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MuckRock News
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Dear Mr. Welsh and/or MuckRock News,

We received your response to our reply dated January 27, 2023 on January 30, 2023. Thank you for reiterating the parameters of your request. Your original requested stated “All emails sent from the public email account of Brenna Bird, County Attorney for Guthrie County, Iowa, from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2023.” As such, when replying to your initial request, our IT Department ran a search of emails SENT from Ms. Bird’s individual county email account and generic county attorney email account.

Given the nature of our office, emails from the public, attorneys, outside agencies, etc., are directed to a generic, county attorney email account that is for the county attorney only. Guthrie County organizations, judges, staff, etc., are able to communicate with the county attorney via an individual email which is for the individual only. As such, Ms. Bird had two email accounts. A search of the accounts done by our IT Department indicated 71,527 items exactly. Generally, that translates to around 50 emails sent from each account per day. While we are a smaller, rural county, we have an incredibly high case volume. As such, 50 emails from each account per day seems very feasible.

If there is a particular record that you believe exists, more specific information would be required to locate that. Our IT Department can conduct a more refined search of Ms. Bird’s email accounts should you provide additional parameters. Your initial request of Ms. Bird’s SENT emails is expected to cost approximately \$7,450.73 and would take approximately 6 months to complete. If you would like us to proceed with processing this request as is, we require payment prior to processing the request. If you would like to supply a more refined request, we can provide you

with an additional quote of approximate fees and time to complete. In the event that a refined request is estimated to exceed \$25.00, we will require payment prior to processing that request.

Unless we hear from you with more specific information, we will consider your request closed at this time due to the volume of potentially responsive items involved.

Sincerely,

/s

Dana R. Minter