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records request: DHS payments for governor's staff

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To: "Highland, Matt" <mhighla@dhs.state.ia.us>

Dear Matt,

Under Iowa Code Chapter 22, I am requesting the following public records:

1. Copies of warrants showing Iowa Department of Human Services payments to Elizabeth Matney or Liz Matney from May 2019 to the present. Note that I am not asking for any personal information such as bank account numbers. I am interested in how much DHS has paid Liz Matney during each payment period. My understanding is that warrants would have gone out on July 19 for the period from June 28 to July 11. Earlier warrants would have gone out on July 5 (perhaps on July 3 due to the holiday), June 21, June 7, May 24, and May 10.

2. Copies of warrants showing Iowa Department of Human Services payments to Paige Thorson from June 2019 to the present.

3. Copies of any documents showing fund transfers from the Iowa Department of Human Services to the governor's office during 2019 for the purpose of covering all or part of the salaries of Elizabeth Matney and/or Paige Thorson.

4. A copy of any memorandum of understanding between the Iowa Department of Human Services and Governor Kim Reynolds' office regarding Iowa DHS covering all or part of the salaries of Elizabeth Matney and/or Paige Thorson.

Note: I am seeking copies of any document outlining an agreement of this kind, whether its terms called for direct payments from Iowa DHS to a staffer working for the governor or an indirect method, such as DHS transferring to the governor's office sufficient funds to cover all or part of any staffer's compensation.

5. Copies of any memorandum of understanding between the Iowa Department of Human Services and Governor Terry Branstad's office regarding Iowa DHS covering all or part of the salary of Michael Busselot, who was the governor's chief of staff at the time.

An initial memorandum might have been signed in 2015, but there may be other versions from 2016 or 2017. I am seeking copies of any document outlining an agreement of this kind, whether its terms called for direct payments from Iowa DHS to Michael Busselot or an indirect method, such as DHS transferring to the governor's office sufficient funds to cover all or part of Busselot's compensation.

To minimize printing and photocopying costs on your end, I request that these records be provided in electronic format.

Thank you in advance.

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