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Bonnie,

This will be read into the record tonight, from former Clerk of Courts Kevin Coughlin. Thank you.

--Mike

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Here are a few notes.

- 1) Judge Hoover asked me to trim my budget in order to soften the blow in the event that the ability to subsidize operations from the special projects fund ends.
- 2) I cut the size of the civil department by one full timer because I did not believe the previous staffing level was justified.
- 3) I reduced the number of bookkeepers from 2 to 1. With the new case management software, bookkeeping is greatly simplified and even on the old system, having two people in there was silly. The one that left had been conducting three side businesses out of the office and on the clock. Clearly he had time on his hands.
- 4) I reassigned the person serving as secretary to the clerk and never filled the position. Stupid job description and the clerk needs no administrative support.
- 5) I moved a deputy clerk off the budget and into the role of IT director paid out of the tech fund.
- 6) I split the salary of one clerk with the judges and assigned that person to collections. My understanding is that Diana has hired someone on her budget to do that.
- 7) my staffing level would have continued unchanged into this year. In order to change it I would have had to make a significant request to city hall. Given the fiscal picture that would not have been feasible in my view.

It's unbelievable that Diana has hired seven new people in her first three months. This is in total disregard to the budget. Now she comes to you and says she needs more money to keep that?

Three months in office. Already over budget. Asking for an unheard of 18% increase.

Definition of incompetence.

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Mr. Riehl,

I am a concerned citizen and i have questions about the Stow Clerk of Courts budget. I talked to a deputy clerk in the clerk of courts and she told me that Colavecchio hired 5 or 6 new employees and only terminated 2 of Coughlin's people. Can this be? Does the city have that much money that she can hire 3 or 4 new people? Did the Board approve this? I want answers at your next meeting. I want to know where my taxes are going.