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It is unacceptable for County Board Chairman Ray Spencer to request my resignation when he has been indicted by a Grand Jury for felony forgery.

There is an independent Illinois State Police investigation, a grand jury investigation, and an FBI review into financial mismanagement of County grant money going back approximately 8 years.

This is a very serious problem and it is my job to protect the taxpayer funds and the appropriate use of grant monies in connection with potential consequences under the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act.

I have always provided advice to the County Board and the County Board has never been without advice.

Over the past 6 months, legal advice has continued to flow to the County Board including the following matters:

- Employment personnel matters
- Zoning wind farm moratorium
- County board per diem payments
- Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act
- Illinois Public Assistance Grant reimbursements
- Supreme Court guidelines for opening the courthouse during Covid-19
- County State accreditation
- Illinois Emergency Management Act due to Covid-19
- Second Amendment Sanctuary
- Illinois Open Meetings Act
- Illinois Freedom of Information Act
- Piatt County Nuisance Ordinances
- County Animal Control Fees Ordinances
- County Mileage Reimbursement Ordinances
- Emergency Court orders for County Clerk primary election issues due to Covid
- County debt certificates
- Tax Levy, Budget and Appropriations

It is not the job of the State's Attorney to find loopholes or a go around in the law so that the County Board can do as it wishes. The County Board has chosen to ignore the legal advice provided by the State's Attorney.

Ray Spencer specifically has refused to respond to any correspondence I have sent to him since October 2019. He has excellent legal representation but he refuses to acknowledge that legal representation.

This is a ploy by Chairman Spencer to intimidate me to from pursuing the law and to protect taxpayer dollars and the citizens of Piatt County.

I will never abandon the position the voters of Piatt County elected me to do. I will continue to protect the taxpayers and the citizens of Piatt County.