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To: Diana Ellenbecker
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Hi Diana,

I just attended the Ad Hoc meeting on Elections. I keep getting the run around on when I can purchase the DS 450 if any are still available. This time Celestine said I had to ask you. In the meeting I stated the Clerk's Office would like to buy electronic poll books, a high speed tabulator, and more ExpressVotes if we are doing satellite polling locations in the future (I don't think any of this is available to get for 2020). November will be fine for ExpressVotes because we won't be using all of them since we aren't using all of the polling locations. The City will never have the money to purchase these things so I thought we should try to buy them now. Celestine thought everything had to be purchased by December 1? Can it be on order to purchase for it to count?

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Did you read the Mayor's response to me concerning satellite polling locations? You stated I should let him and Celestine know about the June 11th deadline. I feel he is mad but it's the law. Celestine said the attorneys will fight it out. If the decision is to go forward with additional sites I would like it in writing for the file. I don't want anyone to think I didn't follow the law. In April the WEC was fine we what we did because of the urgency.

I don't know if you read my email asking who is going to staff these additional sites. I asked in the meeting if it was City staff and was told it could be. These people have to be certified in the WEC system to be able to run it. We don't have any extra staff in the Clerk's Office for this. I also stated we can't just put two new people in a building and think they will be able to run it without questions. I'm trying to plan ahead so if its City staff then maybe we could have them help the two weeks before the August election so they can understand what needs to be done.

I also asked when these people from the grant give us advisors who is go be determining if there advice is legal or not. Every state has different laws. And this group is from Illinois. They already should have pointed out that additional in-person early voting sites can't happen because the deadline has passed. I asked who are they going to be working with-Celestine. She said yes and others but Kris you are the leader.

None of this has been discussed with me. Celestine also stated the Ad Hoc Committee will be helping to make the decisions for the grant money. I thought this committee was to assist the Clerk's Office. I don't know what our role is anymore. If you get a chance please watch the meeting and let me know your thoughts.

You told me I should come to you when I don't know what to do. WE, the Clerk's Office, feel like Celestine has taken over. That's fine if that's what everyone wants but don't expect the Clerk's Office to be able, at the last minute, to come up with answers like always. You know what November looks like, you worked with us.

I don't know what the answer is and I don't think it pays to talk to the Mayor because he sides with Celestine so I know this is what he wants. I just don't know where the Clerk's Office fits in anymore.

Also, I am putting today down as working on my time sheet. It wasn't a vacation day at all.

Thanks,

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