

May 29, 2025
A Letter to the *Ridgway Record* Editor, Ms. Christie Gardner
A Personal Statement from Ms. Sam Brawand, M.Ed.

Dear Christie,

I thought your readers would like to know that the County has finally moved off our OGM lease after nearly 3 years, and also that they had to be evicted from our main estate after 10 years of unauthorized use and taking financial advantage of my elderly father! Here are their pictures leaving this morning. There will be much more to write in the future, but your readers should know that during their first eviction on 7/27/2022, the Commissioners were advised by their Emergency Mtg. Director via email that the Jones township repeater and antennas were installed AT THE WILCOX FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, not on this tower, and were fully operational! To which Fritz Lecker wrote, “BOOM!” (*sic*). And, that is where [it has] been thru today.

And just before their eviction, Pat STRAUB wrote, “The gig is going to be up pretty soon they are going to know...” So much for transparency by the Officer of Open Records.

But my favorite quote in the 2,000 emails the state made the county give to me was by Matt Quesenberry, when he referred to Mickey Anderson as “a sleeping dog,” when asked if they should pay him for his trees! Pretty outrageous don’t you think?

But while Attorney Schmidt tried to make everyone believe Anderson was doing it all for free, an email [on 7/12/2022] from then Commissioner Daghir said they would be paying Anderson once a permanent site was placed. So much for the Sainly portrayal by Schmidt. I’m sure Mickey didn’t expect them to stay for free for almost 3 years!

My sister found it hilarious that Attorney Schmidt wanted a “public vote” and Gebauer stated on video that they brought everything in the public view! In fact, Straub’s email shows the secrecy with which they operate. He and others should not be allowed to serve the public! Remember that pesky little document ... the US Constitution, 5th amendment against public taking? Maybe they should read it!

Thank you!

