

**Subj: Re: P Card Records**  
**Date:** 7/30/2007 12:18:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
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Mr. Cosby: I am in receipt of your e-mail with attachment, as well as a paper copy of the same delivered this morning via certified mail.

We are beginning the process of reviewing the 59 questions posed in your correspondence and will provide a formal reply via surface mail. Given the rather substantial scope of your inquiry, I anticipate that it will be somewhere between ten and fifteen business days before our reply is complete. I will advise you by e-mail on the day our reply is mailed.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2007 10:08 PM  
**Subject:** P Card Records

Mayor Ragsdale & Mr. Van de Vate,

I have reviewed certain public Knox County records provided to me this past Tuesday and Wednesday. Attached are some questions regarding those records and policies of Knox County. Mr. Van de Vate asked that any questions be directed to him in writing or via email. I am asking that the response to these questions be from Mayor Ragsdale as he is the chief fiscal agent of Knox County and the questions relate to expenditures of the county. I looked forward to your timely response.

Lewis F. Cosby

In a message dated 7/24/2007 7:06:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time, [dwright.vandevate@knoxcounty.org](mailto:dwright.vandevate@knoxcounty.org) writes:

**Subj: Re: Request to see P Card Records**  
**Date:** 7/24/2007 7:06:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
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*Sent from the Internet*

Mr. Cosby: I am advised by the staff that you wish to return to Purchasing tomorrow to continue your review of p-card records. It is my understanding that you will return at 9:00 am.

As I am sure you are aware, the Tennessee Open Records Act affords all citizens the right to inspect public records during normal business hours. It does not however, obligate the public to cover the expenses of any individual inspecting these records or the costs of obtaining copies. Apparently the staff furnished a limited

quantity of office supplies for your use today; we would ask that upon your return tomorrow you would bring with you any and all supplies you might need. Should you desire copies of any of these documents, the staff of the Purchasing Department will make them for you at the rate of one dollar per page, the standard rate charged by Purchasing for all such requests.

The staff present during your review are there strictly to ensure your access to the records and to protect the integrity of the records. Any specific questions you have regarding the content of the records or the policies of Knox County should be directed to me in writing or via e-mail and not posed to the staff.

Sincerely,

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**To:** [dwight.vandevate@knoxcounty.org](mailto:dwight.vandevate@knoxcounty.org)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2007 12:36 PM  
**Subject:** Request to see P Card Records

Dwight, My name is Lewis Cosby and live 10215 Thimble Fields Dr, Knoxville, TN. I would like to review the P card records that I understand are available to the public and located in the Purchasing dept on Central Avenue. Mayor Ragsdale invited me to do so recently on WNOX Hallerin Hill show. I understand that WBIR will be there this afternoon. I just spoke to WBIR ND and he said they had no problem with me being there at the same time and that Jake Jost, producer, would be there. The lady at purchasing said that I needed to clear with you for this afternoon visit and that Mike Reeves and Matt Myers would be there. I called your office and have left voice mail. My cell number is 603-1477. Lewis Cosby

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