

Joe Chinn - Town Manager

From: Chris Mazzola <chris_mazzola@branson.org>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Subject: Ballot measure/CUP process

Dear Joe:

I am sorry that I haven't responded earlier to your reimbursement request for last year's ballot measure campaign. I had to discuss this idea with my board because I am not familiar with standard practices regarding such reimbursement requests.

Primarily, the entire board feels that the timing of making such a payment to the Town does not seem appropriate. We are on the verge of submitting our CUP application and the timing of this potential payment could create a false impression that might not be good for the school or the Town. Additionally, the official proponent of the measure was "Ross Residents for Branson" and that entity was dissolved after our final campaign report was filed post-election.

From our perspective, it makes the most sense to embark on the CUP process and then we can have the financial conversation on a more comprehensive basis. I hope you can understand that and know that we are open to having a further discussion down the road.

We look forward to working with you during the application process.

-Chris

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Joe Chinn - Town Manager

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Chris Mazzola
Subject: Branson School Initiative
Attachments: Branson Accounting.pdf

Hello Chris,

Hope you are doing well. I did not hear back from you on this email and want to make sure you received it. One thing we have heard from Branson is that they want to be a good partner with the Town and you previously mentioned we should have sent Branson the Branson School Initiative Election cost accounting. Please confirm that you received my email, and let me know if Branson still intends to reimburse the Town. As you know, the Town would welcome the reimbursement given these challenging budgetary times.

Thank you,

Joe

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Chris Mazzola <chris_mazzola@branson.org>
Subject: Branson School Initiative

Hi Chris,

In our phone conversation a couple of weeks ago related to the Branson Use Permit, we discussed that the Town spent approximately \$40,000 in legal, election, and staff costs to put Measure F on the March 2020 ballot and received no reimbursement of costs from Branson. You mentioned that we should have sent Branson a bill even though the Town cannot require payment from Branson related to the Town costs of putting the item on the ballot.

Attached is an accounting for \$40,057 related to the costs the Town incurred related to Measure F. As stated, the Town cannot require Branson to pay it but it would be greatly appreciated if Branson would pay for all or a portion of the costs the Town incurred to put the Branson School Initiative on the ballot. Thank you for such consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Joe



January 27, 2021

Chris Mazzola
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ACCOUNTING OF COST

Town expenses incurred related to placing the Branson School Initiative Measure F on the March 2020 ballot.

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| Legal | \$17,971 |
| Planning Director | \$11,550 |
| Public Works Director | \$ 2,430 |
| Town Manager and Town Clerk | \$ 6,030 |
| County Elections Department | <u>\$ 2,076</u> |
| TOTAL | \$40,057 |