

Dear Edgar County Voters,

We have a primary election coming up March 18, 2014. Republican Sheriff Candidate Ed Motley is running for re-election. We don't believe our County can't afford four more years of this man as Sheriff. **Ed Motley is not from here and it certainly seems he doesn't care about the people here.** We must stop the financial bleeding that he has forced upon all taxpayers in our county showing no remorse for it. Many of his actions have been brought out in the local news, but we have gathered much more information that we don't think most people know. We ask you to take time to read this informational letter to learn about the true Ed Motley, to see just what he has done and not done in the last 3 years.

Our county has been in constant turmoil since Ed Motley was elected Sheriff. This is the same time the watchdogs started harassing and bullying people in our county. It is our opinion that this is not a coincidence. Ed Motley has fed the watchdogs much of their information. They harass other county officials and this keeps all eyes off of him. The watchdogs have told so many **lies** about many county officials, and yet have never once said one word about all the corrupt and wasteful actions of Ed Motley. Let's take a look at his last three years, **the truth, not lies like the watchdogs tell!**

Upon taking office, Ed Motley immediately made expensive, unnecessary changes in the Sheriff Department. He purchased all new badges and uniforms. He changed the badges from a 5-point badge, to a 6-point badge. **What does the number of points on a badge have to do with the quality of law enforcement?** These changes cost the taxpayers over **\$18,000.**

Another change he made was that he started purchasing the inmate meals from the Sheriff Department in Vigo County, Indiana. Previously, the meals had been purchased **here in Edgar County.** He has no problem taking revenue from our county; he is not from this County and shows little care about the people here. This costs the taxpayers about **\$20,000** more a year to get the meals from Terre Haute, Indiana instead of here in Paris (this doesn't include the revenue that local businesses lose off of the meals).

Since Ed Motley took office in December 2010, there have been **over 25 employees** that have left the Sheriff's Department. There has never been this much employee turnover in the history of the Edgar County Sheriff Department. The number of years of experience that the department has lost from these people leaving is too numerous to count. Please contact some of these former employees and ask them what kind of a person Ed Motley is and how he treated them at the Sheriff's Department.

We need to put a stop to double dipping. Not only has Ed Motley hired several employees who are double dipping, but he is also double dipping. He is retired from the federal government where he was a warden in the federal prison system. We have been told that he is making over \$80,000 a year on his federal pension. Of course, that's in addition to his Sheriff's salary of \$56,000 last year. His former chief deputy, Steve Guess, was retired from the Illinois State Police. He received a pension from the State of Illinois in the amount of \$8,600 a month, making his annual pension over \$103,000 a year. He then made \$46,000 last year as chief deputy. Ed Motley hired retired Paris PD officer Greg Metcalf as a part-time detective, the department's only detective. Greg is receiving a pension from Paris PD and he made \$20,000 last year working as a part-time detective. Dave Neal is retired from the Edgar County Sheriff Department and is receiving a pension from this. He works part-time for Motley taking inmates to court. Motley has at least four officers working the daytime shift, including himself, and still pays Dave Neal to come in on those days and take people to court. Let's **STOP the DOUBLE DIPPING!!!!**

As we mentioned, Ed Motley hired Steve Guess, a retired state trooper as his chief deputy. Steve Guess lives in Ogden, Illinois. His home is 48 miles away from Paris. He drove back and forth from Ogden to Paris every day in a county squad car and used county gas. He worked from December 1, 2011 until January 24, 2014. This cost taxpayers approximately \$7,300 in fuel alone. Again, Ed Motley shows how little he cares about keeping **OUR tax dollars in OUR County.** Steve Guess resigned as Motley's Chief Deputy effective January 24, 2014. Motley can't keep employees! He has made double dipper Greg Metcalf his new chief deputy. We have been told that the morale at the Sheriff's Department is at an all time low. Just ask the people that work there, if they were honest, all but two or three would tell you it's a miserable place to work under Motley. **We feel most won't say anything because they are afraid of him.**

A part-time correctional officer, who Ed Motley hired, was investigated by the Illinois State Police for giving drugs to a female inmate in exchange for sex. There were prescription drugs missing from the inmate drug cabinet. **Why was this information kept so quiet?** Doesn't the public have a right to know this information?

Many times the county board has gone against Ed Motley on issues. Any time they have done this he has threatened to sue them. Motley says there is transparency in his office; yet he is only transparent about things **HE** wants to talk about. He has one county board member, Jeff Voigt, who has had his back most of his term. The Board tries to use Voigt as a middleman between them and Motley. The Board asks Voigt to try to get Motley to cooperate with them when there is a conflict, which is quite often. Talk to the county board members, most will confirm this. Voigt is the financial specialist for the County Board and has made sure that Motley's budget stays in check. In 2012, Voigt had the budget amended and gave Motley \$70,000 more to make sure that he didn't go over budget. Ask the other department heads if Voigt ever got the Board to give them an extra \$70,000. **Many people believe that Jeff Voigt is part of the watchdogs, or at least has a very close relationship with them.**

Late in 2011, Ed Motley terminated two deputies. He claimed that they weren't hired correctly. The two deputies appealed this termination and the case was taken to binding arbitration. There have been several articles in the Paris paper about this case. The arbitrator ruled that Ed Motley wrongfully terminated these two deputies, and he was ordered to put them back to work and make them whole. He has refused to abide by this decision and put them back to work. The county board has figured that this is costing taxpayers over \$300 a day. Ed Motley is the chief law enforcement officer in the County and surely expects all of us to abide by the law and yet he defies the decision of a federal arbitrator. He is appealing the arbitrator's decision in the courts and this too will cost all of us more money. We are all going to continue to pay for his bad decisions and his use and misuse of power. It is estimated that we already owe over \$200,000 in this case and it continues to grow daily. The two deputies he terminated were the two main drug enforcement officers in the county. He no longer has anyone in his department actively working drug enforcement, thus there have been no drug arrests in the County. We have been told that drugs are now rampant again in this County.

It's apparent that Ed Motley has been determined from the beginning of his term to shut down the current jail and either build a new jail or have a private company come in and build a new jail. Talk to the previous two Sheriff's, they both can explain how the DOC inspectors will work with the Sheriff in writing their evaluation of the jail. It is very well known that most feel Ed Motley **DEMANDED** that the DOC inspectors condemn the Edgar County Jail. Richard Budd has filed a federal lawsuit against Ed Motley and the County **based on Motley's comments** in the media describing the jail as not "livable" and violating "acceptable standards." This is another lawsuit that Ed Motley is responsible for in our County, why hasn't the media covered the story on this lawsuit? The County's attorneys are working on a settlement with this individual and we taxpayers will pay for this. The county board has offered money to fix many things at the jail but Ed has chosen not to fix them. He apparently doesn't want to fix things up and have it brought up to standards, **he only wants a new \$14 million jail.** When this county is struggling to keep its schools and county government operating in the black, why should we all be expected to spend more money to give inmates a fancy new jail? It seems that Motley cares more about the inmates than he does the taxpayers of this county. He gave them large, flat-screen TV's in their cellblocks. We were told some trustees have even been given keys to various doors and their own cellblocks. This information came directly from an employee who quit because he wanted no part of "the mess at the Jail."

Please, voters of Edgar County, vote Ed Motley out of office. The information that we have gathered for this letter can all be verified. **These aren't twisted lies like the watchdogs tell.** The watchdogs claim to be against waste in government and yet not one thing in this letter has ever been reported to the public by them. We believe that Ed Motley encourages their lies and we know that he has had his men conduct numerous investigations for the watchdogs. Not one of these investigations has resulted in charges against anyone, another example of how Motley and the watchdogs waste taxpayer money. Arrogance, intimidation, and bullying are not traits we want in our Sheriff, do you? **Please vote for anyone other than Ed Motley on March 18th.** The good of our County depends on it!!!