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To: Matt Wilson

From: Carolyn Collins

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Subject: Info from Senior Commissioner Curtis D. Adams

Notes/Comments

Matt,

Attached please find information regarding the WWTA from Senior Commissioner Curtis D. Adams.

Thank you,
Carolyn

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Honorable John Allen Brooks
Hamilton County Commissioner
Chairman, Hamilton County Legal Committee
Room 401 Courthouse
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Dear Commissioner Brooks and members of the Legal Committee; Greg Beck, Larry Henry and Warren Mackey,

Early Monday morning I reviewed the information Mr. Henry Hoss delivered to the Hamilton County Commission Office concerning the legal bills for the WWTA.

Mr. Hoss said he hoped this would not be divulged in the newspaper and I was willing to honor that request. Two hours after I left the office at the Courthouse, Matt Wilson, the reporter for the Free Press/Times, called Carolyn and told her that Robin Derryberry called him to say we had the information.

My recommendation to the Legal Committee is to reject the information for the following reasons. It is my understanding after talking with three (3) attorneys, that if an attorney works for a flat fee it is not necessary to have your statements show the minutes and hours. If he is working on a rate per hour, other information is required.

WWTA, after several weeks, have failed to shoot straight with us and have danced around the issue. The first report was unacceptable because 197 lines were marked out. Now the second report isn't worth the paper it is printed on because we have no information to back it up.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, I recommend to you as Chairman of the Legal Committee and other Committee members that this report be rejected and follow through with our court order through Chancery Court.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curtis D. Adams".

Curtis D. Adams
Senior Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Allen Brooks, Chairman, Legal Committee

FROM: Curtis D. Adams, Senior Commissioner

DATE: November 17, 2008

SUBJ: WWTA Legal Billing Information

April: In April, John Anderson's legal fees to WWTA totaled \$13,576.44. There were 22 listings ALL MARKED out and charged to Signal Mountain.

May: In May John Anderson's bill totaled \$5,278.00; 80% of that was for Signal Mountain.

June: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$1,235.74
June: TDEC order – Signal Mountain - \$2,956.00
July: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$1,470.00
July: TDEC order – Signal Mountain - \$2,723.64
Aug: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 860.75
Aug: TDEC order – Signal Mountain - \$ 477.50
Aug: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 860.00
Aug: TDEC order – Signal Mountain - \$ 470.00
Sept: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 506.75
Sept: TDEC order – Signal Mountain - \$ 250.00
Sept: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 860.75
Sept: TDEC order – Signal Mountain - \$ 477.50
Nov: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 856.25
Jan: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 2,295.00
Feb: Signal Mtn. Council – Signal Mtn. - \$312.00
Feb: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 263.00

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Mar: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 586.00
April: AUI dispute – Signal Mountain - \$ 423.00

Signal Mtn. Total \$36,738.33

Another interesting charge is the Rarity Rivers, located in Meigs County. Six charges totaling \$9,568.00

The only way we could have a true picture is to see the work papers from John Anderson. The information that I have read and analyzed on Monday morning, November 17, 2008, is NOT WORTH THE PAPER IT IS WRITTEN ON. I called Wanda Counts, secretary for the WWTA, and she indicated that the total bill is all she sees, with no hours or minutes listed on the billing. I also spoke with Cleveland Grimes and he said he only gets total billing.

I told Cleveland that attorneys deal in minutes and money. I also told him that no businessman would remit payment to an invoice like that unless he knows how many hours and minutes were used for the project.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners has invested a lot of time, phone calls, etc. into this. We can NOT live like this. If we owned a company, we would not tolerate it.

CDA/csc

cc: Hamilton County Commissioners