



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
This document contains the responses received
from all 67 counties to Auditor General DePasquale's
Jan. 10 request for information.

EUGENE A. DePASQUALE
AUDITOR GENERAL

January 10, 2019

Name
County Elections Office
Street
City, PA Zip

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Dear County Elections Official,

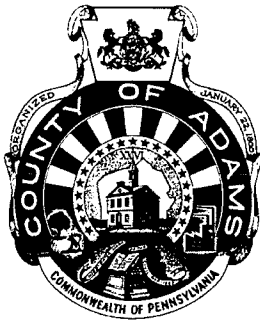
My department is reviewing the procurement of new voting machines by counties, a review prompted by reports of elections officials accepting trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors. I request the following information from all county board of elections directors by Feb. 8, 2019:

- The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on “advisory boards,” since 2013;
- The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;
- The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips;
- The value of such gifts/trips; and
- The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.
- If there is nothing of this sort to report, please indicate such in your formal response.

Please note that my request is not connected in any way to my SURE audit or to any other audit. Furthermore, my request for information should not interrupt or delay your county’s procurement process to meet the Department of State’s deadline for having new voting machines in place. You should continue to comply with that directive.

The information I am requesting should be emailed to Amy Gulli, director of special reports, at agulli@paauditor.gov by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2019. Should you have questions, please feel free to call her at 717-787-1381. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General



Adams County Elections & Voter Registration

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February 7, 2019

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO agulli@paauditor.gov

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
Department of the Auditor General Finance Building
613 North Street, Room 229
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

I am in receipt of your January 10, 2019, letter to my predecessor, Monica Dutko. I have asked the County Solicitor to poll the employees that had any contact with or involvement in the selection of the new voter machine equipment. Those individuals include the Board of Commissioners, which also sit as the Board of Elections; my staff and me in the Office of Elections and Voter Registration; the Office of the County Solicitor; and the Information Technology Office.

There are no Adams County officials or staff that have any information to report responsive to your request. No gifts / trips were offered by vendors, or refused by County officials or staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Angela N. Crouse, Director
Office of Elections and Voter Registration

cc – Board of Commissioners Phiel, Martin & Qually
Paula V. Neiman, Chief Clerk
Molly R. Mudd, Adams County Solicitor
Philip Walter, Director, Information Technology Department

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 7, 2019

The Hon. Eugene A. DePasquale
Pennsylvania Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Eugene DePasquale,

Reference is made to your letter dated January 10, 2019. Representatives from Allegheny County attend the annual Pennsylvania Election Officials Conference, which is entirely paid for by taxpayer funds. We have not participated in the any of the activities mentioned in your letter. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Voyer".

David R. Voyer, Division Manager
Department of Administrative Services
Elections Division

cc: Allan J. Opsitnick, Assistant County Solicitor

JERRY TYSKIEWICZ, DIRECTOR

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Elections / Voter Registration
COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG

February 8, 2019

Mr. Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

RE: Information Request Letter dated January 10, 2019

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

In response to the above mentioned letter, please find my responses to the information you have requested.

1. The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013.

I have been the Director of Elections in Armstrong County since January 2016. No officials have accepted any gifts of any kind including trips to serve on advisory boards since January 2016. To the best of my knowledge, no county officials including the previous director accepted any gifts and did not sit on any advisory boards from 2013-2016.

2. The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor or had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013.

As stated above, I have been the Director of Elections in Armstrong County since January 2016. No county officials have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor since January 2016. To the best of my knowledge, no county officials including the previous director attended any seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor from 2013-2016.

3. The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips.

N/A

4. The value of such gifts/trips.

N/A

5. The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.

N/A

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Bellas
Director of Elections

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS



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Sandie Egley
Tony Amadio

January 23, 2019

Department of Auditor General
Attn: Amy Gulli
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BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
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Beaver, PA 15009

Dorene Mandity, Director

724-770-4440 PHONE
724-728-9318 FAX

In re: January 10, 2019 Letter

Dear Ms. Gulli:

In response to the letter I received from the Auditor General, I am following up as directed with Beaver County's response.

After reasonable investigation, to the best of our knowledge no county official has been offered or accepted any gifts, or attended seminars/conferences hosted by a voting system vendor. We therefore have nothing to report regarding the questions outlined in the letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorene Mandity". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Dorene Mandity
Director of Elections, Beaver County



Chief Clerk

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January 31, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Mr. DePasquale:

Thank you for your inquiry to the County of Bedford, Pennsylvania with your request for information pursuant to the reports of election officials accepting trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors.

I received your request dated January 10, 2019, whereby you requested:

- The names of all county official (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on “advisory boards,” since 2013;
- The names of all county officials who have have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip (s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;
- The names of vendor who have paid for such gifts/trips;
- The value of such gifts/trips and;
- The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.”

I contacted the Finance Department and the following has been reported:

We have no record of any elected officials accepting any type of gifts/trips since 2013.

I trust this information is pursuant to the subject of your request. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office.

Respectfully,

Debra Brown

Debra Brown
Chief Clerk

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: Berks County - Response to Auditor General DePasquale's January 10, 2019 correspondence
Attachments: Barnhardt Statement of Financial Interests for 2018.pdf; Olivieri Statement of Financial Interests for 2018.pdf

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From: Schnee, Chad <CSchnee@countyofberks.com>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Subject: Berks County - Response to Auditor General DePasquale's January 10, 2019 correspondence

Dear Director Gulli:

In response to Auditor General DePasquale's January 10, 2019 correspondence, please find attached completed Statements of Financial Interests for County Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt and Director of Election Services Deborah Olivieri for the 2018 calendar year.

My understanding is that no other County officials have received any type of "gifts" and that neither Commissioner Barnhardt nor Director Olivieri accepted anything from any voting equipment vendors prior to 2018.

My further understanding is that Dominion sent a \$25.00 Wine & Spirits gift card to Director Olivieri in 2018 and that she returned this gift card.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Thank you.

COUNTY of BLAIR

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February 6, 2019

VIA EMAIL

agulli@paauditor.gov

Amy Gulli

Director of Special Reports

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of the Auditor General

In re: Request for Information dated January 10, 2019

Dear Ms. Gulli:

As Director of Elections in the County of Blair, I am writing to advise that I have nothing to report with respect to your request for information regarding potential gifts and offers of gifts, including travel, including in some capacity as serving on an advisory board, as requested in Auditor General DePasquale's letter of January 10, 2019. I have served as Director since 2013, so I can provide the response for the entire time period covered by your request.

Since the time period for which information is requested covers two (2) terms of the Board of Commissioners, and thus, years in which members of the Board of Commissioners cannot serve as members of the Election Board due to statutory requirements that they refrain from serving in years they are running for re-election, I am setting forth below a timeline showing what individuals served as members of the Board of Elections in what years since 2013 upon which this response is based:

2013	Commissioners Terry Tomassetti, Diane Meling and Ted Beam, Jr.
2014	Commissioners Terry Tomassetti, Diane Meling and Ted Beam, Jr.
2015	Commissioner Meling did not run for re-election, so she served. Allen Gibboney was a citizen appointee. Ted Manna served as a citizen appointee the first part of 2015, Vincent Frank, appointed to succeed Mr. Manna when he moved out Blair County, served until September of 2015, when he passed away (and thus, obviously, could not be contacted with respect to

this matter), and William Hunter served as a citizen appointee the rest of the year.

2016-2018
2019

Commissioners Bruce Erb, Terry Tomassetti and Ted Beam, Jr. Commissioner Tomassetti did not run for re-election, so he is still serving. The other 2 citizen appointees for this election year in which Commissioners Erb and Beam are running for re-election have not begun their service yet.

I have contacted all of the aforementioned individuals, and none of them have anything to report.

If you require anything further, please advise. Otherwise, I trust this letter complies with your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Seymour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Sarah Seymour,
Director of Elections
County of Blair

Renee Smithkors
Director



Jessica McDermott
Asst. Director

Bradford County Office of Election & Voter Services

January 31, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Auditor General
613 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17128

Dear Sir,

Please be advised, this letter is in response to your letter dated January 10, 2019, inquiring names of election officials who may have received gifts or attended trips sponsored by voting equipment vendors. To the best of our knowledge, no one in Bradford County received any gifts aside of incidental promotional materials of "de minimis" value. The promotional items received consisted of: eyeglass cleaner, pens, notebooks, water bottles, mail openers, and similar items.

In addition, no Bradford County Official attended any trips paid for by voting equipment vendors. Nor have we served on any "advisory boards" of election equipment companies.

With that being said, we feel it would be best to disclose while attending conferences, vendors may have sponsored entertainment events at Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Election Personal Association conferences or CCAP conferences. These sponsored events were open to all conference attendees. (To obtain the listing of vendors who may have sponsored entertainment events at the conferences, I kindly ask you to reach out to the Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Election Personal Associations or CCAP.)

Prior to the purchase of the new voting system in Bradford County, we hosted and attended several machine demos across the Commonwealth to ensure we had all the information needed to make the best possible decision for the residents of Bradford County. In no such way has receiving any incidental promotional gifts of "de minimis" value played a part in our decision making of the new voting machines purchased for

Renee Smithkors
Director



Jessica McDermott
Asst. Director

Bradford County Office of Election & Voter Services

Bradford County. Unisyn's Open Elect 2.0.A2 system was selected because we felt it was the best fit for the residents of Bradford County.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Renee Smithkors
Director of Elections

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Katie M. Pliszka
*Assistant Director,
Board of Elections*

February 1, 2019

Mr. Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Auditor General,

In response to your recent request to provide information on any gifts, trips or the like, from voting machine equipment vendors since 2013, we have reached out to the following parties within our organization:

- Bucks County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Staff
- Solicitor and Staff
- Voting Machine Supervisor
- Chief Information Officer and IT Staff
- Chief Operating Officer
- County Commissioners
- Three former Staff Members

In the interest of full disclosure, our current vendor, Electec, gave the Board of Elections office a promotional folding chair with their name on it. The estimated cost of this chair is \$8.05, and was received around August 21, 2018.

While meals were not specifically included in your request, we felt that they too needed to be shared. Around the same time that the chair was received, Electec invited all of their current Pennsylvania contractees to a dinner during a Summer Conference in Pittsburgh, and our staff did attend. At the same conference, a buffet lunch was served that was sponsored by ES&S. There was also a Duquesne Incline Tour amounting to \$1.75 per person each way, which was sponsored by Dominion.

Additionally back in 2017, Lehigh County hosted an Electronic Poll Book Seminar where a lunch was picked up by one of the vendors (vendor unknown). Similarly, at an Election Officials

conference in Philadelphia sometime within your time frame, a dinner tab was also picked up by an unknown vendor.

If you have any additional questions concerning our response above, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Katie Pliszka
Assistant Director, Board of Elections

cc: Don Williams, Solicitor
Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer
Deanna Giorno, Chief Clerk

County of Butler Board of Commissioners

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Solicitor
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February 8, 2019

VIA EMAIL TO:

Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
agulli@paauditor.gov

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Re: January 10, 2019 Request for Information

Dear Auditor General DePasquale:

Your letter dated January 10, 2019, addressed to Shari Brewer, Director of Elections/Voter Registration for the County of Butler, has been forwarded to me for review and response.

For purposes of my response, a "County Official" is any person who serves or served in a capacity of County Commissioner, County Solicitor to the Elections Bureau, Voter Registration Staff, Director of Elections/Voter Registration, Purchasing Director and Chief Clerk from January 1, 2013 to January 10, 2019, the date of your written request.

I have reviewed the annual Statement of Financial Interest forms on file with the County of Butler for those individuals listed above and can report that no Statement of Financial Interest filed on behalf of any of the above listed County officials declare any gift, transportation, lodging or hospitality in excess of either \$250 for each source of gift or the \$650 aggregate amount of payment/reimbursement by the source for transportation, lodging or hospitality expenses.

Additionally, please note the following question-specific responses:

Question #1: The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards", since 2013;

Response: Election Directors hold an annual conference hosted by their association, which the County pays for its employees to attend. The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania holds quarterly conferences for their members and the County pays for its elected officials and some staff to attend.

At these conferences, various vendors attend and some provide activities (ride on the Pittsburgh Incline, Ducky Tour of Pittsburgh) and hospitality rooms that are open to conference attendees. These hospitality rooms may include food, drink and/or entertainment.

Excluding conferences, food has been provided by election vendors at voting equipment demonstrations:

- a. In the summer of 2016, Dominion provided a meal at a voting equipment demonstration. ES&S provided donuts and coffee at the same demonstrations.
- b. ES&S provided lunch for a group of Butler County officials at a demonstration recently held in January, 2019 during the lunch hour at our offices. The time for the demonstration was based on availability and schedule. No one at the County asked ES&S to provide a lunch. They did so voluntarily. This demonstration was attended by approximately eight County personnel.
- c. Occasionally, various election equipment vendors will drop off donuts candy and other small items for County staff.
- d. In May of 2018, Dominion provided a fast-food lunch at an equipment demonstration for County personnel.

Question #2: The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;

Response: None.

Question #3: The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips;

Response: See answers to Question Nos. 1 and 2.

Question #4: The value of such gifts/trips; and

Response: All gifts are valued at under \$250; no trips occurred.

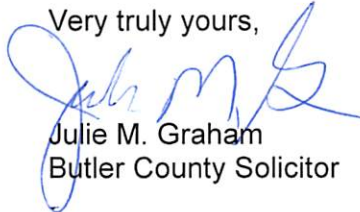
Question #5: The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.

- Response:
- a. ES&S offered for our Butler County Election Director and spouse to attend a wine tour in the fall of 2018 at an Erie winery. The offer was for a wine tour only. Our Election Director did not attend.
 - b. ES&S offered our Election Director and Voter Registration staff tickets to attend a Penn State football game in the fall of 2018. No staff attended.

All of your questions have been answered to the best of our ability based on those forms on file with the County of Butler and interviews with appropriate staff. For those County officials who served for a portion of the time period 2013 to January 10, 2019 and who are no longer within the employment of the County of Butler, the only information available for them is the Statement of Financial Interest on file.

I trust that this satisfies your inquiry.

Very truly yours,



Julie M. Graham
Butler County Solicitor

JMG/bjr

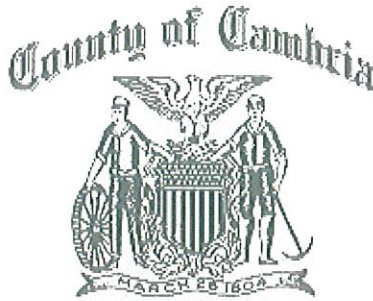
cc: Leslie A. Osche, Chairman, Butler County Board of Commissioners (via email w/att.)
Kimberly D. Geyer, Co-Chairman, Butler County Board of Commissioners (via email w/att.)
Kevin E. Boozel, Secretary, Butler County Board of Commissioners (via email w/att.)
Lori E. Altman, Butler County Human Resources Director/Chief Clerk (via email w/att.)
Shari Brewer, Director of Elections/Voter Registration (via email w/att.)
Jamie Mercatell, Manager, Purchasing (via email w/att.)

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**DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
SHIRLEY CROWL**

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February 4, 2019

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, Pa 17120-0018

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

In response to your letter dated January 10, 2019, there is not any Cambria County Official who has accepted any sort of gift or trip from any vendor. The vendors have been known to sponsor a luncheon or dinner for their customers during our Pennsylvania County Election Official Conference week, but the vendors do not host the annual Elections Officials Conferences. During our conferences we meet with Federal and State Officials on updates and Election issues. We also meet with different Election Directors from across the country on ways to improve the work that we administer throughout the year.

I am not aware of the vendors offering trips or gifts.

I hope I have answered all of your questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley R. Crowl

Director of Elections

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Solicitor, **Edwin W. Tompkins III**

February 8, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
Commonwealth of PA
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Via email to: agulli@paauditor.gov

Dear Sir,

Please accept this letter in response to your request inquiring about trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors since 2013.

In September of 2018, Election Systems and Software presented a voter machine demonstration for the Board of Elections and staff here at the County. After the demonstration, they invited us to lunch at a local restaurant and paid for our lunch. Myself and my assistant attended the lunch. We do not know the amount of the meal costs. Also in 2018, several of us were invited to attend voter demonstrations of machines and software in Potter and Clearfield counties. In Potter County (attended by myself only), Dominion Voting paid for lunch during the demonstration from a local pizza place. The value of the meal is unknown. In Clearfield County (software only demo attended by myself and my assistant), Election Systems and Software gave each County in attendance (Cameron and Clearfield) a box of chocolate covered pretzel of which the value is unknown.

Once yearly, myself and my Assistant, attend the Pennsylvania County Election Officials Annual Conference. At some of these yearly conferences, our current vendor (Election Systems and Software) conducted informational luncheon meetings and provided bag lunches to those in attendance. The value of these bag lunches are unknown. Also at these annual conferences, the County has received merchandise and marketing items from all vendors in attendance of which the value is not known. These items include but was not limited to: pens, mugs, cups, water bottles, highlighters, eye-glass cleaners, computer screen cleaners, candy items, etc. Some vendors also paid for beverages at some of our activities during the conference.

At the 2016 Annual Conference held in State College, we were invited to attend a dinner hosted by Dominion Voting at a local restaurant of which the name escapes me. Many counties were in attendance. Transportation and meal was provided and the value of this is unknown. They also provided transportation for a Wine Tour of the area.

"The Heart of the Wilds"

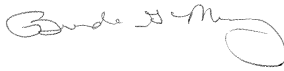
During the tour, they paid for entry for all on the trip to a private tour of Big Spring Spirits in Bellefonte. The value of this is unknown.

At the 2017 Annual Conference in Harrisburg, we were invited to attend a dinner hosted by our vendor (Election Systems and Software) at Char's Tracy Mansion. Transportation and meal was provided and the value of this is unknown.

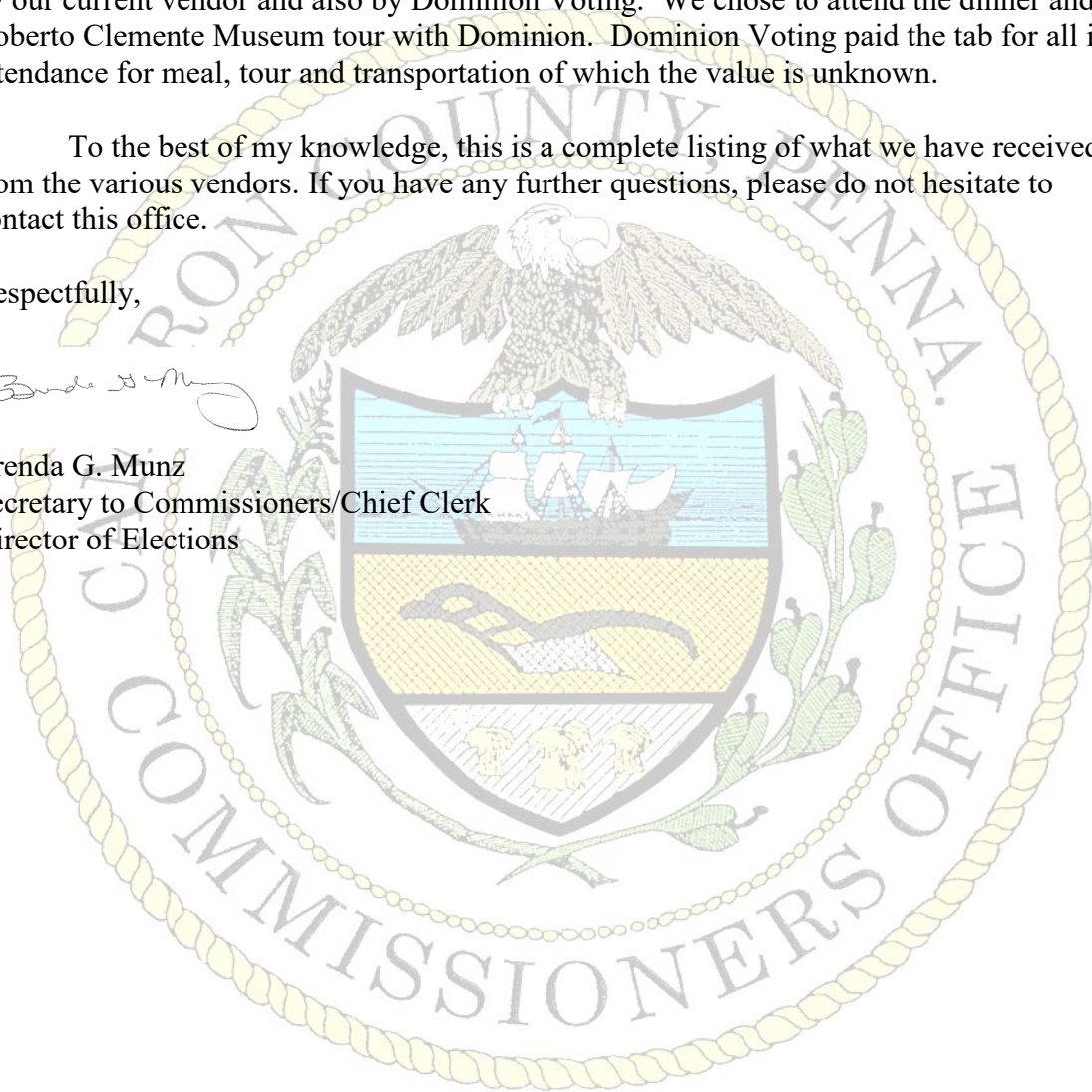
At the 2018 Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, we were invited to dinners offered by our current vendor and also by Dominion Voting. We chose to attend the dinner and Roberto Clemente Museum tour with Dominion. Dominion Voting paid the tab for all in attendance for meal, tour and transportation of which the value is unknown.

To the best of my knowledge, this is a complete listing of what we have received from the various vendors. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Respectfully,

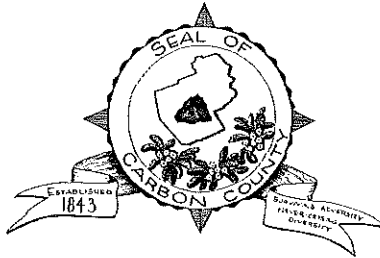


Brenda G. Munz
Secretary to Commissioners/Chief Clerk
Director of Elections



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January 22, 2019

Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

RE: Auditor General Correspondence January 10, 2019

Dear Ms. Gulli:

I am writing as Director of Elections for the County of Carbon in response to the correspondence of Auditor General DePasquale dated January 10, 2019.

I am submitting the following response to the request for information based on my personal information as Director of Elections:

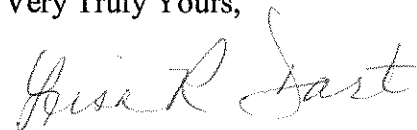
1. To my personal knowledge neither myself nor any member of the Board of Elections have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards" since 2013;
2. To my personal knowledge neither myself nor any member of the County Board of Elections have attended seminars nor conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trips paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;
3. To my personal knowledge neither myself nor any member of the County Board of Elections have received payment from any vendor for such gifts/trips referenced in the previous two items;
4. Not applicable;
5. To my personal knowledge as Director of Elections neither myself nor any member of the County Board of Elections have been offered any gifts/trips that subsequently were refused.

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Ms. Amy Gulli
January 22, 2019

Please note that this information is provided to the best of my knowledge,
information and belief.

If there are other questions or further information may be required, please contact
me at lisadart@carboncounty.net

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa R. Dart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lisa R. Dart
Director of Elections

LD:lo

cc: File

County of Centre



ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION

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Joyce E. McKinley

February 7, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
c/o Amy Guilli, Director of Special Reports
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale,

This correspondence is in response to your letter of January 10, 2019 concerning the procurement of voting systems. As Director of Elections, my response for myself and staff to the information by category as requested.

1. No member has accepted gifts of any kind or trips to serve on "advisory boards" since 2013
2. No member has attended a seminar or conference hosted by a Voting system vendor and had our trip(s) paid for by taxpayer funds since 2013.
3. No member has accepted any vendor gifts/trips.
4. No member has been offered any trips or gifts.
5. No member has anything of this sort to report.

The Centre County Board of Elections, letter of February 7, 2019 addressed the procurement of new voting machines.

If your department has any other questions in regard to these matters, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Joyce E. McKinley
Director

VIA EMAIL TO: Amy Guilli – aguilli@pa.auditor.gov



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Board of Elections

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February 7, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
c/o Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
Department of the Auditor General
613 North Street, Room 229
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale,

This correspondence is in response to your letter of January 10, 2019 concerning the procurement of voting systems. We, the members of the Centre County Board of Elections, respond to the information by category as requested. Elections staff will respond under separate cover.

1. No member of the Centre County Board of Elections has accepted gifts of any kind, to include any trips to serve on "advisory boards" since 2013.
2. No member of the Centre County Board of Elections has attended a seminar or conference hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by taxpayer funds since 2013.
3. No member of the Centre County Board of Elections has accepted any vendor gifts/trips.
4. No member of the Centre County Board of Elections has been offered any trips or gifts that were refused.
5. No member of the Centre County Board of Elections has anything of this sort to report.

We are pleased to report that our decision-making process for the purchase of new voting machines was driven by cost comparisons between the vendors, citizen input, from both voters and our poll workers, and the ability of vendors to deliver new machines in a timely fashion.

February 7, 2019

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If your department has any other questions in regard to these matters, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

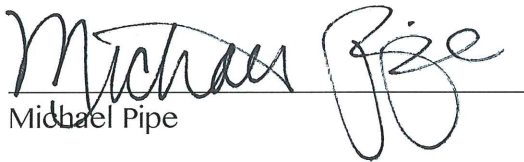
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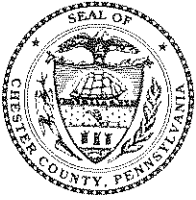
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February 8, 2019

THOMAS L. WHITEMAN
County Solicitor

Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

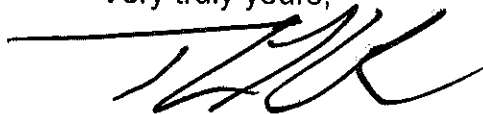
This correspondence is forwarded in response to your letter sent to Sandra Burke, Acting Director of Chester County Voter Services, which was dated January 10, 2019 and received on January 17, 2019. I am the Solicitor for the County of Chester, Pennsylvania and am providing the County's response. While your request seeks "information from all county board of elections directors" it also seeks the "names of all county officials" and "the name of vendors" ostensibly related to "reports of election officials accepting trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors". Given the expansive nature of your request, I hereby provide copies of the Statement of Financial Interest forms of those Public Officials and Public Employees who would have had any Chester County involvement with voting system procurement and vendors of same within the time frame sought.

Given the clear applicability of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act(65 Pa.C.S.A. Section 101 et seq.)in fostering the faith and confidence of the public in the impartiality and honesty of public officials and employees that fall within the purview of the Ethics Act, it was the legislative intent of General Assembly, as memorialized by statute, that the mandates of the Act be administered by the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission(Section 1106). The authorized statutory powers and duties of the Commission are set forth in Section 1107. The Ethics Act, in Section 1105, specifically identifies the "Required Information" that must be set forth in the Statement of Financial Interest and, relevant to your request, includes in subsection b(6): "[t]he name and address of the source and amount of any gift or gifts in the aggregate at \$250 or more and the circumstances of each gift". Additionally in subsection b(7)": "[t]he name and address of the source and the amount of any payment for or reimbursement of actual expenses for transportation and lodging and hospitality received in connection with public office or employment where such actual expenses...exceed \$650." This information must be set forth in the requisite Commission form and is filed and attested to under oath or affirmation and is subject to the Commission's investigatory authority and penalty provisions under Sections 1108 and 1109. Given the State Ethics Commission's legal authority in the matters/issues of which you inquire, it is Chester County's position that the Statement of Financial Interest forms that are provided herein evidence the legally required information, under penalty of law, that each Public Official

February 8, 2019
Eugene A. De Pasquale
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and/or Employee must provide in proof of compliance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act.

Very truly yours,



Thomas L. Whiteman
Solicitor

TLW:s

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Christopher P. Gabriel
cgabriel@cfwws.com

February 8, 2019

Ms. Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120
agulli@paauditor.gov

RE: Auditor General Request Directed to Clarion County

Dear Ms. Gulli:

I am the solicitor for Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Mr. DePasquale's January 10, 2019 request directed to Cindy Callihan, Elections Director for Clarion County was forwarded to me for a response.

Please accept this letter as Clarion County's response to the information request. After a reasonable investigation into this matter Clarion County is not aware of any information that would be responsive to the request. A review of the financial disclosure statements available to us and discussions with relevant officials and employees revealed no information about any gifts, appointments, or trips of the type Mr. DePasquale's letter described.

If we find further information that is responsive, we will contact you. If you have other questions or require more detailed information, please contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Cafardi, Ferguson, Wyrick, Weis + Stotler, llc

By: Christopher P. Gabriel, Esq.

cc: Clarion County Commissioners

Clearfield County Election/Voter Registration Office



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January 17, 2019

Eugene A DePasquale
Auditor General
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Auditor General DePasquale:

This is in response to your letter dated January 10, 2019 inquiring about any gifts/trips received from voting machine vendors by any Election official in Clearfield County between 2013 and now.

Every year the Pennsylvania County Election Officials hold an annual conference that both the Director of Elections and the Director of Voter Registration for Clearfield County have attended. During these conferences, voting machine vendors as well as Election supply companies have attended.

Over the years at these yearly conferences, we have attended informational luncheons with Election System & Software (ES&S), out of Omaha, Nebraska. ES&S is the manufacturer of the current voting equipment used in Clearfield County. Until recently other than the vendor halls, this was the extent of our interaction with the vendors.

At the 2017 Pennsylvania County Election Officials conference held in Harrisburg, both Clearfield County Directors, along with many others, were invited and attended a dinner hosted by Election System & Software at Char's Tracy Mansion in Harrisburg. Election System & Software paid the bill for all of us; therefore, the value of the meal is unknown.

In 2018, we attended the conference in Pittsburgh. Once again both Directors were invited to Dinners offered by Election System & Software and Dominion Voting based out of Colorado. They decided to attend the dinner hosted by Dominion Voting at the Roberto Clemente Museum in Pittsburgh. As with Election System & Software, Dominion Voting paid the bill for all of us; therefore, the value of the meal is unknown.

In addition, during 2018, we held voting demonstrations; Election System & Software and Dominion Voting visited our county and provided lunch for the attendees. The vendors provided both lunches so the value is unknown.

To the best of our knowledge, this is a complete listing of what we have received from the vendors over the years. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn E. Graham".

Dawn E Graham
Director of Elections

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Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 171200-0018

Dear Ms. Gulli,

In response to the Auditor General's letter dated January 10, 2019 in reference to gifts received or offered from Voting System Vendors, below is a list of gifts received or offered to our Elections Staff and County Elected Officials since 2013:

DATE	VENDOR/ EVENT	ATTENDEE/RECIPIENT	ITEMS	VALUE
2013 - 2018	Annual Western PA Elections Conference Exhibit Hall: Various Vendors Sponsored by PA Dept. of State / Western PA Elections Association	Director of Elections	Miscellaneous marketing items: candy, water bottles, pens, paper	Di Minimis
2013 - 2018	Annual Western PA Elections Conference: Vendor Sponsored Dinners	Director of Elections	Meals	Did Not Attend Value Unknown
2013 - 2018	CCAP Conference Exhibit Hall: Various Vendors	County Commissioners, Chief Clerks	Miscellaneous marketing items: candy, water bottles, pens, paper	Di Minimis
8/16/2018	ES&S Voting System Demonstration	County Commissioners, Chief Clerk, IT Staff, Director of Elections	Sweet rolls, coffee mugs	Di Minimis
9/24/2018	Dominion Voting System Demonstration	County Commissioners, Chief Clerk, IT Staff, Director of Elections	Coffee	Di Minimis
11/6/2018	ES&S	All Election Day Staff	1 box chocolate covered pretzels	Di Minimis

Please let me know if you need additional information. I can be reached at 570-893-4019.

Sincerely,

Maria Boileau
Director, Voter Registration / Elections
Deputy Chief Clerk

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Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: Auditor General Request
Attachments: SKM_4050190117163500.pdf

Amy Gulli

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From: Matthew Repasky <mrepasky@columbiapa.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Subject: Auditor General Request

Director of Special Reports Amy Gulli, from Columbia County there is nothing of this sort to report per your request. Copy attached. Have a great rest of your day,

Matthew Repasky
Columbia County Elections
mrepasky@columbiapa.org
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ELECTION & VOTER SERVICES OFFICE OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

January 23, 2019

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

I am writing in response to your request regarding voting equipment vendors and any gifts/trips that were offered or taken since 2013. I want to mention that I have only been here since January 2018 and can only relay to you what my experience has been and what has been reported to me.

After conversations with all election officials from Crawford County, I can report that no gifts or trips were accepted. No one has attended a conference or seminar hosted by a vendor. There was one conversation with ES&S in the last few months where an invitation was made by a sales representative to the Chief Clerk to visit a machine warehouse in Nebraska. The invitation was declined and there was no further discussion.

If you have any further questions I'd be happy to speak with you. I can be reached at 814-333-7307 or at rlittle@co.crawford.pa.us .

Sincerely,

Crawford County Director of Elections



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January 31, 2019

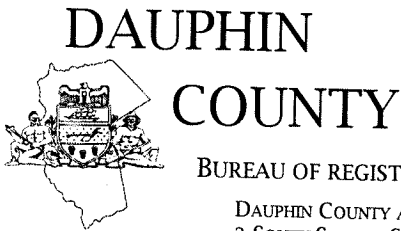
Dear Eugene DePasquale,

After reviewing the topics in your January 10, 2019 correspondence, Cumberland County has nothing to report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Bethany Salzarulo
Director of Elections, Cumberland County
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February 8, 2019

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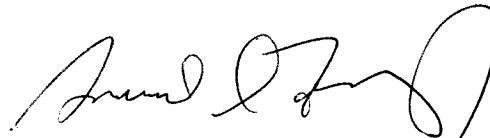
Dear Auditor General DePasquale:

In response to your letter of January 10, 2019, please be advised that to best of our information no Dauphin County official has received gifts of greater than a de minimis value from a voting equipment vendor. Additionally, no Dauphin County official currently serves or has served, during the period you reference, on an "Advisory Board."

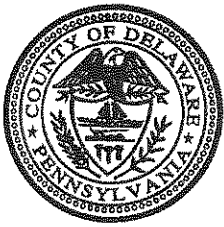
Please be further advised that I have attended the Pennsylvania County Election Officials Conferences where election equipment vendors occasionally provide hospitality items (such as food and drink) and nominal value advertising items (such as pens, mugs, etc.) to all attendees. I assume these are not the types of "gifts" for which you are seeking information.

I trust this response satisfactorily answers your inquiry. If you require any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Gerald D. Feaser, Jr., Director



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February 8, 2019

LAUREEN T. HAGAN
CHIEF CLERK

Ms. Amy Gulli
Department of the Auditor General
Director, Special Reports
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Ms. Gulli:

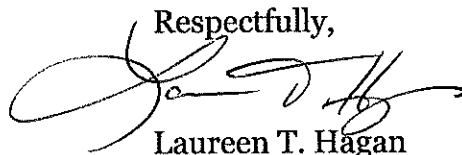
I acknowledge receipt of the January 10, 2019 correspondence from General DePasquale in reference to my position as Chief Clerk to the Delaware County Board of Elections and procurement of new voting systems and the specified interactions with vendors selling such systems. As the Chief Clerk to the Board of Elections I make the following statements based on my experiences, I cannot speak on behalf of any other County official. The correspondence asks:

- 1.) "The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013."
- 2.) "The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013."
- 3.) "The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips."
- 4.) "The value of such gifts/trips."
- 5.) "The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused."
- 6.) "If there is nothing of this sort to report, please indicate such in your formal response."

In response to the above questions I can state that I have not accepted any nor have I been offered any paid trips or asked to serve on any "advisory boards" since 2013. I can state that on several occasions while attending the annual Pennsylvania Election Officials Conference hosted by Pennsylvania Department of State and in alternating years by either the Eastern or Western Pennsylvania Election Personnel Associations I have attended the cocktail party where it was announced, after the fact that a vendor "picked up" the beverage tab. The gesture was not specific to me but to all in attendance. This practice did not occur every year and I have not attended the last two annual conferences, therefore if you require more information you may wish to contact Pennsylvania Department of State.

At almost all the annual Pennsylvania Election Officials Conferences vendors, of a wide array of election functions have information tables set up to display/demonstrate their services. Some of the vendors make available small marketing items such as pens, note pads, mints or other such tchotchke's, (a term of art to describe small objects or trinkets) and I have accepted several such items.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laureen T. Hagan', with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

Laureen T. Hagan
Chief Clerk
Delaware County Board of Elections

cc: The Honorable Eugene A. DePasquale

ELK COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATIONS

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Kimberly S. Frey
Director

January 28, 2019

Eugene A. DePaquale, Auditor General
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePaquale:

I am responding to your letter dated January 10, 2019, requesting information concerning trips or gifts received from voting equipment vendors.

To my knowledge only the following has occurred:

In 2018, Elk County had several Voting Equipment Demonstrations conducted by the vendors concerning that vendors' products. The vendors did provide a lunch to the Elected Officials and staff during the course of the demonstration as follows:

ES&S - demonstration was held on April 25, 2018 – Subway Lunch was provided to Elected Officials and Staff.

Dominion – demonstration was held on May 24, 2018 – Fox's Pizza Lunch was provided to Elected Officials and Staff.

After reviewing the letter with Elk County's Solicitor (Thomas G. Wagner, Esq.), it was his opinion that the lunches did not violate Section 1102 of the Ethics Act as defines a "conflict of interest" to include the use of public employment for any private pecuniary benefit, excluding any action having a De Minimis economic impact.

It was his opinion that the incidents that were described fall into the De Minimis exclusion and are not violations.

However, upon his recommendation that the lunches be reported to the Auditor General because your letter implies that you are investigating all forms of potential influence in the selection of vendors.

It is the opinion of the Elk County Solicitor that no violation of the Ethics Act occurred.

If you have any further question please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Frey, Director

Elk County Elections and Voter Registrations

Cc: Elk County Board of Elections



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Erie County Courthouse
140 West Sixth Street, Room 114
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501-1081

February 8, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale, PA Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120

AG DePasquale:

This comes in response to your letter of January 10, 2019, requesting information on “gifts” from voting equipment vendors accepted by County officials since 2013.

No persons in our Election Department or Board members have accepted any trips to serve on “advisory boards” or attended seminars or conferences hosted by voting equipment vendors in that time period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas R. Smith', is written over the typed name and title.

Douglas R. Smith,
Erie County Clerk

cc: Thomas Talarico, Solicitor
Kimberly Alexander, Election Supervisor
Members of the Election Board

**BUREAU OF ELECTIONS/VOTER REGISTRATION
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Larry J. Blosser, Sr.
Director/Chief Registrar**

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February 11, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale,


I am writing in response to your request for information from all county board of elections directors regarding accepting trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors.

I have not served on any advisory boards, attended any seminars or conferences hosted by any voting system vendors, or accepted any trips or gifts paid for by any voting system vendors. No vendors offered to me any trips or gifts.

The only interaction I have had with the voting system vendors has been at the Pennsylvania Directors Conferences at the vendors' hall.

Your request was forwarded to Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink, who has advised me that she has responded directly to your office, Commissioner Dave Lohr, whose response is attached, and Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites, whose response we are still awaiting.

Sincerely,



Larry J. Blosser, Sr.
Director/Chief Registrar



Fayette County Courthouse

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMISSIONER DAVE LOHR



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February 8, 2019
Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale,

I am writing in response to your request for information from all county board of elections directors regarding accepting trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors.

I have not

- ❖ accepted gifts of any kind from voting equipment vendors, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013,
- ❖ attended seminars or conferences hosted by voting system vendors.

The only time I have had any interaction with voting machine vendors was at conferences (e.g. CCAP and NACo), where I spoke with vendors at their displays in the conference vendor display hall.

Sincerely,

Dave Lohr
Commissioner Vice-Chairman

Larry Blosser

From: Vincent Vicites
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 5:35 PM
To: Larry Blosser; sherylheidlaw@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Auditor General Letter 1.10.19
Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; Auditor General Letter 1.10.19.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Larry, Sheryl, I had no contact with voting machine companies other than discussing the machines at the CCAP and NACO Conferences last year. I did not except any gifts from the voting machine companies of any kind. VV

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Billie Guthrie <bguthrie@fayettepa.org>
Date: February 11, 2019 at 4:21:54 PM EST
To: Vincent Vicites <vvicites@fayettepa.org>
Cc: Larry Blosser <lblosser@fayettepa.org>, "vince@vicites.org" <vince@vicites.org>
Subject: Auditor General Letter 1.10.19

Commissioner Vicites,

Attached is the letter from the Auditor General dated January 10, 2019. The response was due February 8, 2019.

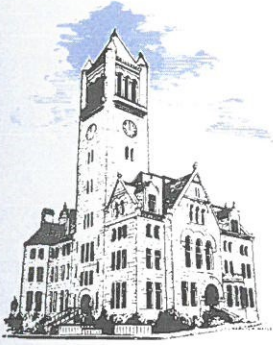
I also sent this to your personal email account.

Have a good evening.

Billie Jo

Billie Jo Guthrie

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January 28, 2019

Attn: Amy Guilli, Director of Special Reports
Emailed agulli@paauditor.gov

In response to PA Auditor General DePasquale's January 10, 2019 letter to our Fayette County Election Bureau Director, inquiring if elected officials accepted trips etc from voting equipment vendors, please be advised:

As a county elected official I have not accepted gifts of any kind; not served on any advisory boards; not had trips paid for by any voting equipment vendors etc.

In either 2016, 2017 or 2018 (I cannot recall and would need to search records) I attended the CCAP conference and I recall entering one room where one vendor (possibly Dominion) was showing the voting equipment and handed literature out.

I have not been offered any gifts of any kind nor have accepted any gifts from voting equipment vendors.

For 2019 I will serve on the Election Reform Committee of CCAP. I am not a candidate for re-election.

Angela Zimmerlink

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Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
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February 11, 2019

Dear Ms. Gulli,

Please accept my apologies that this information did not meet your February 8, 2019 deadline. I was not trying to be unresponsive to your request, however, I am not only the Director of Elections and Voter Registrar, but also process the county's payroll along with many other miscellaneous duties. I have completed your request to the best of my recollection and as soon as I was able.

In response to your request, please see below.

- The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013;
Joe Passerella from ES&S invited all of the Western Counties Election Officials to Erie for a wine festival (\$15.00 admission) on September 29, 2018. I chose to attend and afterwards he invited us to dinner at a nearby restaurant. I have no idea what the cost of the meal was.
 - The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013; **None**
 - The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips; **None**
 - The value of such gifts/trips; and **None**
 - The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused. **None**
 - If there is nothing of this sort to report, please indicate such in your formal response.
- No other gifts of any kind including trips have ever been offered by any voting equipment vendor.

Respectfully,
Jean Ann Hitchcock
Director of Elections, Forest County

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:23 PM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: Response - Franklin County

Amy Gulli

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From: Carrie Gray <cegray@franklincountypa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 11:31 AM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Cc: Jean Byers <jbbyers@franklincountypa.gov>; Mary Beth Shank <mbshank@franklincountypa.gov>
Subject: Response - Franklin County

Good morning,

Per your request dated January 10, 2019, Franklin County Elections Officials, defined as the members of election board, election board solicitor, county administrator/chief clerk and deputy chief clerk, have not taken any trips to serve on advisory boards or been offered any trip that was refused. As far as gifts from any voting equipment vendor, other than de minimis items that may be offered (pens, notepads, etc.), which would have to be valued at \$25.00 or less for a county employee to accept per county policy, no gift has been offered or accepted. Franklin County Election Officials have partaken of group meals for all attendees during Department of State sponsored election conferences which may have been sponsored by vendors.

Thank you,

Carrie E. Gray, M.A.
County Administrator/Chief Clerk
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Chambersburg, PA 17201
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County of Fulton

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January 22, 2019

Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
Commonwealth of PA
Department of Auditor General
Harrisburg PA 17120 - 0018

Dear Ms. Gulli:

This is in reference to a letter received from Auditor General Eugene A DePasquale, dated January 10, 2019, pertaining to the procurement of new voting machines by counties and the accepting or receipt of trips and/or gifts from voting machine vendors.

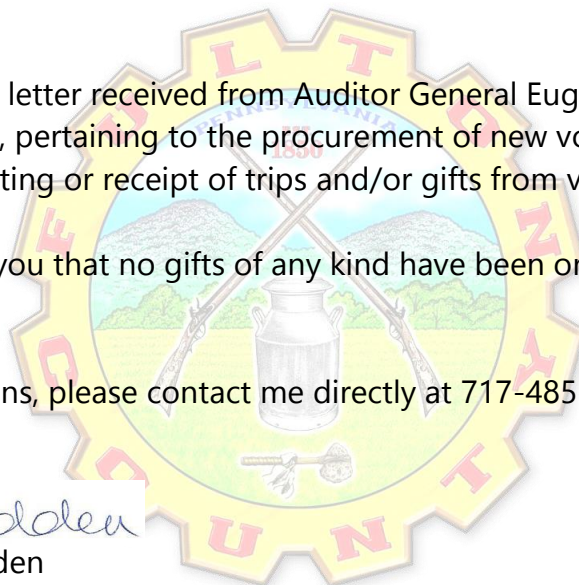
This letter is to inform you that no gifts of any kind have been or will be accepted from any vendor.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 717-485-6864. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Hann-McFadden
Director of Elections
COUNTY OF FULTON



Jeff Marshall

Subject: FW: Voting Equipment Vendors review
Attachments: 201901171222.pdf

Jeffrey A. Marshall, Chief Clerk
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From: Tina Kiger
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 8:45 AM
To: agulli@pauauditor.gov
Cc: Cheryl Cowen (cherylcowen@gmail.com) <cherylcowen@gmail.com>; Jeff Marshall <jmarshall@co.greene.pa.us>
Subject: Voting Equipment Vendors review

Dear Amy Gulli,

Regarding your request pertaining to Voting Equipment Vendors, please accept the following response:

- The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, Including trips to serve on “advisory boards,” since 2013; NONE
- The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted By a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013; NONE
- The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips; NONE
- The value of such gifts/trips; N\A
- The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused; NONE

I hope this answers all questions asked.

Thank you,
Tina Kiger
Director of Elections, Greene County

agulli@pauauditor

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TUESDAY--9:30 A.M.

PHONE: 814-643-3091
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Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HUNTINGDON, PENNSYLVANIA 16652

Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Department of the Auditor General
613 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17128

Dear Amy Gulli,

This letter is the formal response of the Huntingdon County Commissioner's Office to the letter from the Office of the Auditor General dated 10 January 2019. At this time, we do not have any offers of gifts or trips, whether accepted or not, to report.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (814)643-3091 ex. 204.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Fellman".

Heather N. Fellman
Chief Clerk, Huntingdon County

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January 17, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120

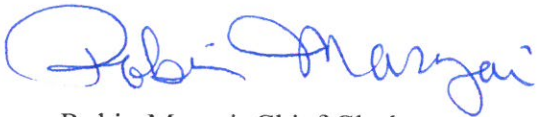
Dear Mr. DePasquale:

I am in receipt of your letter asking if officials from Indiana County have accepted gifts or paid trips from voting equipment vendors.

Neither myself nor any other employee of Indiana County have not accepted any gifts or paid trips from voting equipment vendors.

Sincerely,

INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk

/rm



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January 17, 2019

Mr. Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Email: Amy Gulli – agulli@paauditor.gov

Dear Mr. DePasquale:

I am in receipt of your correspondence of January 10, 2019 requesting the names of all county officials who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on “advisory boards” since 2013, the names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip paid for by the taxpayers, the names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips, the value of such gifts/trips; and the names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.

There is nothing of this sort to report from Jefferson County. Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Lupone
Chief Clerk, Director of Elections

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: Fwd: Auditor General letter 1/10/19

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eva Weyrich <eweyrich@juniataco.org>
Date: January 28, 2019 at 11:51:11 AM EST
To: agulli@paauditor.gov
Subject: Auditor General letter 1/10/19

In response to Auditor General Eugene A Depasquale's letter dated January 10, 2019, none of the Juniata County Commissioners meet any of the criteria as outlined in the letter. Please let me know if you need any further information.

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*Eva M. Weyrich
Juniata County Voter Registrar/Election Director
1 N Main St PO Box 68
Mifflintown PA 17059
717-436-7706*

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 4:06 PM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: Voting Equipment Vendors - Lackawanna County

Amy Gulli

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From: Donald J. Frederickson Jr <FredericksonD@lackawannacounty.org>
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 3:16 PM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Cc: Marion Medalis <MedalisM@lackawannacounty.org>
Subject: Voting Equipment Vendors - Lackawanna County

Dear Ms. Gulli,

In response to the Auditor Generals letter of January 28, 2019, please be advised that I have confirmed with our county Election Bureau officials and elected officials regarding receiving gifts and remuneration from any voting machine vendors.

None of our election officials or elected officials have received any gifts, trips or other forms of remuneration from any voting machine vendors.

If I may be of any further assistance to you, let me know.

Very truly yours,

Donald J. Frederickson, Jr., Esq.
Chief of Staff/General Counsel.



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February 6, 2019

VIA EMAIL TO:

Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
agulli@paauditor.gov
Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

RE: JANUARY 10, 2019 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

I am receipt of your January 10, 2019 letter requesting various types of information from Lancaster County about gifts/trips from election equipment vendors.

I have nothing reportable as requested.

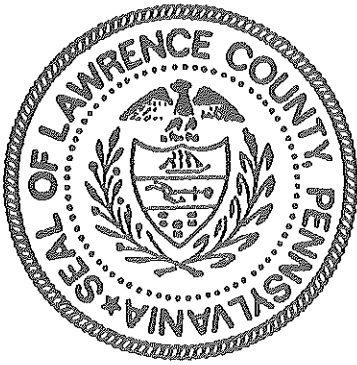
The Lancaster County Solicitor's office questioned the County Commissioners, Chief Clerk, Election Board Members and Solicitor, Purchasing Department staff and Voter Registration and Election office staff, asking whether those individuals, since 2013, had accepted gifts of any kind from voting equipment vendors, including trips to serve on "advisory boards", attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had the trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers, the identity of the vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips, the value of such gifts/trips, and the name(s) of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused. Attached is the email sent to those individuals. All have responded that they have nothing to report.

Best regards,

Randall O. Wenger
Chief Clerk, Lancaster County Board of Elections
Chief Registrar, Registration Commission

cc: Melvin Newcomer, Esquire
Christina L. Hausner, Esquire





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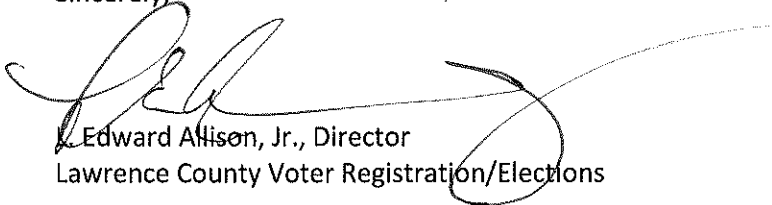
Ms. Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Re: Letter dated January 10, 2019

Ms. Gulli,

There is nothing of this sort to report for Lawrence County, to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,



Edward Allison, Jr., Director
Lawrence County Voter Registration/Elections

Cc: Members – Lawrence County Board of Elections
Atty. Thomas Leslie, Lawrence County Solicitor
James Gagliano, Jr., Lawrence County Chief Administrator

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County Administrator
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County Solicitor

February 1, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale,

I have received your letter dated January 10, 2019 requesting information regarding the procurement of new voting machines. In this letter you ask specific questions regarding any trips or gifts that were received from voting equipment vendors. Below are the answers to your questions:

- I have enclosed the Statement of Financial Interests for county election officials for the years 2013 through 2017. 2018 Statement of Financial Interests are included if they have been received. No gifts have been accepted, no individual has been on an advisory board.
- No Seminars or Conferences that were hosted by a voting system vendor were attended by a member of the Lebanon County Election office.
- No vendor has supplied or has offered any member of the Lebanon County Election office a trip or gift.
- Any "gift" received would be marketing items (pens, pads, etc) that have no material value

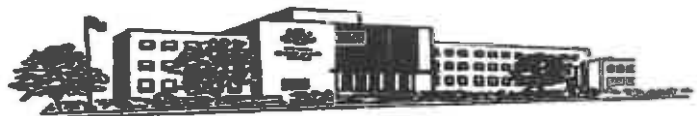
I have not been offered or received any trip or "gift" of any material value beyond the marketing items that all of the vendors would hand out at voting system demonstrations or election conferences. At the election conferences the different vendors would sponsor different activities or events that members could attend, however none of these activities would have a material value. All conferences attended by members of the Lebanon County Election office were sponsored by the Pennsylvania Election Officials Associations in both the East (AEPCEP) or West (WPEPA).

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Regards,



Michael L. Anderson
Director/Chief Clerk



COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the Election Board

Timothy A. Benyo
Chief Clerk
timothybenyo@lehighcounty.org



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Office of Voter Registration & Elections
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

February 4, 2019

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

Please consider this my formal response to your letter dated January 10, 2019 pertaining to voting machine procurement. Your questions are as follows:

The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013;

I have not accepted any gifts or have been approached by any vendor to serve on an advisory board at any time in my 10+ years as an Election Director. I have no knowledge of any other Lehigh County Official who accepted any gifts from voting machine vendors or who was approached by them to serve on an advisory board.

The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;

I have never attended a voting system vendor hosted seminar or conference. I have no knowledge of any other Lehigh County Official attending such seminar or conference so hosted.

The names of vendors who paid for such gifts/trips;

There have been no gifts/trips by, or accepted from any voting machine vendor of which I am aware.

The value of such gifts/trips; and

I have never been offered any gifts/trips from a voting machine vendor, nor do I have knowledge of any other Lehigh County official receiving such gifts or trips.

The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.

There have been no gifts/trips from any voting machine vendor.

There is nothing of this sort to report. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Timothy Benyo

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

February 8, 2019

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

Please consider this my formal response to your letter dated January 10, 2019 pertaining to voting machine procurement. Your questions are as follows:

The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013;

I was invited to serve on an advisory board consisting of election officials throughout the nation, in 2017. After consulting my solicitor and division head in detail of the advisory board members, its purpose, and that travel to the meetings would be paid for directly by the vendor, I was advised that serving in my official role as the Director of Elections on the advisory board was permissible and I was encouraged to accept and my participation was expressly approved. Travel arrangements and costs associated to advisory board meetings were managed directly by the vendor, and my supervisor and solicitor had knowledge that the cost was to be paid for by the vendor and not the taxpayers. No reimbursements for travel costs were filed by me to the county or the vendor. I have no knowledge in regards to other county officials and their activities.

The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;

I did not attend seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had my trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since my career in elections began in 1998. I have no knowledge in regards to other county officials and their activities.

The names of vendors who paid for such gifts/trips;

Election Systems and Software (ES&S) paid for the travel costs associated to two advisory board meetings in 2017.

The value of such gifts/trips; and

In reference to the first question, as reported to me by ES&S;

Advisory Board Meeting, March 2, 2017

Total \$1,243.02

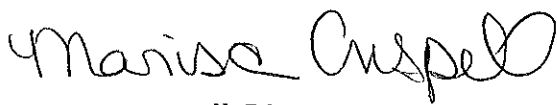
Advisory Board Meeting, August 3, 2017

Total \$1,249.74

The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.

Since 2005, Luzerne County has been a customer of only one voting system vendor, that being ES&S. To my knowledge, no other vendor has approached the county with gifts/trips that were refused.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marisa Crispell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Marisa Crispell, Director
Luzern County Bureau of Elections

LUZERNE COUNTY
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CHIEF COUNTY SOLICITOR



LUZERNE COUNTY
COUNTY MANAGER
C. DAVID PEDRI, ESQUIRE

COUNTY of LUZERNE
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ESTABLISHED 1786

February 21, 2019

Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Department of Auditor General
Room 229
Finance Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Re: Luzerne County Bureau of Elections

Dear Ms. Gulli:

I am receipt of the January 10, 2019, correspondence directed to Marisa Crispell from the Auditor General Eugene A. DePasquale.

As I indicated to you in our telephone conversation, Ms. Crispell is represented by private counsel and it is my understanding that he is responding on her behalf. To the extent that the request is asking her to respond in her official capacity, she is not authorized to do so on behalf of Luzerne County. To the extent that I am authorized to report on behalf of Luzerne County, we are only aware of Ms. Crispell's participation on the E, S & S advisory board, which has been subject to an internal investigation.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Romilda P. Crocamo, Esquire



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February 4, 2019

VIA EMAIL TO:

Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
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Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

RE: JANUARY 10, 2019 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

I am receipt of your January 10, 2019 letter requesting various types of information from Lycoming County. I have no information to report as requested. The County has also internally queried the County Commissioners and Director of Administration, and those individuals have nothing to report as well.

For purposes of this response, we are assuming that you are defining "gifts" as meaning gifts of value. The County may have received, from various vendors, merchandise/marketing materials of nominal value, for instance pens, candy, or coffee mugs, and we assume those are not items which you seek for us to report.

In addition, I annually attend a conference for my profession held by the Eastern and Western Associations of county election officials. That conference is attended by various vendors, like any other industry. On occasion, I have had a meal or drink paid for at that annual conference by a vendor. Again, I assume you are not looking for a report on beverages and/or meals.

We hope this satisfies your inquiry.

Forrest K. Lehman
Director of Elections and Registration, Lycoming County

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: Procurement of new voting machines

Amy Gulli

Director of Special Reports
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From: Gallegos, Dianne <DLGallegos@mckeancountypa.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 11:08 AM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Subject: Procurement of new voting machines

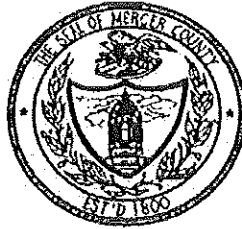
Good morning,

I am unaware of any person in our county accepting trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors. Our Director of Voter Registration and I did travel to Clarion County once and to Potter County once to attend an equipment demonstration. We traveled to these counties and returned the same day. McKean County did reimburse the Director of Voter Registration for mileage only.

Dianne Gallegos
Director of Elections
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COUNTY OF MERCER

February 12, 2019

Via e-mail to: Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
Re: Information request of Auditor General Eugene A. DePasquale
From: Jeff Greenburg, Director of Elections

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

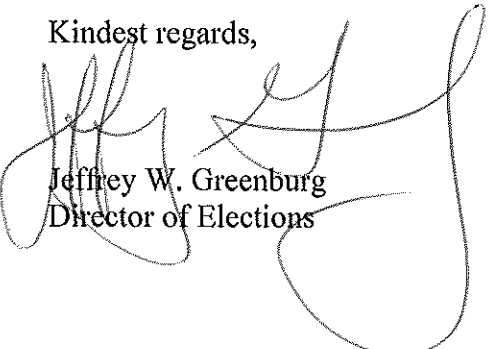
We are in receipt of your January 10, 2019, letter requesting various types of information from Mercer County. Responses are listed per requested category:

- The names of all county officials who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on “advisory boards” since 2013: **None.**
- The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip paid for by the taxpayers since 2013: **None.**
- The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips: **None.**
- The value of such gifts/trips: **None.**
- The names of any vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused. **Election Systems and Software extended an invitation to a 1-day wine-tasting tour in Erie County in the summer or fall of 2018. Did not attend.**

For clarification, we assume you are defining “gifts” as meaning gifts of value, particularly those that would be required to be reported on a public or elected officials’ annual statement of financial interest. That being said, however, in the interest of full disclosure we would also like to report the county received from vendors merchandise of nominal value, including coffee, doughnuts, chocolate covered peanuts, food items, candy or coffee mugs.

In addition, I attend an annual professional conference held by the respective eastern and western associations of election officials in Pennsylvania. Vendors regularly attend those conferences and on occasion have provided a meal or drink to me. All of those items listed in the above paragraph and this one would have an average annual value of less than \$50.

Kindest regards,


Jeffrey W. Greenburg
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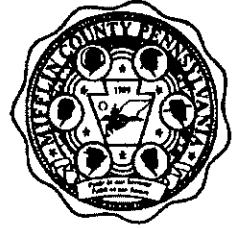
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
ATTN: Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports

Dear Director of Special Reports,

This letter is in response to the Department of the Auditor General's request for information pertaining to county officials who have accepted gifts including those who have served on "advisory boards" since 2013.

I am not aware of any county officials accepting gifts, including trips to serve on advisory boards.

In addition, I have included a copy of all Statement of Financial Interest forms submitted by county officials from 2013 to 2017, any applicable activity would therefore be documented by the county official on their Statement of Financial Interest.

Statement of Financial Interest forms are distributed by this office at the time an individual files a petition seeking nomination and election within an election cycle. County officials would then file their Statement of Financial Interests forms with the county Chief Clerk on a recurring basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zane N. Swanger".

Zane N. Swanger
Director of Elections & Voter Registration

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January 18, 2019

Auditor General
Eugene A. DePasquale
Department of Auditor General
613 North Street Room 229
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

In response to your letter dated January 10, 2019, I have not received nor been offered any trip, gift, or any kind of position on any advisory board from any voting system vendors. Also, to the best of my knowledge, no County official has been offered any trip, gift, or any kind of position on any advisory board from any voting system vendors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara L. May-Silfee,
Director of Elections and Voter Registration

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:03 PM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: Response to Auditor General's Letter
Attachments: 2013 redacted.pdf; 2014 redacted.pdf; 2015 redacted.pdf; 2016 redacted.pdf; 2017 redacted.pdf

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From: Sisler, Karley <KSisler@montcopa.org>
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 4:21 PM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Subject: Response to Auditor General's Letter

Dear Ms. Gulli,

I am in receipt of the January 10, 2019 letter from the Auditor General requesting documents related to the review of county procurement of new voting machines.

Please find attached to this email Statements of Financial Interests for any officials of Montgomery County who would have some association with procurement of voting machines. I believe these documents will adequately address the first bullet of the request asking for names of county officials who have accepted gifts of any kind. As for the rest of the requests, Montgomery County does not have any county officials that those requests would apply to.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Karley

Karley Sisler
Director

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January 18, 2019

Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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Harrisburg, Pa 17120-0018

Dear Ms. Gulli:

This correspondence is in response to a letter dated 1/10/2019 from Auditor General Eugene DePasquale seeking information regarding the acceptance of gifts or trips from voting equipment vendors.

Please be advised that the answer to each bullet point query is none.

Should you require further clarification, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Holly A. Brandon
Montour County Director of Elections/Chief Clerk

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: letter response
Attachments: 20190118113004868.pdf

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-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Hess <AHess@northamptoncounty.org>
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 11:53 AM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Subject: letter response

Amy Gulli,

I'm writing in response to the letter dated January 10, 2019 on behalf of Northampton County. None of the items listed pertain to anyone in our office.

Thank You,
Amy Hess

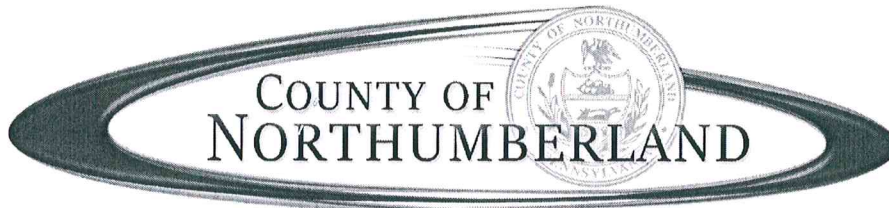
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January 22, 2019

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
c/o Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
VIA EMAIL TO: agulli@paauditor.gov

RE: *Correspondence of January 10, 2019 – Voting Machine Vendor Inquiry*

Dear Director Gulli,

I am in receipt of the above correspondence sent by Auditor General DePasquale. In that regard, ESS Systems and Software is Northumberland County's voting machine vendor and provides supplies regarding the same. It was not uncommon for an employee of ESS Systems and Software to check in at the Northumberland County Board of Elections to see if we require anything. In mid-November of 2018, Mr. Joseph Passerella, of ESS Systems and Software, after making this routine inquiry, asked if he could take me to lunch. I accepted the offer and we had lunch at a local Italian restaurant, Original Italian Pizza (OIP), in Sunbury. I believe the total cost for the meal was approximately thirty seven (\$37.00) dollars and Mr. Passerella picked up the tab and paid the gratuity.

If you have any further questions about this, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Alisha Elliott, Director
Northumberland County Board of Elections

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January 23, 2019

Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Dear Ms. Gulli,

In response to the letter of January 10, 2019, Perry County Officials:

County Commissioners Brenda K. Benner, Paul L. Rudy, Jr. Stephen C. Naylor, Solicitor William R. Bunt, Chief Clerk Kathy Burkholder, Director of Elections & Voter Registration Bonnie L. Delancey, Deputy Director of Elections & Voter Registration Deborah Shrawder and Chief Fiscal Officer Amy Davis, there is nothing of this sort to report.

If you need further information, please contact me at the above number or email:
bdelancey@perryco.org

Sincerely yours,

Bonnie L. Delancey
Director

Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Larsen, Kari
Cc: Ciccocioppo, Barry; Miller, Gary
Subject: FW: Response to Voting Machine Letter of Jan 10th

Amy Gulli

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From: Nick Custodio <Nick.Custodio@Phila.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:28 AM
To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Subject: Response to Voting Machine Letter of Jan 10th

Amy:

Sorry we are a little late on this, in response to the Auditor Generals letter to Kevin Kelly from January 10th please know that we have nothing that is responsive to the questions asked in the letter. However, in an effort for full transparency:

- Nick Custodio, Seth Bluestein, Michelle Montalvo, Commissioner Al Schmidt, and Commissioner Lisa Deeley have attended one or more machine demos hosted by the Department of State. We are unsure if any vendors contributed to the costs of these events.
- In approximately 2013, Commissioner Al Schmidt traveled to ES&S's headquarter in Omaha, Nebraska. All meals, transportation, and lodging was personally paid for by Commissioner Al Schmidt and he neither sought nor received reimbursement from the city.
- Nick Custodio, Michelle Montalvo, Commissioner Al Schmidt, and Commissioner Lisa Deeley traveled to Monongalia County, WV, to observe their May 8th Primary Election. Meals, transportation, and lodging were either reimbursed by the city or paid out of pocket.
- Nick Custodio and Seth Bluestein traveled to St. Louis County, MO to observe their August 7th Primary Election. Meals, transportation, and lodging were either reimbursed by the city or paid out of pocket.

This response only covers the Office of the Philadelphia City Commissioners and it does not include any county officials in other Philadelphia Departments, nor does it include anything that might have been responsive from former Commissioner Singer (Jan 2012 - Jan 2016) or her staff.

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January 17, 2019

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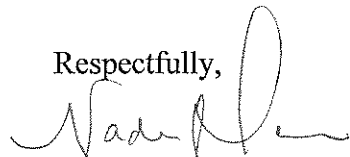
Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

In response to your letter regarding voting system procurement and our involvement and experience with voting system vendors, please be advised that no county official or public employee of Pike County has served on an advisory board for any voting system vendor.

In addition; please be advised that no Pike County official or public employee has accepted gifts or paid trips from any voting system vendor, nor has a voting system vendor offered trips or gifts to any county official or employee.

If you need further information please contact me.

Respectfully,



Nadeen Manzoni, Director
Pike County Board of Elections

*emailed to Amy
as requested
4/24/19*

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January 22, 2019

**Eugene A DePasquale
Auditor General
C/O Amy Gulli
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Dear Mr DePasquale,

I am responding to the letter that my office received on January 17, 2019 in regards to your request for information from all county board of election directors.

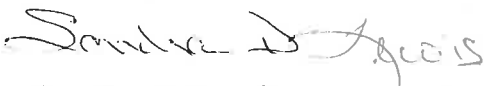
Potter County Voter Registration/Elections Office has attended Conferences from 2013 – 2018, while at these Conferences we did participate in dinners that were sponsored by our machine vendor Dominion. Dominion has been our vendor since we purchased our current machines back in 2006.

While at these conferences, many vendors had tables and machines set up in the vendor hall for us to look at and on the tables were various trinkets of limited value.

At no time since 2013 – 2018 was the Voter Registration/Election Office offered trips/gifts from any vendor.

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Best regards,



**Sandra D Lewis,
Director
Potter County**

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February 1, 2019

Amy Gulli
Director of Special Reports
Via email only to agulli@paauditor.gov

RE: Letter from Auditor General dated January 10, 2019

Dear Ms. Gulli:

I am writing to you in response to the above-referenced matter. I serve as the Director of the Schuylkill County Election Bureau. To the best of my information, knowledge, and belief:

1. There are no Schuylkill County officials who have accepted gifts of any kind from voting equipment vendors, including trips to serve on "advisory boards" since 2013; and
2. There are no Schuylkill County officials who since 2013 have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013; and
3. There is nothing to report with regard to the remainder of the questions.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

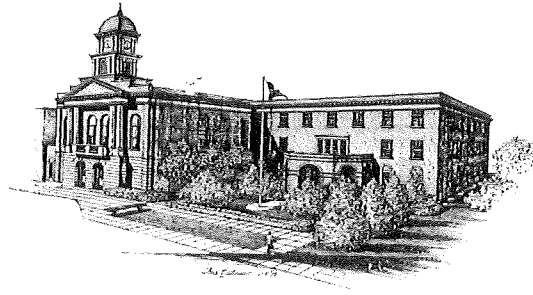
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Frannie Brennan

CC: Gary Bender, County Administrator
Alvin B. Marshall, Esquire, County Solicitor

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January 17, 2019

Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Amy:

As requested in a letter received today, January 17, 2019, from Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General, I have listed below the answers to his questions:

- The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on “advisory boards,” since 2013; **NONE**
- The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trips/s paid for by the taxpayers since 2013; **NONE**
- The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips; **NONE**
- The value of such gifts/trips; and **NONE**
- The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused. **NONE**

This is my formal response to the questions.

Regards,

Patricia P. Nace
Director of Elections
Snyder County PA



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Via Electronic Mailing Only

The Honorable Eugene A. DePasquale
c/o Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports
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Department of Auditor General Finance Building
613 North Street, Room 229
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0018
agulli@paauditor.gov

Re: ***January 10, 2019 Letter***
Somerset County Director of Voter Registration & Election

Dear Auditor General DePasquale:

As you are aware, I serve as the Director of Voter Registration and Election for Somerset County (the "County"). I am in receipt of your letter dated January 10, 2019 in which you request certain information from "all county board of elections directors by Feb. 8, 2019" as follows:

- The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013;
- The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;
- The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips;
- The value of such gifts/trips; and
- The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.
- If there is nothing of this sort to report, please indicate such in your formal response.

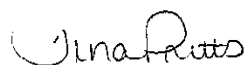
Because your request was addressed directly to me rather than the County Open-Records Officer, requests specific items of information rather than documentation, and specifies a particular due date inconsistent with the standard timeframes set forth under the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, I have not treated your letter as a request under the Law. Because, however, the

information that you seek appears to be more akin to disclosures that are required to be made annually on the State Ethics Commission form relative the Statement of Financial Interests (the "Ethics Form"), I have referred to the definitions and instructions provided therein to aid in my interpretation of your requests. Accordingly, I interpret your use of the term "county officials" as meaning "Public Officials" as defined in the Ethics Form: "Persons serving as current state/county/local public officials (elected or appointed). The term includes persons serving as alternates/designees. The term excludes members of purely advisory boards." (See Ethics Form, p. 1, Paragraph C). Additionally, because your request appears to be focused on the County Board of Elections and my office, I interpret said "Public Officials" to be the elected and appointed members of the County Board of Elections, myself as the appointed Director of Voter Registration and Election, and my appointed deputy. Finally, I interpret the use of the term "gifts" in your January 10th letter, to mean those "gifts" required to be reported on the Ethics Form as follows: "For each source of gift(s) valued at \$250 or more in the aggregate, list the following information: the name and address of the source; the circumstances, including a description of each gift; and the value of the gift(s)..." (See Ethics Form, p. 2, Block 11).

In light of the foregoing and upon review of all Ethics Forms in my possession completed by the above-identified individuals since 2013, there is no information to report that is responsive to your inquiries.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns relative to any of the foregoing or should you have any follow up inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Tina Pritts
Director of Voter Registration and Election
for Somerset County

cc: Somerset County Board of Commissioners (via electronic mailing only)
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January 17, 2019

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Dear Sir:

As Director of Elections/Voter Registration for Sullivan County, I am in receipt of your letter dated January 10, 2019, regarding the review of new voting machine procurement by the counties.

Information is requested regarding any gifts that may have been accepted from vendors, including trips to serve on "advisory boards" since 2013. There are no such gifts, trips, or "advisory boards" to report. Also requested is information on conferences hosted by vendors that officials may have attended and were paid for by the taxpayers since 2013. Sullivan County has only attended conferences hosted by the Pennsylvania Election Directors and no vendor hosted conferences. The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused is also to be included. There are no such instances to report for Sullivan County.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hope Verelst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Hope Verelst
Director of Elections/Voter



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January 17th, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale
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RE: Acceptance of Trips or Gifts

Dear Auditor General DePasquale,

I would like to offer a formal response to your letter dated January 10, 2019 in regards to acceptance of trips or gifts from any voting machine vendor. Susquehanna County Election Officials have not accepted nor have we been offered any type of trip or gift from any voting equipment vendor.

Please contact this office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

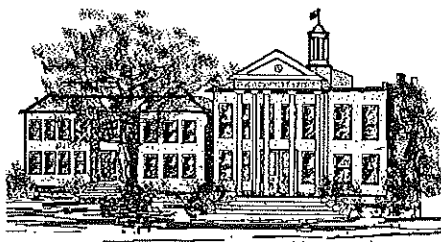
SarahRae E. Sisson
Director

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February 1, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Auditor General
613 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17128

Dear Mr. DePasquale,

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 10, 2019, inquiring names of election officials who may have received gifts or accepted trips from voting equipment vendors.

To the best of our knowledge, no one in Tioga County has received any gifts of value aside of promotional materials in which all vendors hand out at Conferences. The promotional items received consisted of: Tissues, tote bags, screen cleaner, pens, notebooks, mail openers, and small items which are given to all who attend conferences.

To the best of our knowledge no Tioga County Official attended any trips paid for by voting equipment vendors. Nor has any Tioga County Official served on any "advisory boards" of election equipment companies.

At this time Tioga County has not decided which voting machine vendor we will choose to purchase our equipment from. When we do, we will make that choice with highest respect and responsibility to do what is best for our Tioga County tax payers and voters.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny L. Whipple". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Penny Whipple
Tioga County Director of Elections

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Larsen, Kari

From: Gulli,Amy
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Larsen, Kari
Subject: FW: Atty General letter/request of 1/10/2019

Amy Gulli

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To: Gulli,Amy <AGulli@paauditor.gov>
Subject: Atty General letter/request of 1/10/2019

Dear Ms. Gulli

Union County election officials have not accepted any such gifts/trips from voting equipment vendors, as described in your letter dated January 10, 2019.

Respectfully,

Greg

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January 28, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
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Dear Auditor General DePasquale:

In reference to your letter dated January 10, 2019 and addressed to Michelle Hartle, please be advised that to the best of our knowledge, since 2013 there have been no Venango County Officials who have received gifts of any kind from any vendors who may be selling products to us.

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Re: Response to Inquiry to Election Machine Vendors

To the Honorable Auditor General DePasquale:

As Solicitor of the County of Warren, I have assisted Lisa Rivett, the County's Director of Elections and Voter Registration, in conducting a brief investigation to prepare the following response to your January 19, 2019 inquiry. Relevant information is listed after each Query:

Query

The names of all county officials who have attended seminars or conferences hosted by a voting system vendor and had their trip(s) paid for by the taxpayers since 2013;

To Ms. Rivett's knowledge, since 2013 no Warren County official has ever attended a seminar or conference hosted by a voting systems vendor. She has attended two conferences a year since 2013, the first hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Elections Personnel Association (WPEPA), and the second being the annual statewide conference hosted alternatively by WPEPA or EPEPA, which occurs in August of every year. Since 2013, Ms. Rivett has been the only attendee from Warren County to each conference. Warren County pays the conference registration fee and hotel room; Warren County also covers the costs of transportation (i.e., the use of a vehicle and fuel) unless arrangements are made to car pool with a conference attendee from another county.

Queries

The names of all county officials (if any) who have accepted gifts of any kind, including trips to serve on "advisory boards," since 2013;

The names of vendors who have paid for such gifts/trips:

The value of such gifts/trips:

To Ms. Rivett's knowledge, the receipt of gifts by Warren County officials since 2013 has been limited to the following:

- At the annual PAEO Conference held in August, a company named "William Penn" regularly provides a hospitality room to attendees with refreshments. Upon information provided to Ms. Rivett at one of the conferences, this company is associated with ES&S, but the nature of their association is unknown. The value of this is estimated at less than \$50.00.
- During one evening functions at the annual statewide conference in 2018, vendors covered the cost of the cash bar and entertainment (i.e., a D.J.) for all conference attendees. The value of this is estimated at less than \$50.00.
- Since 2013, on one evening during the annual statewide conference, Dominion and ES&S have taken invited attendees to a dinner. The value of this is estimated at \$50.00.
- On June 20, 2018, Dominion made a presentation of their voting machine in Warren County and ordered lunch for the attendees. On June 28, 2018, ES&S made a presentation of their voting machine and brought coffee and donuts for the attendees. In each instance, the meeting was for Ms. Rivett, the Fiscal Director, a representative from the County IT department and the three County Commissioners. The total value of items provided in each instance is estimated at less than \$50.00.
- On two separate occasions, a representative of ES&S has visited the Elections Office without an appointment and delivered small items, i.e., a box of chocolate covered pretzels. The combined value of items from these visits is estimated at less than \$50.00.
- At the 2017 annual PAEO Conference in Harrisburg, ES&S paid for Lisa Rivett and representatives from other counties to attend Hershey Park, including an entrance fee, lunch at the food court and making their own Hershey bar. The total value of items provided in each instance is less than \$50.00.

Query

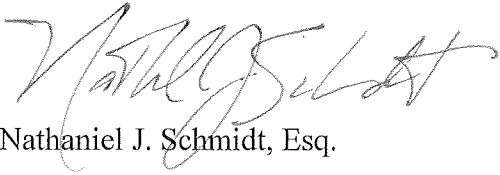
The names of vendors who have offered any gifts/trips that were refused.

In the fall of 2018 ES&S invited Ms. Rivett and to her knowledge other county directors and their significant others to Erie for the weekend to attend a wine tour and then dinner. Ms. Rivett declined to attend.

Other events which have been offered and declined by Ms. Rivett at statewide annual meetings are incline rides or golf outings.

We hope this letter adequately responds to your inquiry. If you have any further questions, please direct them in writing to either my attention or the attention of Ms. Rivett.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nathaniel J. Schmidt".

Nathaniel J. Schmidt, Esq.



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January 28, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
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Via e-mail to: agulli@paauditor.gov
Amy Gulli, Director of Special Reports

Dear Mr. DePasquale,

This is in response to your letter dated January 10, 2019 to Larry Spahr, Director of Elections. Mr. Spahr asked that I respond to your letter since he has announced his retirement effective January 31, 2019.

Washington County Officials have not served on any "advisory boards" or accepted any gifts of any kind to serve on "advisory boards". Officials have not been offered any gifts or trips from any voting equipment vendors.

In the summer of 2016 Larry Spahr, Washington County Elections Director, and his staff; Wes Parry, then Assistant Elections Director; Troy Breese; Debbie Lindley; and Melissa Smoody attended two voting equipment demonstrations by Dominion Voting and Election Systems & Software (ES&S). Dominion Voting provided lunch at their demonstration and dinner attended by Mr. Parry. ES&S provided coffee and donuts at their demonstration. The employees were reimbursed for their mileage by the County.

In July 2018 Dominion Voting held a demonstration at the County Building and provided lunch. The attendees of this demonstration were Commissioners Larry Maggi, Diana Irely Vaughn, and Harlan Shober; County Administrator Scott Fergus; Elections Director Larry Spahr; and Assistant Elections Director Melanie Ostrander. In August 2018 ES&S conducted a similar demonstration at the same venue and also provided lunch. The same elected officials and employees attended this demonstration.

If you need any further information you can contact me via e-mail at melanie.ostrander@co.washington.pa.us or via phone at 724-228-6750.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 2019

Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General
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Harrisburg Pa 17120-0018

Dear Mr. DePasquale,

In regards to your letter dated January 10, 2019 concerning voting equipment vendors and county officials, I have nothing to report. I have never been a recipient of any gifts/trips by a voting equipment vendor, nor have I have been offered anything or attended a seminar or conference hosted by a vendor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Furman".

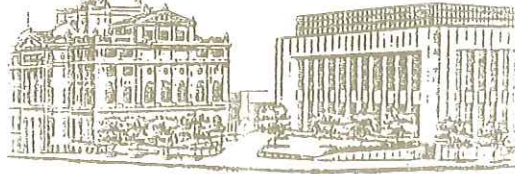
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February 14, 2019

Via email agulli@paauditor.gov

Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General
c/o Amy Gulli
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RE: Correspondence of January 10, 2019

Dear Auditor General DePasquale:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated January 10, 2019. In that correspondence, you ask for six items pertaining to trips or gifts from voting equipment vendors. Last year, both Dominion Voting and Election Systems & Software (ES&S) caused a catered lunch to be delivered to the Election Bureau. An invitation to eat was extended to the Commissioners, their staffs and the Election Bureau staff. We are unable to confirm who partook in either catered lunch. It is believed that the lunch from E S& S was delivered from the Boulevard and the lunch from Dominion was delivered from Jaden's. The cost of each lunch is estimated at \$10.00 per person. In addition, ES&S took the Election Bureau Director, Beth Lechman, and the Deputy Election Bureau Director, Shari Wright, to dinner at Monterey Bay Fish Grotto in 2018. Each meal is estimated to have cost \$78.00. The Election Bureau Director and her husband also attended the Lake Erie Wine Festival in September of last year. It is believed that ES&S paid \$50.00 for the cost of two tickets and approximately \$65.00 for dinner for Ms. Lechman and her husband. In full disclosure, Dominion and ES&S have provided a box of donuts on occasion to the Commissioners' suite and the Election Bureau. To the best of the County's knowledge, there have been no trips offered and/or refused and no county officials have attended seminars or conferences "hosted" by a voting system vendor. Any conference attended by either the Commissioners, the Election Bureau Director or Deputy Election Bureau Director would have been through the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, the Western Pennsylvania Election Personnel Association and/or the Eastern Pennsylvania Election Personnel Association.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Lechman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Beth Lechman,

Director of Elections.



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January 17, 2019

**Auditor General
Eugene A. DePasquale
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Auditor General DePasquale,

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 10, 2019. No official within Wyoming County has received or has been offered any gift, trip, or position on any advisory board from any voting system vendor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Florence M Kellett,
Wyoming County
Director of Elections**

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February 7, 2019

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Re: Voting Equipment Vendors

Dear Ms. Gulli:

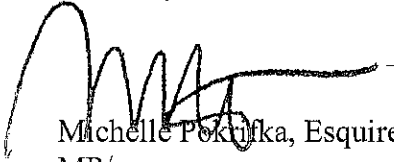
I am the Solicitor for York County, Pennsylvania. In accordance with Auditor General DePasquale's request, please be advised that no trips or gifts have been offered to the York County Board of Elections from any of the voting equipment vendors.

Notwithstanding the above, in discussing the matter with the Elections Department, they did provide the following information:

1. In October 2018, Dominion provided bagels and coffee for a morning meeting with the Elections Department.
2. In early January 2018 and sometime in 2017, ES&S bought a lunch for two members of the Elections Department, none of the members of the Board of Election was present.
3. Additionally, every summer there is an Election Personnel Conference held during the month of August at various locations, which include seminars and is attended by various vendors. There have been travel expenses reimbursed for the personnel that attend, which is one or two employees from the Elections Department.

These were the only times that anything was provided by any vendors. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Pokrifka, Esquire
MP/acp