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Via Email to [rwatts@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:rwatts@co.whatcom.wa.us)

Re: Paxton v. Whatcom County

Dear Randall:

I represent Tim Paxton who has just filed an Open Public Meetings Act enforcement suit against your client.

If Mr. Paxton prevails, and given the facts of this case and the State Auditor's Office management letter that seems very likely, the County must pay his reasonable attorney fees and all costs. Right now, at the very beginning of this case, Mr. Paxton's attorney fees are relatively low, perhaps a few thousand dollars. Mr. Paxton's fees—that the County will ultimately pay—will substantially increase if further litigation is required.

This is entirely avoidable.

If the County is concerned about conserving tax dollars, it will immediately contact me to work out a stipulated dismissal and admission of violation and thereby save the taxpayers thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of dollars.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Overstreet' in a cursive script.

Greg Overstreet  
Allied Law Group, LLC

cc: Tim Paxton

