

September 22, 2026

TO: Honorable Steve Yoder, Chairman
FROM: Rick Robbins, Commissioner, District 1
SUBJECT: Request for Investigation: Mismanagement and False Statements
Attributed to Interim Administrator Lauren Cypher

I am writing to formally request an immediate and comprehensive investigation into the public statements and administrative performance of our interim Administrator, Lauren Cypher.

The core of this request pertains to public comments Ms. Cypher made during a regularly scheduled commission meeting on 07-21-26. Specifically, Ms. Cypher, on three occasions during that meeting made public comments pertaining to whether or not Undersheriff James Kiessel's county issued credit card had been paid on time.

Specifically, Ms. Cypher had allowed the account to reflect nonpayment. As a result, this caused harm to the Undersheriff's personal credit status which is tied to this credit card. Further, the fact this bill was not paid on time, caused administrative delays and potential risk to the counties financial standing.

It should be noted that one of her comments was directed at the Undersheriff's wife who attended the meeting and inquired during public comment as to the status of the payments. Ms. Cypher specifically informed the Undersheriff's wife "it's been paid" and she would follow up the next day with the treasurers office to insure the check had cleared.

On 07-22-26, one day after the meeting, Ms. Cypher met with Treasurer Gallagher, and Chief Deputy Lautner in an attempt to pay the past due amount and any penalties incurred due to late payments.