



FAYETTE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE

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JON R. MARIETTA JR.

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ATTESTATION OF JON R. MARIETTA JR.

I, Jon R. Marietta Jr., state the following based upon my personal knowledge and information obtained in the performance of my official duties:

1. I am the duly elected Fayette County Recorder of Deeds.
2. I am familiar with the records maintained by the Recorder of Deeds Office and the Office's procedures for locating, reviewing, copying, redacting, and producing records.
3. I submit this Attestation in OOR Dkt. AP 2026-2429.
4. The Recorder of Deeds Office conducted a good-faith search for records responsive to Matthew Dowling's Right-to-Know Law request.
5. The Office searched locations and files reasonably likely to contain responsive Recorder of Deeds records, including Office paper files, Office financial records, operational records, expenditure records, office administration records, public communication and outreach records maintained by the Office, and records relating to website or technology services maintained by the Office where applicable.
6. The Office consulted Office personnel with responsibility for the subject matter of the Request and coordinated with the Fayette County Open Records Officer as appropriate.
7. The search identified approximately 860 uncertified responsive pages maintained by the Recorder of Deeds Office in paper format.
8. The records identified and included in the prepayment estimate are maintained by the Recorder of Deeds Office in paper format.
9. Those records are not maintained by the Recorder of Deeds Office as native electronic files capable of direct electronic redaction.
10. The Office is not charging duplication fees for responsive records maintained in electronic format that can be produced electronically without creating paper copies.
11. The prepayment estimate concerns only the responsive paper records identified by the Office and, for inspection purposes, only the paper pages that must be copied to permit secure redaction before inspection.
12. Approximately 775 of the responsive paper pages contain information subject to public access together with information that is not subject to public access and must be redacted before inspection or production.
13. The remaining approximately 85 pages do not require redaction before inspection.
14. The Office cannot apply redactions directly to the original paper records because doing so would permanently alter the original records maintained by the Office.
15. To protect the integrity of the original paper records and prevent disclosure of non-public information, the Office must make copies of the approximately 775 paper pages requiring redaction and apply redactions to those copies.



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16. The Office must review the resulting redacted copies before inspection to ensure that complete financial account numbers and other non-public information are not visible or otherwise disclosed.
17. The Office calculated the estimated fee for copies of all responsive paper pages as follows:

$$860 \text{ pages} \times \$0.50 \text{ per page} = \$430.00.$$
18. The Office calculated the estimated fee for inspection as follows:

$$775 \text{ pages that must be copied for secure redaction} \times \$0.50 \text{ per page} = \$387.50.$$
19. The Office did not include the approximately 85 pages that do not require redaction in the inspection-copy estimate.
20. The \$0.50-per-page rate is the statutory fee authorized for uncertified Recorder of Deeds copies under 42 P.S. § 21051.
21. The Office has not charged Requester for employee time, employee salary, legal review, record review, searching, retrieving records, or performing redactions.
22. The Office will reconcile the estimated fee against the actual number of copies necessarily created or provided and address any difference between the estimated and actual amount.
23. The phrase “non-refundable retainer” used in a County transmittal email does not accurately describe the nature of the Office’s requested prepayment.
24. The Office is not seeking a retainer and is not seeking payment for staff time, legal review, search time, retrieval time, review time, or redaction labor.
25. The requested amount is a prepayment estimate of authorized copying fees under 65 P.S. § 67.1307(h).
26. Certain responsive records contain complete financial account numbers belonging to the Recorder of Deeds Office and/or the County of Fayette.
27. Complete financial account numbers can be used or combined with other information to attempt unauthorized withdrawals, fraudulent electronic transactions, the creation or use of fraudulent checks, or other unauthorized transactions involving public funds.
28. Disclosure of complete financial account numbers would create a reasonable likelihood of danger to the financial safety and security of the Recorder of Deeds Office and/or the County of Fayette.
29. Unauthorized access to, withdrawal from, or restriction of affected accounts could result in the loss or diversion of public funds and could delay, disrupt, or impede the daily administrative and financial operations of the Recorder of Deeds Office and the County.



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30. Redacting complete financial account numbers will not prevent Requester from reviewing responsive public financial information, including transaction dates, amounts, payees, payment purposes, and other account activity.

31. The Office remains willing to provide responsive public information after Requester selects a method of access and pays the applicable lawful prepayment.

I verify that the statements made in this Attestation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Jon R. Marietta Jr.

Date: July 9, 2026