From: Nancy Zeman <>

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2015 11:46 AM

To: John Kraft

**Subject:** Re: Request for comment

I was asked to join the interview process based on my experience as a business owner and longtime resident of Edgar County. Sheriff Wood was seeking to make the interview process more open, which I fully support.

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On Sun, Apr 19, 2015 at 9:25 PM, John Kraft <> wrote:

Nancy,

It has been brought to our attention that you have participated in the interviews of the Edgar County Sheriff's secretary applicants.

The questions I have are:

- 1. Is this true?
- 2. Why would a non-public employee/officer think it is OK to become part of the interview process for a county employee?
- 3. While the Prairie Press has in the past purported to be "nonpartisan", how can that remain the case if you are involved in the hiring process of public employees?

I intend to write an article on the hiring process as this tends to be a problem in this county. First with the Airport Manager, and now with the Sheriff's secretary.

I will also seek comments from Sheriff Wood as soon as I find his email address.

Thanks,

John Kraft

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