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VIA EMAIL – [redacted]

November 1, 2026

Sheriff Jeremy Shipley
Freestone County Sheriff's Office, Officer for Public Information
103 South Keechi Street
Fairfield, Texas 75840

Re: Follow-up on two Public Information Act requests, and one new request

Dear Sheriff Shipley:

I know your office has carried a heavy load this fall, and I appreciate the work you and your deputies do. I am following up on two records requests I hand delivered to you in person on August 17, which have not yet been answered, and I am submitting one new request today. I am sending this by email to the records address on the Sheriff's Office web page.

Email address. I am transitioning to my Council email for this work. Please send any response to **robert.sharpe@freestonegoodgov.org**.

The requests are:

1. **August 17, 2026 – Automated license plate readers and related surveillance technology.** Contracts or purchase orders, written policies, data-retention period, body-worn camera system, and any proposals if no system is in use.
2. **August 17, 2026 – Sheriff's Office payroll and compensation.** Salary or salary range by position, longevity and supplements, budgeted and actual payroll, and pay-grade policies.
3. **New request, November 1, 2026 – Inmate medical care, outside housing, and medical transport costs.** Aggregate, de-identified records of inmate medical, hospital, ambulance, and medical transport costs, and outside-housing rates and medical charges, for a possible countywide study of hospital and EMS services. The full list is in the attached request. I am not requesting medical charts, investigative records, or security-sensitive details.

More than 10 business days have passed on the two August 17 requests (items 1 and 2). For all three, I would be grateful for the records, or a written date when they will be available under Government Code 552.221(d), within 10 business days. If any record is believed to be excepted from disclosure, please release the remainder and identify the exception claimed.

If narrowing any request would reduce the burden on your staff, I am glad to talk it through. Copies of all three requests are attached. I would appreciate a brief reply confirming that you received this letter; a reply to this email is fine.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Freestone County.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. "RancherRob" Sharpe
Founder, Freestone County Good Governance Council (forming)

Attachments: requests of August 17, 2026 (two); new request of November 1, 2026

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Re: Public Information Act request – Inmate medical care, outside housing, and medical transport costs

Dear Sheriff Shipley:

The Freestone County Good Governance Council is building a factual baseline on what health care costs across county services, including inmate medical care, hospital and emergency-room use, and ambulance and medical transport. That baseline will inform a possible countywide study of hospital and EMS services. I am asking only for existing records, and aggregate or de-identified information is enough.

Under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Government Code, I request electronic copies of the following existing records for January 1, 2021 to the present:

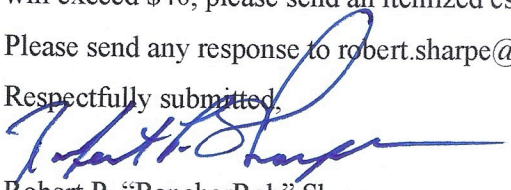
1. **Inmate population.** Monthly average daily jail population, and monthly counts of Freestone County inmates housed in other counties or facilities, by receiving facility (inmate-days if kept). These are needed only to work out medical cost per inmate.
2. **Housing agreements and medical charges.** Current and past inmate-housing agreements and rate sheets, including any separate charges for medical care, prescriptions, hospital or emergency-room care, ambulance, or medical transport, and records showing whether the daily rate includes routine medical care.
3. **Medical cost reports.** Existing aggregate or de-identified reports or summaries of medical costs for Freestone County inmates, whether held locally or elsewhere: on-site medical or nursing services, pharmacy, hospital and emergency-room care, ambulance, mental-health care, and dental care.
4. **Medical service agreements.** Contracts or agreements for inmate health care with medical or nursing providers, pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, and ambulance or EMS providers.
5. **Medical and housing transport.** Existing logs or summary reports of trips to outside medical facilities and to other jails: number of trips, destination type, miles, and staff time, and any overtime, mileage, or fuel costs tied to those trips. Inmate names and identifying details may be redacted.
6. **Jail health-services plan.** The health-services plan required by Texas Commission on Jail Standards rules, including written procedures for sick call, referral to outside care, emergency care, hospital use, and medical transport, with security-sensitive or protected information redacted.
7. **Medical cost recoveries.** Aggregate records of amounts charged to inmates for medical care, amounts collected, and insurance, Medicaid inpatient, or other third-party recoveries credited to the County.

I am not requesting medical charts, protected health information, investigative records, or security-sensitive details. If a record contains protected information, please release the rest with only that information redacted, and identify the exception claimed.

Electronic copies are preferred. Please exclude anything your office has already provided to me. If narrowing this request would reduce the burden on your staff, I am glad to talk it through, and if charges will exceed $40, please send an itemized estimate first.

Please send any response to robert.sharpe@freestonegoodgov.org. Thank you for your help.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert P. "RancherRob" Sharpe
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August 17, 2026

Sheriff Jeremy Shipley
Freestone County Sheriff's Office
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103 S. Keechi Street
Fairfield, TX 75840

Re: Public Information Act Request – Automated License Plate Readers and Related Surveillance Technology

Dear Sheriff Shipley:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552), I respectfully request access to, or copies of, the following public information:

1. Any current or past contract, agreement, memorandum of understanding, or purchase order between Freestone County, the Freestone County Sheriff's Office, or any other county entity and Flock Safety (or any other provider of automated license plate reader / ALPR systems).

2. Any written policy, procedure, general order, or operational guideline currently in effect that governs the use of automated license plate readers, ALPR data, data retention, data sharing, authorized users, or search justification.

3. Documents sufficient to show the current data-retention period for ALPR data collected or accessed by the Sheriff's Office, and any data-sharing arrangements with other agencies or commercial entities.

4. The make and model of any body-worn camera system currently issued to deputies, and any written policy governing the use of body-worn cameras, including any AI-assisted or facial-recognition features if applicable.

5. If no ALPR system is currently in use, any documents reflecting proposals, grant applications, or internal discussions regarding possible adoption of such technology in the last 24 months.

I prefer to receive these records in electronic PDF format by email to [redacted] if that is available and convenient. If paper copies are necessary, I am willing to pay the reasonable charges authorized by the Act and by the rules of the Office of the Attorney General. Please advise me of any estimated cost before copying if the cost will exceed $40.

If any portion of the requested information is believed to be excepted from disclosure, please release all non-excepted portions and identify the specific exception(s) claimed for any withheld material, consistent with the requirements of the Public Information Act.

Thank you for your service and for your assistance with this request. I look forward to your response within the time required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

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August 17, 2026

Officer for Public Information
Freestone County Sheriff's Office
Fairfield, Texas 75840

Via Copy: County Auditor, Freestone County

Re: Public Information Act Request – Sheriff's Office Payroll and Compensation Information

Dear Officer for Public Information:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, I request access to or copies of the following information in the custody of the Freestone County Sheriff's Office and/or Freestone County:

1. Current salary or salary range for each position (or job classification) within the Freestone County Sheriff's Office, including deputies, detention officers, administrative staff, and the Sheriff.

2. Any longevity pay, supplements, allowances, overtime policies, or other forms of additional compensation applicable to Sheriff's Office personnel.

3. The total budgeted and actual payroll expenditures for the Sheriff's Office for the current fiscal year and for each of the preceding five fiscal years, broken down by major category if available (salaries, longevity, benefits, overtime, etc.).

4. Any County or Sheriff's Office policy governing pay grades, step increases, or longevity for sworn and civilian personnel.

I note that section 552.022(a)(2) of the Texas Government Code makes public "the name, sex, ethnicity, salary, title, and dates of employment of each employee and officer of a governmental body." Aggregate payroll and budget figures are likewise public information.

I prefer to receive the information in electronic format (PDF or spreadsheet) if available. Please advise me of any estimated charges before incurring costs that would require a deposit.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Submitted under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code

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August 17, 2026

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103 S. Keechi Street
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Dear Sheriff Shipley:

I know your department has been under a great deal of pressure in recent weeks, and I want you to know that I understand the weight of what you and your deputies are carrying. An officer-involved shooting is hard on everyone involved — the deputy, the families, and the community. I keep you, your deputies, and the entire Sheriff's Office in my prayers. If there is ever anything I can do to support your department, please keep me in mind.

I'm dropping off a short package of materials. Because you and I have always been able to talk straight with each other, I wanted to give you a clear list of what is in the envelope and why.

What's in the package:

1. Letter on automated license plate readers (Flock / ALPR) and related surveillance technology. I am asking the Commissioners Court for a clear, published County policy so citizens know whether these tools are in use and under what rules. I support good law enforcement and simply want transparency and written safeguards.

2. Formal Public Information Act request directed to your office for any contracts, policies, or records related to ALPR systems and body-worn camera policy.

3. Copy of a letter to the Court on transparency, public access to minutes and financial reports, and victim-advocacy capacity. Your deputies are often the first people a victim meets, so I wanted you to be aware this is part of the discussion. You are included as a close copy for awareness only.

4. Copy of a letter asking the County Judge to lead a countywide conversation on healthcare and the hospital districts. Included for your information. I believe you could play a pivotal role if the county moves toward a more coordinated approach to healthcare and EMS services. Your standing in the community and your proven commitment to the people of Freestone County would go a long way in helping explain and build support for such a concept.

None of this is meant as criticism of you or your department. I respect the job you and your deputies do every day. My goal is clear public policy that protects both public safety and the privacy expectations of the people we serve.

I'm happy to visit with you anytime if you have questions. Thank you for your continued service to Freestone County.

Respectfully,

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