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12/30/21

Stephanie Verhasselt

Clerk & Recorder

201 W Main St.

Sidney, MT 59720

Dear Stephanie Verhasselt:

Under the Montana Public Records Act § 2-6-1001 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public information that include the email correspondence made on your public server with Christi related to the election security issue. .

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$10. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of election security in Richland County. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

This is the second time I am requesting this information and if we do not receive any correspondence within two weeks, then we will have to take other measures to get this information.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Jordan Hall

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Stephanie Verhasselt &lt;sverhasselt@richland.org&gt;

## Forensic Audits

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 To: SOS Elections <SOSElections@mt.gov>

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To All County Election Officials:

I have been made aware that several counties have been approached about a "forensic audit" of your tabulators. Please consider these items when responding to the request:

1. Unauthorized access or attempts to hack a tabulator may be a violation of your agreement with Election Systems & Services.
2. A tabulator accessed by a non-county or ES&S personnel may have to be retested and certified to ensure no unauthorized code was placed on the tabulator and that passwords remains secret. This may entail extra expense that you would need to cover.
3. A tabulator may contain confidential information that relates to either information systems configuration or business trade secrets. For example, a citizen does not have the ability to access or "audit" the configuration of your County network router or server or the State's Internet firewall.

I recommend that:

1. You notify the Secretary of State's office if you are planning on allowing an "audit" of your tabulators.
2. Before allowing any type of "audit" that you consult with your County Attorney.
3. You consult with Election Systems & Services in regards to your support and sales agreement.
4. Whatever the proposed audit activity is, get it clearly defined in advance. This would include the exact activity, audit steps, and information that would be obtained from the tabulators.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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