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December 10, 2021

Re: Open public request for information and answers regarding the LSA Process

On Tuesday November 23, 2021 I had requested an LSA update response for Bill McGowen (see attached email.) As of noon today, Friday December 10, 2021 there has been no response to the request from Mr. McGowen or any other Member of Washington County Government. Washington County Members not responding with information that should be transparent is unacceptable to the constituents we jointly represent!

This letter is intended to serve as an open public request for information. I expect detailed answers to previous requests from you individually or as a collective group.

The lack of accountability and transparency must end in Washington County regarding the LSA Award Process and Review. Without this accountability and transparency, the process continues to be perceived by the citizens of Washington County as unfair.

Requested from Bill McGowen via email 11-23-21 not received:

- Who is serving on the 2022 LSA Review Committee?
- Selection process of the members of the LSA Committee.
- Who selects and processes the selection of the Chairperson of the Review Committee?
- Will Financial Statements of Interest be filed by Committee Members?
- Conflicts of interest identified in writing with Grant Submissions.

Previous concerns not addressed by the Commissioners:

- Unaccounted 10 million dollars of LSA funds between 2015-2019 as of October 6th, 2021. (November 16th, 2021)
- Mr. Kotula's conflict of interest regarding the Chamber of Commerce Grants, 10 of the last 13 years he's served as the Chairperson of the Review Committee totaling \$1,675,000.00 dollars. (November 16th, 2021)
- Why was \$30,000.00 spent to fight the People's Right to Know information request? (November 16th, 2021)
- A copy of the meeting minutes for the summer meeting held in 2020 to update procedures with the LSA Process. (January 20,2021)
- Where any of the changes discussed during the summer meeting held in 2020 implementing the LSA Process? (January 20,2021)

Regrettably, your proven lack of action to provide any accountability and transparency continues to contribute to the image of Washington County Government as "Nothing to see here, please move along!"

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bud Cook".

PA State Representative Bud Cook
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