

Craig Lutz

From: Richard Mecum [rmecum@hallcounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 1:09 PM
To: Craig Lutz
Cc: Kathy Cooper (County Commissioner); Scott Gibbs (County Commission); Billy Powell (County Commission); Jeff Stowe (County Commission); Randy Knighton (Administration); Joshua Silavent
Subject: Re: Juvenile Courts

Mr. Lutz,

Many of your statements are factually incorrect. Obviously, this is a result of your lack of knowledge and experience the court system in general and the juvenile courts specifically. You need to contact the Hall County Juvenile Court to obtain more factual information. The courts have been notified concern your interest in their operations.

Thank you

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On Jul 21, 2015, at 12:06 PM, Craig Lutz <craig@vote4lutz.com> wrote:

Chairman,

Is the new juvenile court judge 100% funded by Hall County? If so, then why is the new judge listed as working in Dawson County?

My point is that if Hall County tax payers are paying 100% of salary and benefits to a judge, then the Hall County taxpayer should receive 100% of the benefit?

Does that clarify it for you?

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From: Richard Mecum [<mailto:rmecum@hallcounty.org>]
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Craig,

Your point is...?

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On Jul 20, 2015, at 7:33 PM, Craig Lutz <craig@vote4lutz.com> wrote:

Commissioner Cooper and Chairman Mecum,

You may remember that this year I came before the commission and talked about how we are overstaffed in the Juvenile Courts based on a comparison to some other counties. My rationale was that our county population was ~180k and we already had 2 Juvenile Court Judges while Forsyth County (same size) only has 1 and Gwinnett County with a population of over 800k only has 3 judges.

As I recall, when the commission choose to increase from 2 to 3 last year, we did not receive a stipend from the state AND we were told that the additional judge was only for Hall County. In other words, Dawson County was not paying their 20% for the 3rd judge. Is this still the case or has Dawson County picked up 20% of the load on this new juvenile court judge? Based on their website, <http://dawsoncounty.org/departments/dawson-county-courthouse/juvenile-court/>, it appears that all three judges are working over there.

Thanks,

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