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March 23, 2016

Mr. Stanley Pasley
Williamsburg County Supervisor
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Re: Former Williamsburg County Clerk of Court Carolyn F. Williams Misuse of State and County Funds

Supervisor Pasley:

I find it highly irresponsible and unaccountable the way you are trying to shift the burden of this entire matter on me.

These bank accounts were discovered in June 2013. I reached out to Brenda McDonald, Walt Ackerman and Kimber Cooper, inquiring about any knowledge of these accounts. No one knew what the accounts were for, nor had they ever seen any record of these accounts. I then reached out to several other Clerk of Courts inquiring if we as Clerks should have any savings or checking accounts titled IV-D Funds. The answer was absolutely not. In turn, I contacted you, Supervisor Pasley, on August 21, 2013 by email. By August 22, 2013, I had discovered the second bank account. I then sent you a second email informing you of this and asking you to respond. You then responded and we met the following morning. I explained to you about the accounts and that no one here knew anything about the accounts. You assured me that they would be looked into.

I think I started receiving calls and eventually some visits from SLED in 2014. Agent Michael Anderson and Agent James Johnson, along with Assistant Attorney General Jason S. Anders. At that time I had records from both Anderson Brother's Bank and Williamsburg 1st National Bank now known as First Citizens. Sled agents came here requesting information from myself and Kimber Cooper, County Treasurer. I sat down with them on several occasions, explained and showed them in black and white that the money was filing fees. I also explained that she only opened the accounts using the name IV-D funds. I explained that the money should have been reported on the revenue report submitted to the Treasurer on a monthly basis. The filing fees

should have been split 56% to the state and 44% to the county. They pretended like they understood exactly what I said and that they saw the correlation between the deposits made and the filing fee reports.

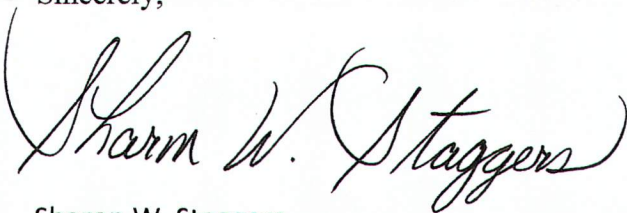
In November 2015 I received a letter dated November 18, 2015 from Jason S. Anders, Assistant Attorney General. The letter stated that there was no findings of misuse of Title IV-D funds. The letter was addressed solely to me and no other parties were cc'd in the letter. I spoke with Walt Ackerman personally about this situation. He asked for a copy of the letter and stated he would see, "What Mr. P wants to do." I found the fact that the letter was addressed solely to me was strange. First, it should have been the county who turned the information over to the authorities for investigation. Therefore, I should not have received a letter addressed solely to me. I feel that the situation has been and is being covered up.

On Monday, March 21, 2016, during a meeting that I requested with you, I explained to you the entire situation again. I also explained that the Assistant Attorney General, Jason S. Anders, sent a letter addressed solely to me with the so called findings. You claimed that was the first time you heard of the letter. I explained that it's your responsibility as Supervisor to address this issue. **You are elected and held accountable to the citizens of Williamsburg County to do what's right. To me you don't want to look like the bad guy and trying to make it look like me.**

Over a period of at least twelve years, Carolyn F. Williams, took filing fees money and deposited the money between two different accounts (saving and checking). She titled the accounts using IV-D to try and cover her tracks. **She wrote checks throughout the years to different people. Before she left office she went to Anderson Brother's Bank and withdrew the remaining balance of almost \$8000. The savings account at First Citizens bank was not closed, and I think due to a lack of memory. Therefore, just on a roundabout dollar figure, at least \$400,000 that the state and county never received. A blind man could see the evidence that was presented.**

If the issue is not addressed appropriately, I will be more than happy to turn it over to The State news or any other agency willing to seek the truth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon W. Stagers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon W. Stagers
Clerk of Court

cc: Councilman Franklin Fulmore, Councilman Andy McKnight, Councilman Harry Darby, Councilman Eddie Woods, Councilman Samuel Floyd, Councilman W. B. Wilson, Councilwoman Jeannie Brown-Burrows, Senator Ronnie A. Sabb