

**From:** [Lori Stephens](#)  
**To:** [Glen Riley](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Notes Pcard Audit  
**Date:** Thursday, June 29, 2023 8:35:53 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Please include in the work papers.

Thank you.

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**From:** Michael Gallen <Michael.Gallen@ManateeClerk.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2023 8:31 AM  
**To:** Lori Stephens <lori.stephens@ManateeClerk.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Notes Pcard Audit

Lori, I failed to include one additional communication regarding the matter:

May 30, 2023 – I called KVO during the afternoon to inform him the P-Card audit report will be issued soon, he returned my call and we spoke. I informed him about the contents of the report, including the voter data finding and that there is a legal opinion included.

Michael

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**From:** Michael Gallen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2023 4:44 PM  
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November 14, 2022 – In response to “word” getting out that the IG’s office had made inquiries with BCC personnel, I called KVO to discuss the Pcard/voter data issue. I stated it was determined the purchase was not for a valid public purpose, this will be a finding in the Pcard audit report, and that he has an opportunity to reimburse. KVO stated it is not likely he is going to reimburse/pay the \$1600. Also stated Clague and Jan said it was fine, referring to the email newsletter perhaps. KVO stated maybe Jorge had too much leeway, and that we should meet with Clague.

November 14, 2022 – Called Bill Clague with the understanding KVO had called Bill with concerns related to the Pcard audit. When I informed Bill about the voter data issue, he said that the purchase may be related to redistricting, that it was around that time, and that the public purpose depends on how it was used.

November 17, 2022 – Meeting with KVO, Clague, and the Clerk in Angel’s Office. I informed Clague the purchase doesn’t appear to be for a public purpose, he responded that it does, he has case law to back this up. He kept reverting back to the email newsletter being a public purpose although our focus was on voter data. All indications were that the \$1600 would not be paid.

March 9, 2023 – Call with KVO about use of County vehicle and his justification. Afterwards I inquired with KVO whether he planned to repay the \$1600. KVO restated that the voter data purchase was for a public purpose. Further stating he will have “his attorney” draft something up. “Holding firm on the \$1600, not going to pay.” This was in response to my statement that he could pay this back in installments. Further stating “I have the \$1600, no problem.” Indicating the money isn’t an issue.

Date Unknown – Call with KVO in Lori’s office from my cellphone regarding what was meant by Hopes “holding back” with regard to PR request, and use of County vehicle. I broached the \$1600 again, KVO stated he is not paying the \$1600.

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