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Subject: Jamie Inquiry - Assistance Please
Date: July 11, 2024 at 1:42 PM
To: John H. Murphy JMurphy@sjcindiana.com



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Who is on the rule committee?

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Subject: RE: Jamie OBrien - PERF Inquiry
Date: September 6, 2024 at 1:22 PM
To: James O'Brien jobrien@sjcindiana.com



Jamie,

You are being treated unfairly and it is embarrassing for the county. So sorry that this is occurring.

Best Regards.

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Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 11:39 AM
To: John H. Murphy <JMurphy@sjcindiana.com>
Subject: Jamie OBrien - PERF Inquiry

John,

Thanks for your quick assistance today confirming that the county council attorney position is a PERF covered position.

Mr. Butler also confirmed the same and that Mr. Tripple, and prior council attorneys, were covered by PERF. I recall that being the case from when I was on the Council and thought that Mike Tripple told me that the Council approved it some years before. I don't recall the exact conversation though.

Anyhow, I suspect that this is a bit of political theatre designed to try to embarrass me, so let me apologize in advance if this ends up taking more of your time.

And of course, if you determine that I should not be covered by PERF as is being suggested please let me know and if I owe the county anything I will gladly square up (as I would expect my predecessors would). I don't believe that is the case, but it is my honor to assist the county in my role as council attorney and I don't want anyone suggesting to the contrary.

Let me know your thoughts.

Jamie

Sure thing. Thanks.

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From: James O'Brien <jobrien@sjcindiana.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 11:38 AM

To: John H. Murphy <JMurphy@sjcindiana.com>

Subject: Re: County Council Legal Expenses

Thanks. Appreciate your help.

Also appreciate your feedback with the tribune explaining that my bills are not out of line.

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From: John H. Murphy <JMurphy@sjcindiana.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 4:07 PM

To: James O'Brien <jobrien@sjcindiana.com>

Subject: County Council Legal Expenses

Jamie,

Per the attached, the total budget for legal in the 2024 Council budget is \$25,900.00, \$14,072.30 has been paid to date through June, and the budget balance is \$11,827.70. One thing to know is that the county is on the cash basis for budgeting, so, for example, your invoice for December will not be paid until January and will be counted against the 2025 budget.

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