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Date Thu, 22 Oct 2026 21:54:41 +0000
Subject Re: Texas Public Information request

Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for your email of October 22 and for the itemized cost estimate on my Public Information Act request dated October 1, 2026 (received by the District October 8). I appreciate your willingness to work with me, including your offer of in-person inspection and rolling production.

My aim is to help, not to burden your staff. I am gathering these records for a citizens' study of countywide healthcare, and I believe a well-documented countywide approach can benefit the District and everyone it serves.

Please accept this email as my written response under Government Code 552.2615. I wish to modify my request (option b), and I am not withdrawing it. The changes below are meant to reduce the time and cost for your staff as much as possible.

1. Records already posted. I already have the following from the District's website, so please exclude them: board minutes from January 2025 through August 2026; the FY2025-26 adopted budget; the FY2026-27 proposed budget materials; the 2026 tax-rate calculations; and the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment.

2. Electronic records. For records the District already keeps electronically, I ask that they be sent as they exist, without being printed or re-scanned, beginning with:
   a. Item 1: audited financial statements and auditor letters
   b. Item 2: the most recent current-year financial statements provided to the board
   c. Item 3: adopted tax rates, certified values, and collection summaries not already posted
   d. Item 4: debt and lease schedules and the most recent cash and reserve schedules
   e. Item 7: materials concerning the 2026 tax-rate election

Because the election is November 3, I would be grateful for items 4 and 7 first, if possible.

Files may be sent by email to robert.sharpe@freestonegoodgov.org. If any files are too large for email, they may be uploaded to this secure link, provided through Powerhouse Discovery, a litigation-support firm in which my son is a partner. There is no cost to the District:
https://powerhousediscovery.app.box.com/f/73db3e70eead480d9084239e85233a9f
If you use the link, a short email letting me know what was uploaded would be appreciated.

3. Paper-only records. For records maintained only on paper, I would prefer to inspect them in person rather than have them copied. As you requested, here are three dates after November 12:
   - Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
   - Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.
   - Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

If none of those work, I am flexible. Any weekday after November 12 works for me except Mondays and December 1, so please pick whatever date and time is easiest for your staff. If an earlier date before November 12 becomes available, I would welcome it. Since I run a cattle operation, if a livestock emergency ever comes up, I will call ahead as early as I can and reschedule. During the inspection, I would like to photograph selected pages with my phone, if that is acceptable to the District, and to request copies of any other pages I select at the standard rate.

4. Item 5. Because item 5 is pending before the Attorney General, I assume it is not included in the estimate. Please let me know if that is not correct.

5. Breakdown. To help me narrow the request further, could you tell me roughly how the 425 pages and 32 hours are divided among items 1 through 8, and which items are kept only on paper?

6. Fee waiver or reduction. Because the information will be shared with the public as part of a community study, I respectfully ask the District to consider waiving or reducing any remaining charges under Government Code 552.267.

Once you have had a chance to review this, I would appreciate a revised estimate for the modified request. I am glad to talk through any of this by phone at 713-485-9006 if that would be simpler.

Thank you again for your help and for all the District does for our community.

Respectfully,

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On Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 at 3:48 PM, Wilson, Melissa [redacted] wrote:

> This message was sent securely using Zix®
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> Mr. Sharpe:
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> Fairfield Hospital District is in receipt of your Public Information Act Request dated October 1, 2026, and received by the District on October 8, 2026. Since your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds $40.00, the District is required to provide you this cost estimate under section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code.
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> Itemized List of Charges

Description	Qty x Price	Total
Standard Copies	425 x $0.10	$42.50
Labor minutes ($15/hour)	1920 x $0.25	$480.00
Overhead charges	20% of $480.00	$96.00

Total Cost $618.50

Regarding the charge for “Standard Copies” some of these records will need to be scanned as they are only maintained on paper and that is the statutory charge for scanning. Please be advised that there is a less expensive way for you to obtain this information. You may view the information in person at the District’s offices. If you choose to view the information in person, please provide me with three dates and times after November 12, 2026, when it will be convenient for you to come.

Your request will be considered automatically withdrawn if you do not notify us in writing within ten (10) business days from the date of this email that you either:

(a) accept the charges;

(b) wish to modify your request; OR

(c) have sent to the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General a complaint alleging that you are being overcharged for the information you have requested.

Also, provided that you accept the estimated charges, the District anticipates that it will take up to three (3) weeks to locate, compile, and produce the requested information to you and the District would be amenable to providing these documents sooner on a rolling basis as the documents are located and compiled over this three week period.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very respectfully,

Melissa

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