



# **PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSION**

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June 14, 2016

## **HAND DELIVERED**

Mr. Rob Willard  
Platte County Treasurer  
415 Third Street, Room 117  
Platte City, MO 64079

Re: Unauthorized Wire Transfer of County Funds

Dear Mr. Willard,

As you are aware, the County Commission has been involved in a number of discussions over the past couple of weeks concerning your approval of an unauthorized wire transfer of County funds. There is no question, and you have personally acknowledged, that you are the sole individual responsible for this unlawful disbursement of public taxpayer dollars.

We believe it is of the utmost importance that the innocent taxpaying citizens of Platte County be made whole in this matter. While a portion of the funds have been recovered, the County Treasury is still approximately \$20,000.00 short of funds. In addition, the County has incurred substantial time and expense in pursuing this matter, all at the expense of the Platte County taxpayer.

Accordingly, please accept this letter as our demand that you, personally, make the taxpaying public of Platte County whole by personally compensating the Platte County Treasury for the shortage caused by the unauthorized wire transfer which you implemented. In addition to the lost funds that have not been recovered, we also expect you to reimburse the County Treasury for the expenses incurred by the County in addressing this issue, to specifically include attorney fees. Please deliver the reimbursement within one (1) week of the date of this letter. If you should not reimburse the County Treasury in the manner described herein, we will proceed with a claim against your public official surety bond executed by you and the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

  
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Mr. Eric Zahnd  
Platte County Prosecuting Attorney  
415 Third Street, #60  
Platte City, MO 64079

Re: Unauthorized Wire Transfer of Platte County Taxpayer Dollars Implemented by Platte County Treasurer Rob Willard

Dear Mr. Zahnd,

As you are aware, the Platte County taxpayers were recently damaged due to an unauthorized wire transfer implemented by Platte County Treasurer Rob Willard. Under both Missouri state law and Platte County policy and procedure, Mr. Willard does not have authority to implement a wire transfer of taxpayer funds without the approval of a majority of the members of the Platte County Commission and the approval of the Platte County Auditor. Mr. Willard did not have any of those approvals when he implemented the unauthorized wire transfer of County funds, thus damaging the innocent taxpaying citizens of Platte County.

In the course of reviewing the situation, we have had an opportunity to consider the provisions of Section 54.140 RSMo. This statute sets forth a number of the procedures and limitations upon a county treasurer in the disbursement of county taxpayer dollars. The statute specifically recites that the county treasurer shall pay funds only upon warrants issued by order of the county commission and that the treasurer shall make no payments without the specific authority of the county commission. The statute goes on to state that any county treasurer who fails to perform his duties in the express manner provided by law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of between one hundred dollars and five hundred dollars and the treasurer's office shall become vacant.

It appears to us that the plain language of this statute has been violated by the actions of the County Treasurer. Accordingly, we request that you review and investigate the actions taken by the County Treasurer in disbursing County taxpayer dollars without authorization and seek to impose the appropriate penalty upon the County Treasurer as authorized by statute.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and thank you for your service to the people of Platte County.

  
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