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May 26, 2009

Commissioner Gene M. Valentino
District 2
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Pensacola, Florida 32591-1591

Re: Letter From Greg Smith Dated May 22, 2009

Dear Commissioner:

Please see the attached letter from attorney Greg Smith. As you know, our office has contacted you and your aide on a number of occasions asking for all emails and correspondence related to Cy Keefer's Perdido Key project. As we have discussed, all emails received or sent in the course and scope of County business are typically subject to disclosure under the public records' law, including emails sent to or from email addresses that may be considered private. I realize that you have indicated that all requested records have been provided, and in fact that was previously memorialized to me by the attached email. However, in light of the most recent request from Mr. Smith, I implore you to once more search your County and private email accounts for the requested records to ensure that nothing has been overlooked.

I request that following a new search for the requested records, you confirm to me in writing whether any additional records have been located.

Warmest;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison P. Rogers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alison P. Rogers
County Attorney

APR/ds

Attachments

Maureen B. Valentino

From: Ashley Cooper [acooper70@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 8:56 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: RE: Check out St. County judge clears way for electronic bingo to be played in As

Thanks Gene.
My media player opens when I click on the link but when I hit the play button nothing happens which is strange.
Let me work on it.
Is there another way to access it?
Ashley

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Lawrence, MA 01840
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office: 954-316-0580
fax: 954-316-1897

From: Gene Valentino [mailto:genev@collectorsolutions.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 7:46 AM
To: acooper70@comcast.net
Subject: FW: Check out St. County judge clears way for electronic bingo to be played in As

Hello Ashley,
Go to my web site... Then click on the "Pardido Key Issues" link below... Share with "Donald" if you'd like and enjoy.
Gene M. Valentino

Screenshot of a web browser displaying the website for Escambia County Board of County Commissioners. The page features a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with sections for 'Government Experience', 'Community Involvement', and 'Biographical Information', and a right sidebar with contact information and links. The browser's address bar shows 'http://www.escambiafla.com/development/schools/county.com/June%202009'.

Maureen B. Valentino

From: Julian MacQueen [julian@innisfree.com]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 7:15 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: Re: Bingo closer to the Key

Who is Beth Barrios and how is she 'directly involved with the developers'?

On 3/20/09 6:54 AM, "Gene Valentino" <genev@collectorsolutions.com> wrote:

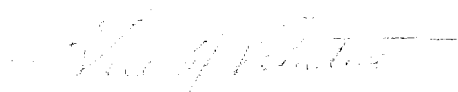
Beth:

At 9 Am this morning I will be taping a [] hour interview on WEAR TV Ch 3. It will air this Sunday at 9 AM.... Dan Thomas is giving me the chance to set the record straight from the "County Commissioner's Office" point of view. Separately, I will be working on a "Position Statement" that I'm trying to get into the paper for the Sunday "Viewpoint" edition.

After I set the record straight, it is important for me to step back a wee bit and let this project and the visions take their course in the next 6 months. As I have done, it's imperative that NOTHING get out to the media ahead of Mr. Keefer's approval. Moreover, we want a consistent message. That's been part of the problem up to now. I look forward to seeing you this weekend and I'd be happy to give you an update as well..

The REAL story for me will be in 6 months or so when we all can say, "SEE I TOLD YOU SO". I will announce my candidacy for a 2nd term after that point in time....

Best regards,



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Maureen B. Valentino

From: Julian MacQueen [julian@innisfree.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 5:35 AM
To: Gene Valentino; Cy Keefer; Phil Kattel
Subject: Re: Google Alert - Gene Valentino

Thanks.
On the way to Chicago this morning.
Not cold enough for me here.
Back tonight.
Get some sleep!

On 3/2/09 4:48 AM, "Gene Valentino" <genev@collectorsolutions.com> wrote:

FYI.....



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http://www.myscambiacounty.com/departments/board_of_county_commissioners/District2.php
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"To respond is positive, to react is negative" - Zig Ziglar

From: Google Alerts [mailto:googlealerts-noreply@google.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:00 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: Google Alert - Gene Valentino

Google News Alert for: Gene Valentino

Bingo talk all the buzz for Perdido residents <http://www.google.com/url?sa=N&q=http://www.pnj.com/article/2009/03/02/NEWS01/303026314&ct_ga&cd=qlu81vkvWBigv>

The site is in Commissioner **Gene Valentino's** District 2, which covers most ... He said **Valentino** does not

Maureen B. Valentino

From: Ashley Cooper [acooper70@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 7:34 AM
To: Gene Valentino; district2@co.escambia.fl.us
Cc: TFFricke@aol.com; 'Barry W. Beronet'; Ron Ward; 'Jamie Campbell'
Subject: Alabama Electronic Bingo- Very important rulings as background for Perdido Key Bingo Hall
Attachments: March 30, 2009 St Clair County Ruling Tab 9.pdf; Ordinance Ashville Al Tab 10.pdf

Gene,

It was nice talking to you this morning.

Please take a look at these attachments regarding recently approved electronic BINGO in Alabama. The ordinance to allow electronic bingo in St. Clair County was just passed in December 2008 and affirmed (March 30, 2009) in St. Clair County Alabama by Circuit Judge Charles E. Robinson.

Please note that Robert McKay who is the mayor of Ashville (largest town in St. Clair County) is a partner with the Shooting Star Casino who did all of the legal leg work to fight the appeal of the County Ordinance by District Attorney Richard Minor.

Conflict of interest?

The case law (state and national) discussion in the Judge's ruling is VERY interesting that legally defends electronic bingo which the Judge obviously affirmed. These facilities in Alabama (as ours will be at Perdido Key) are in fact BINGO HALLS and NOT Casinos. Electronic Bingo is simply a different (legally accepted) form of bingo. Our gaming expert Tom Fricke will be talking about this (and other items) with Mr. Barry Beronet this morning.

Respectfully,

Ashley Cooper

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5/26/2009

Maureen B. Valentino

From: Julian MacQueen [julian@innisfree.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 11:48 PM
To: Cy Keefer; Phil Kattel; Matt Piell; Jeff Townsend; Gene Valentino
Subject: FW: Check out St. County judge clears way for electronic bingo to be played in As

Looks like Matt got his deal done outside Birmingham.
Congrats!

Julian

----- Forwarded Message

From: Brooks Jordan <jbbham@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 13:41:31 EDT
To: Julian MacQueen <julian@innisfree.com>
Subject: Check out St. County judge clears way for electronic bingo to be played in As

St. County judge clears way for electronic bingo to be played in Ashville - Breaking News from
The Birmingham News - al.com
<http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2009/03/st_county_judge_clears_way_for.html>

Feeling the pinch at the grocery store? Make dinner for \$10 or less <<http://food.aol.com/jugal-feasts?oid=americanusfood00000001>> .

----- End of Forwarded Message

Maureen B. Valentino

From: Gene Valentino [gmvalent@co.escambia.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 5:05 PM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: FW: Perdido Key Bingo

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http://www.myescambia.com/departments/board_of_county_commissioners/District2.php

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomal L. Kerr [mailto:tlkerr@co.escambia.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Gene M Valentino
Subject: FW: Perdido Key Bingo

FYI
Lloyd

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Holmer [mailto:Andrew.Holmer@co.escambia.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 3:58 PM
To: Lloyd Kerr (E-mail); Alison Perdue Rogers
Cc: Horace Jones (E-mail)
Subject: Perdido Key Bingo

All:

Greg Smith will be bringing in the administrative appeal application at 11:00 tomorrow. I'll send a copy of the documents as soon as I have them. We have 30 working days to hold the hearing so we'll start the scheduling ASAP.

Drew

Andrew D. Holmer
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Long Range Planning Division
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http://www.myescambia.com/departments/public_info_commun/EscambiaCountySurveys.php

Maureen B. Valentino

From: cyrus keefer [cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:59 AM
To: acooper70@comcast.net; bhoecker@stonington.com; Gene Valentino; kirkman@cox.net; mpiell@mac.com
Subject: FW: Bingo Parlor on PK

FYI
Cy

Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 08:43:49 -0700
From: tenajim@yahoo.com
Subject: Bingo Parlor on PK
To: cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com

Cy,

I hope by the time you get to read this you're well on the road to recovery. You are definitely in our prayers.

I don't know if you'll remember me but I met you at the Beach Colony "shout down". I was the one who told you I would stand shoulder to shoulder with you and be happy to lift the first shovel of dirt for your project. I, as well as many others on PK, feel this strong about the Bingo Parlor. I went to the DRC meeting and spoke in favor of it going forward.

A select few has gotten a lot of press on this matter but make no mistake, they do not, let me repeat, do not speak for the majority of us.

In closing, I implore you to not give up on something we so desperately need on PK. Please keep up the good fight. We are pulling for you.

If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me by e-mail [tenajim@yahoo.com] or cell: 850.341.4545.

Thank you so much and again best wishes for a speedy recovery,
Jim Matherly

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Maureen B. Valentino

From: cyrus keefer [cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 5:19 PM
To: Gene Valentino; kirkman@cox.net
Subject: FW:
Attachments: Ron Ward Letter (2) (2).doc

Fyi
Cy

From: acooper70@comcast.net
To: ronward@bellsouth.net
CC: cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com
Subject:
Date: Sun, 29 Mar 2009 17:50:16 -0400

Ron,
My name is Ashley Cooper and I am one of Cy Keefer's partners working on the Bingo project in Pensacola.

Thank you very much for your letter!!!! It was very well written, from the heart, and very articulate. Cy passed it on to me and asked me to add some input with some facts from our market study. Hopefully you will find some of the minor additions that I made to the letter to be helpful but please feel free to change it back to your original letter if that is more comfortable for you.

It sounds like we are going to have a conference call tomorrow with you and your team discussing a possible investment in our project that we are all very much looking forward to.

Sincerely,

Ashley Cooper

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Maureen B. Valentino

From: cyrus keefer [cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 11:41 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: FW: Revised Letter to Barry W. Beronet, Esq.
Attachments: 3-16-09 Ltr2 Beronet.pdf; 3-16-09 Ltr2 Beronet.rtf

Gene
Here's letter /Please share this with all of your associates including Alison Rogers
Cy

Subject: FW: Revised Letter to Barry W. Beronet, Esq.
Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 12:31:05 -0400
From: bhoecker@stonington.com
To: acooper70@comcast.net; cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com

Here is the revised version.

-----Original Message-----

From: TFFricke@aol.com [mailto:TFFricke@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 12:26 PM
To: Hoecker, Bradley; cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com; toomeypdi@yahoo.com
Subject: Revised Letter to Barry W. Beronet, Esq.

Please see the revised letter.

Tom

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