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I've personally submitted PRRs that have been charged more than the supplies of the special thumb drive to provide to me, while I sat in a county government office when little was happening, during normal business hours, that took about 1/2-1 hr to produce, and the employees were getting paid regardless.

I have had requests by e-mail as well that have been ignored. Additionally, we need laws about the maximum amount of time a government office can have to fill a PRR.

I'm also aware of people being charged \$500 or more to fill a standard statewide database extract request. To me, this is outrageous. To keep watch on the elections data, periodic extracts are necessary, and we can't afford these fees to monitor sufficiently. I've heard of others being quoted thousands of \$ to obtain images that a county office already possesses, that fit on a thumb drive, and that take maximum an hour to copy to the thumb drive (if that long).

Oregonians already pay high amounts in county and state taxes. Some of these fees are not justified and are obstacles to transparency. These need to change.