

Re: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Hazen Blodgett <hblodgett@matthewsnc.gov>

Thu 8/30/2018, 3:41 PM

To: Matthews Watch <matthewswatch@hotmail.com>

Cc: Narcisa Woods <opengov@ncdoj.gov>; Lori Canapinno <lcanapinno@matthewsnc.gov>

Ms. Hoover- The Town pays me a \$350 per month travel allowance to travel within the 9 county region (CCOG area) for town business. Anything outside the 9 county area for town business the Town reimburses me the IRS rate, which is 54.5 cents per mile. thanks, Hazen

On Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 3:13 PM, Matthews Watch <matthewswatch@hotmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Blodgett

Do you know the last region you traveled and why? Again, why do you travel within the CCOG's region, what is the purpose? Are your travels during town business hours and is town staff made aware of where you will be traveling and that you are not in office? Why are records not kept by you or the town when you travel for the CCOG?

Gina

From: Hazen Blodgett <hblodgett@matthewsnc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 8:40 AM

To: Matthews Watch

Cc: Narcisa Woods; Lori Canapinno

Subject: Re: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Ms. Hoover- See answers below in red.

On Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 7:22 AM, Matthews Watch <matthewswatch@hotmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Blodgett,

I want to be sure I understand you correctly. You do not attend the CCOG's Executive or Board of Delegate Meetings and have not for several years. Correct? I am not a member of the CCOG board, so there is no need for me to attend Board meetings. Would this be the norm for the past 15 years? Yes Could you please explain your participation for the CCOG's executive director search committee. During my tenure in Matthews there have been 3 searches for CCOG directors. Each time they have asked me to serve on the search committee. Why and how often do you travel within the CCOG's region? My guess is one time per week to once every ten days I travel to somewhere in the CCOG area. Are you able to provide documentation of your travels? I do not keep any records.

Thank you.

Gina Hoover

From: Lori Canapinno <lcanapinno@matthewsnc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 4:44 PM

To: Matthews Watch

Cc: Narcisa Woods

Subject: Re: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Here is Mr. Blodgett's response:

I do not attend the CCOG Board meetings. Jeff Miller is the town's rep and has been for several years. I recall attending one annual CCOG Board meeting several years ago. The CCOG is the convener for regional manager's meetings six times a year +/- . I estimate I make three of these a year. I have been on the CCOG's executive director search committee three times. I hope this helps.

Let me know if you need anything else.

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 6:53 AM, Matthews Watch <matthewswatch@hotmail.com> wrote:
Is Mr. Blodgett required to attend the CCOG meetings? Does he have a general idea of CCOG meetings he attended for any years requested?

From: Lori Canapinno <icanapinno@matthewsnc.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 8:46 AM
To: Matthews Watch
Cc: Narcisa Woods
Subject: Re: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Hello Ms. Hoover,

We don't have any documents responsive to this request:

List of CCOG meetings attended by Town Manager Hazen Blodgett for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

but we will work on the rest of your request and contact you when the results are ready.

Lori Canapinno, CMC
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On Sun, Aug 26, 2018 at 4:29 PM, Matthews Watch <matthewswatch@hotmail.com> wrote:
Lori,

Please provide...

Copy of paid membership billing for fiscal years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 for the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG).

Copy of all receipts and billing invoices for the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 CCOG conferences.

List of CCOG meetings attended by Town Manager Hazen Blodgett for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

What is the current reimbursement rate when an employee uses his/her personal vehicle for town business?

Copy of all receipts and billings invoices for the Regional Conference of Mayor's meeting held June 21, 2018.

Thank you.
Gina Hoover

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