message History (4)

✉ On 8/21/2023 4:27:07 PM, AUGUSTACOUNTYVA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] County Records Request :: C000395-081023

Body:

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of August 03, 2023, Reference # C000395-081023.

Dear Scott Cline,

The County of Augusta, Virginia received a public records request from you on August 03, 2023. Your request mentioned:

“Please provide under FOIA all notes, written records, emails, TEXT messages (from cell 434-466-6150 or other cell or electronic device under your control), letters or any information written or electronic that are on or in your possession that contain the following keywords or phrases that were sent or received between March 10th, 2023 to present.

1. Morelli
2. Seaton
3. transmit
4. sexual
5. harassment
6. censure

Also please provide any and all documents that would explain your statement on August 2, 2023 board of supervisors meeting in which you used the word or words about transmitting. More specifically please provide any proof or any documents, statements or any "proof" that you relied upon in order to indicate that Wayne District Board Member Dr. Seaton was using a surreptitious transmitter in order to transmit closed door board meetings to person(s) known or unknown outside of the closed door session.

Please provide any and all documents, text messages, emails, letters, written or electronic information that you relied upon that lead you to believe that Wayne District Board Member Dr. Seaton disclosed "confidential information, that had only been discussed in a closed session meeting" as outlined in a Resolution to formally censure Dr. Scott Seaton.

Thank you for your timely response to this request.”

The County of Augusta, Virginia has reviewed its files and has located 106 responsive records to your request. The County is withholding 27 emails in their entirety pursuant to the following exemptions:

Three emails are withheld pursuant to the personnel exemption in Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.1(1) and the closed meeting exemption in Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.1(5).

Four emails are withheld pursuant to the real estate exemption in Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.1(8) and the closed meeting exemption in Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.1(5).

Twenty emails are withheld pursuant to the legal exemptions, Attorney-Client Privilege in Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.1(2) and Attorney Work Product in Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.1(3). To the extent that any of the emails

contain information that was also the subject of a closed meeting, the County also invokes the closed meeting exemption under Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.1(5).

The remaining 79 emails are being released to you. Four emails that contain the name of a juvenile in relation to social services are being redacted pursuant to Va. Code Sect. 2.2-3705.5(3) and are being provided to you in redacted form.

Please log in to the Public Records Center at the following link to retrieve the responsive records.

[County Records Request - C000395-081023](#)

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whetzel
Deputy County Administrator
County Administration

✉ On 8/10/2023 3:32:02 PM, AUGUSTACOUNTYVA Support wrote:

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The County is working diligently to respond to your FOIA request, but we need additional time to complete the response. The County hereby invokes a 7-working-day extension pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3704.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whetzel
Deputy County Administrator
County Administration

✉ On 8/10/2023 10:46:35 AM, AUGUSTACOUNTYVA Support wrote:



Dear Scott Cline:

Thank you for your interest in public records of the County of Augusta, Virginia. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your request was received in this office on 8/3/2023 and assigned the reference number C000395-081023 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: Please provide under FOIA all notes, written records, emails, TEXT messages (from cell 434-466-6150 or other cell or electronic device under your control), letters or any information written or electronic that are on or in your possession that contain the following keywords or phrases that were sent or received between March 10th, 2023 to present.

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Augusta County may assess reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, searching for requested records, or developing a cost estimate. If you would like a cost estimate, please let us know promptly before we provide a response to your request. Please note if we do not hear from you promptly, we will continue to process your request, and you may be responsible for any charges incurred.

During processing, your request will be forwarded to the relevant department(s) to locate the records you seek and to determine the volume of those records and any costs associated with responding to your request. You will be contacted about the availability of records and/or provided with copies of the records in question.

PLEASE NOTE: The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) does not require a governmental body to create records, to do legal research, or to answer questions about the records we might provide.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the Public Records Center.

County of Augusta, Virginia

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)



✉ On 8/10/2023 10:46:35 AM, AUGUSTACOUNTYVA Support wrote:

Request was created by staff