From:	Melissa D. Strickland
To:	Molly Bilinski
Cc:	Nicholas Huba
Subject:	RE: OPRA request
Date:	Monday, July 27, 2020 2:00:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Copy of jail employees 2020 (002).pdf

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Good afternoon, Molly,

I am in receipt of your OPRA request below. Regarding your request for the "results of the Vaughn Collaborative Study started in 2015…" although the County initially participated, with other Counties, in this study involving our Department of Corrections, Cumberland County later decided to build its own jail. Because the study was a collaboration of several counties (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland and Gloucester), Cumberland County does not individually own the rights to any reports or documents generated from the study. In fact, Burlington County is the entity which contracted directly with the authors of the study. Cumberland County merely reimbursed Burlington for its pro rata share of the cost of the study. When Cumberland County withdrew from the study, which was still ongoing at the time of our withdrawal, Cumberland County no longer had access to any further reports or documents provided to the remaining, participating counties. Accordingly, we do not possess any final reports or results. To be clear, Cumberland County only possesses a draft report that existed in 2016. We do not possess anything further. Therefore, because of the advisory, consultative and deliberative nature of the draft document, we are constrained by OPRA from releasing that version publicly. (See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 which exempts advisory, consultative and deliberative documents from the definition of government records). Still, you are free to submit your OPRA request to any of the other entities which participated in the study.

Regarding your request for an employee list with salaries, please see the attached Payroll document.

Please be advised that if you feel that this request has not been appropriate, you have the right to pursue a claim within 45 days with the Government Records Council or by filing suit in the Superior Court. If you have questions regarding this response, please feel free to contact me and it will be my pleasure to assist you.

Kind regards,
Melissa

From: Molly Bilinski <mbilinski@pressofac.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:47 AM
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July 23, 3030

Dear Custodian of Records:

This is a request for information pursuant the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and the common law right of citizens of the state to obtain access to public documents. (South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Auth., 124 N.J. 478, 487-89 [1991]). Please note that this letter contains the statutory requirements for a written OPRA request and I am not required to fill out an official form. (Renna v. County of Union, 407 N.J. Super. 230 [App. Div. 2009])

The documents I seek include:
-The results of the Vaughn Collaborative study started in 2015 about regionalizing jails in Cumberland, Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester and Burlington counties
-Employee list with positions and salaries for all employees who work in the Cumberland County jail (officers/civilans/administrative/etc.)

I prefer delivery of records by email. If that is not possible, please contact me to schedule a time for on-site inspection of documents. Access to electronic records shall be provided free of charge. (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5[b]).

The reasons offered by a custodian for denying access to a document must be specific. (Communications Works of America v. McCormac, 417 N.J. Super. 412, 442 [2008]).

Under penalty of NJSA 2C:28-3, I certify that I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
Molly Bilinski

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