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From: Todd Hellrigel
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 9:23 AM
To: Shawwna Rule
Subject: Fw: FOIA Officer Compensation and Lobbying Series 1 - FOIA - Illinois
Attachments: T. Hellrigel - Earnings - 1-1-24-10-5-26.pdf

Can you please place this in the BOE book.

Todd

From: Todd Hellrigel <toddh@midwestcentral.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 9:22 AM
To: foia@prairiestatewire.com <foia@prairiestatewire.com>
Subject: Re: FOIA Officer Compensation and Lobbying Series 1 - FOIA - Illinois

Hello Catrina,

See the attached report as well as the answers below in red. I apologize for my delay.

Todd

From: foia@prairiestatewire.com <foia@prairiestatewire.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2026 10:14 AM
To: Todd Hellrigel <toddh@midwestcentral.org>
Subject: FOIA Officer Compensation and Lobbying Series 1 - FOIA - Illinois

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Catarina Mascarenhas and I am writing to you as a news reporter from/on behalf of Prairie State Wire, a news publication, and on behalf of the Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, Metric Media LLC, and ClearFront Alliance. The below request is made pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, and I request the disclosure of the records described below, preferably in electronic format.

We seek the following existing records concerning the administration of the Freedom of Information Act, created or received between January 1, 2024 and the date of this request:

1. Documents showing compensation and payments made to the FOIA Officer; **See the attached payroll report.**
2. Documents showing any payments made related to legislation and/or lobbying related to FOIA; **There were no payments related to legislation or lobbying efforts, so we have no records to provide for this request.**

3. Documents showing any correspondence, communications, and/or coordination between the Public Body and any third party related to the Public Body's FOIA Policies; All FOIA communication can be found in our BoardBook at www.MidwestCentral.org

4. Documents showing any correspondence, communications, and/or coordination between the Public Body and any third party related to any FOIA lobbying activities. There is no correspondence, communication, and/or coordination between the public body and a third party related to legislation or lobbying efforts, so we have no records to provide for this request.

Please furnish the records in the electronic format requested where feasible.

Please Note: The requestor is (or is a member of) The Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Missouri Corporation which assists news media companies, publications, and public advocacy groups investigate state and federal governmental agencies and leverages Freedom of Information and Sunshine Laws to pull back the curtain on government actions and help inform the American electorate. For more information, please visit <https://stopsecrecy.org/about/>.

This request is for a non-commercial purpose and the requestor(s) is(are) subject to a fee waiver.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very respectfully,

Catarina Mascarenhas

Prairie State Wire