



# Ottawa County

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Ms. Erin Lodes  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Lodes:

I am the FOIA Officer for Ottawa County. I am in receipt of your FOIA request asking for all communications among members elect to the 2023 Board of Commissioners, including references to Nathan Kelly, Adeline Hambley, David Kallman or the Kallman Group between the time period of 11-9-2022 and January 5, 2023.

The County considers any emails, texts or other communications regarding these actions among the new commissioners prior to their assumption of office as nonpublic records. Attached are the records between January 3, 2023 and January 5, 2023.

If you consider any portion of this response to be a denial, you have the right to administratively appeal that denial pursuant to The Ottawa County Freedom of Information Act Policy, Procedures and Guidelines, and Public Summary, which are available at [www.miottawa.org/MediaRoom/pdf/FOIA\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.miottawa.org/MediaRoom/pdf/FOIA_Policy.pdf).

If you are dissatisfied with this result, within 180 days of your original request, you are entitled to commence an action in the Michigan Circuit Court to compel disclosure of the requested records if you believe they were wrongfully withheld from disclosure. If, after judicial review, the Court determines that we have not complied with FOIA in making this denial and orders disclosure of all or a portion of a public record, you have the right to receive your attorneys' fees and damages and possible punitive damages in an amount up to \$1,000 as well as other appropriate relief under FOIA.

Very Truly Yours,

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