

Initial contact question

from: **sheridan clash** <sheridanclash@gmail.com>
to: clerk@sheridancountywy.gov
date: Jun 12, 2024, 5:00 PM
subject: request for information
County Clerk Thompson,

I am interested in obtaining the number and cost of body bags the coroner's office used for the last 5 years. Would it be possible to break the information down by case?

How would I go about requesting that information?

Kind regards,
Noll Roberts

Response 1

from: **Eda Thompson** <ethompson@sheridancountywy.gov>
to: sheridan clash <sheridanclash@gmail.com>,
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Cameron Duff <cduff@sheridancountywy.gov>,
Sheridan County Coroner <Coroner@sheridancountywy.gov>,
cc: Eda Thompson <ethompson@sheridancountywy.gov>,
Deborah Ottema <dottema@sheridancountywy.gov>,
Misti Dunkelberger <mdunkelberger@sheridancountywy.gov>
date: Jun 12, 2024, 5:35 PM
subject: RE: request for information
Noll,

I do not know. I will forward your request for information.

Cameron and Dr. Byrd,
Please see request below.

Thank you,

Eda Schunk Thompson

Eda Schunk Thompson
Sheridan County Clerk & Recorder

Response 2

from: **Cameron Duff** <cduff@sheridancountywy.gov>
to: sheridan clash <sheridanclash@gmail.com>
date: Jun 17, 2024, 11:39 AM
subject: RE: request for information
Noll,

I am struggling to find the exact information that you are requesting. I have attached 4 spreadsheets showing the supplies expenditures since 2019. The year 2021-22 is missing as there were no supplies purchased. Anyways, there isn't a consistent description that states "body bag".

With all that said, if I need to go through storage to pull each invoice and verify if a body bag was purchased, then it could take 4-5 hours @ \$50/hr. I want to double check with you before I proceed.

Thoughts?

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Follow Up Question #1

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date: Jul 2, 2024, 12:05 PM

subject: Body bags

County Coroner Dr. Robert Byrd,

Sheridan clash is working on a Sheridan County accounting story. The draft is available at <https://sheridanclash.com/accounting/>.

Sheridan clash has a follow-up question from the June warrant review.

What is the quantity of body bags purchased for \$2,010.42?

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Noll Roberts

Follow Up Question #2

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date:Jul 3, 2024, 1:57 PM

subject:Re: Body bags

Camaron,

You mentioned the issue with the county's past and current accounting practices to generalize line item accounting (i.e. item, quantity, and price) into groups (i.e. category and price) at the BOCC Regular Board Meeting 06-18-2024 see <https://sheridanclash.com/> for details.

With the accounting records lacking in detail, this invites the question of fraud.

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Noll

Response 3

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Eda Thompson <ethompson@sheridancountywy.gov>
date: Jul 5, 2024, 8:43 AM
subject: Invoice Request

Noll,

Attached is the invoice you requested from the June warrant review.

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Follow Up Question #3

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date:Jul 5, 2024, 2:16 PM

subject:Invoice follow-up

Coroner Dr. Byrd and Mr. Duff,

Thanks for the additional information.

To Recap

June 2024

Item	Description	Quantity	Price	Amount
6 Handle Reinforced Heavy Duty Body Bag- Black (Case of 10)	6 Handle Reinforced Heavy Duty Body Bag- Black (Case of 10)	1	179.00	179.00

So currently the county is spending approximately \$17.90 a body bag.

Is it possible to compare the current costs of body bag expenditures with previous months and years?

Would it cost \$50/hr to ask the question?

How many hours would it take to answer such a question?

Stepping back from the specific focus of body bags, are all aspects of Sheridan county's accounting this difficult to resolve?

If asked to compare the consumption of gasoline or paper, for each department of the county, could that be done with the current accounting practices without charging the public \$50/hr to return an answer? Could that be broken down by month for the last 5 years?

Just to remind you of my initial question.

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My follow-up statements and questions

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