

County Clerk



November 25, 2025

Good morning, Commissioners.

My name is Claire Nybro. I am a voter, a taxpayer, and someone who has been fighting for transparency on the proposed Oncor/LCRA transmission line project since **June 12, 2025**.

In those five and a half months, our community has forced real movement:

- Burnet County passed an opposition resolution - thank you, Commissioners, for that.
- Llano County stood with us.
- Two active petitions now carry **2,492 verified signatures**.
- Town halls have been packed.
- Burnet County has spent **at least \$20,000** on outside counsel Margaret Pemberton to fight the project.
- And most importantly, **Oncor and LCRA have delayed their PUC filing to March 2026, citing "substantial public feedback."**

That delay proves one thing: **public voices matter**.

So on November 20, when Randy Leavitt quoted me **between \$1,678 and \$3,027** just to see six months of the County's own emails about this project, it felt like a slap in the face to every landowner who is terrified of losing their home.

If the County is not willing to either waive the fees entirely pursuant to Government Code Chapter 552.267 or provide paper copies at a reasonable cost – and **a reasonable cost is no more than \$100** – then I publicly request, as part of my existing Public Information Request, that the County immediately do one of two things the law plainly allows:

1. Post every responsive record on the county website for all citizens to see, **OR**
2. Make the records available for free, in-person inspection at the courthouse by appointment, to anyone who wants to view them.

Burnet County residents whose homes, farms, and ranches could be taken by eminent domain deserve **complete and total disclosure** – not a multi-thousand-dollar paywall.

The PUC filing delay proves public voices matter.

Now, let's get the records out, too, Commissioners.

Thank you.

Re: Public Information Request

From [REDACTED]
To Bryan Wilson<bwilson@burnetcountytexas.org>
Date Monday, June 16th, 2025 at 11:42 AM

Dear Judge Wilson:

I wanted to let you know that, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 552.2615(b) (c), I have submitted a complaint to the Attorney General's Open Records Division, alleging an excessive cost estimate in your response to my June 12, 2025, Public Information Request.

Sincerely,
Claire Nybro

[REDACTED]

On Thursday, June 12th, 2025 at 5:44 PM, Bryan Wilson
<bwilson@burnetcountytexas.org> wrote:

Ms. Nybro,

I would like to clarify your request and to provide information to ensure that you receive all of the records that you want.

1) Please be advised that Burnet County does not have any records associated with the email account judgejamesoakley@gmail.com;

2) Using the Office of Attorney General Public Records Calculator the county's estimated costs that must be assessed is \$456.90. This is to provide the search for all emails in the accounts you listed, other than the one above. If the actual time is less, then you would only be required to pay the actual amount spent on collecting the records;

3) This large of a request will require a cash bond. I will let you know the amount after you clarify the request.

4) At the end of your sentence before the colon, you requested "***in addition to all county emails***". Do you actually want the search to include every county email address?.

This will raise the cost significantly. I estimate at least a factor of 4. Again, you will only pay for the actual costs incurred.

To summarize, please acknowledge that Burnet County does not have any personal email of James Oakley. Do you want me to calculate the amount of Bond required to begin the search? Do you want the search to include all county emails. [REDACTED]

Thank you

BW

Bryan Wilson

Burnet County Judge

220 S. Pierce

Burnet, TX 78611

512-756-5400



On Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 3:53 PM Email Admin [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Judge Wilson,

This email is a Public Information Request. Please provide the following:

1. Emails, communications, documents, including attachments, from December 1, 2024, to the present date, to and from all email addresses at burnetcountytexas.org regarding the "proposed major transmission line" and Oncor, PEC, LCRA, PUC, and any other public utility company. Please search the following email addresses (in addition to all county emails):

- a. judgejamesoakley@gmail.com;
- b. joakley@burnetcountytexas.org;
- c. countyjudge@burnetcountytexas.org;
- d. comcrt@burnetcountytexas.org;
- e. stephanie.mccormick@burnetcountytexas.org, and her successor;
- f. bwilson@burnetcountytexas.org;
- g. ksmith@burnetcountytexas.org and the interim/successor County Auditor.

Given the absolute certainty that these communications are of significant public interest, I request that you waive any fees. If you object to waiving the fees, please seek an opinion from the Open Records Division of the Attorney General's office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Nybro

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November 20, 2025

Claire Nybro
[REDACTED]

RE: November 5, 2025 PIR

Dear Mr./Ms. Claire Nybro:

I am writing in response to your November 5, 2025 correspondence. Although the correspondence was a clarification to your October 21, 2025 request we are treating the November 5, 2025 as a separate request. We do, however, have a question regarding this request. We assume you are not asking for attorney client communications between Commissioner Dockery and Judge Wilson with their attorneys. Please let me know if that is accurate. We have prepared two cost estimates for your consideration. The first includes the search terms provided with this letter and includes the term: "LCRA". That search returns thousands of emails. If we exclude the term "LCRA" in our search the field is smaller and number of emails is reduced thus the cost estimate is less. Please let us know which search criteria you prefer we use.

We have determined that complying with your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds \$40. Therefore, we are providing you this cost estimate as required by section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code.

Itemized List of Charges Using All Search Terms:

DESCRIPTION	QTY X PRICE	
Labor minutes (\$15/hour)	9562 x \$0.25	\$2,390.50
Overhead charges	20% of \$2,390.50	\$478.10
Total CPU minutes (pc_or_lan)	9562 x \$0.02	\$158.73
Total Cost		\$3,027.33

The estimated charges exceed \$100.00; therefore, as allowed by section 552.263(a) of the Government Code, we require a bond of (\$3,027.33) before starting work on your request.

Itemized List of Charges Without LCRA Keyterm Included:

DESCRIPTION	QTY X PRICE	
Labor minutes (\$15/hour)	5300 x \$0.25	\$1,325.00
Overhead charges	20% of \$1,325.00	\$265.00
Total CPU minutes (pc_or_lan)	5300 x \$0.02	\$87.98
Total Cost		\$1,677.98

The estimated charges exceed \$100.00; therefore, as allowed by section 552.263(a) of the Government Code, we require a bond of (\$1,677.98) before starting work on your request.

Your request will be considered automatically withdrawn if you do not notify us in writing within ten business days from the date of this letter that you either:

1. (a) accept the charges;
2. (b) wish to modify your request; OR
3. (c) have sent to the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General a complaint alleging that you are being overcharged for the information you have requested.

You may submit your response to the Burnet County at:
220 S Pierce St Burnet, Texas. 78611
jlhaynes@burnetcountytexas.org

Please let us know how you wish to proceed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Randy Leavitt

Randy T. Leavitt

Enclosure