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Chaney – Let's discuss when you're available.
Thanks, KV

From: Adams, Chaney
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine; Mottel, Haley
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We received the following request, can you all please make sure there are no issues from a legislative from a legislative standpoint.

Three individuals from the Jasper County Election Commission- Rev. Donald Sheftall, Patricia Walls, and Lillian King- wrote a letter to the editor in our paper and said that the Jasper Delegation did not reappoint them to their positions on the commission even though they are certified commissioners, completing necessary training.

Sheftall, Walls, and King said the delegation did reappoint commissioners Chairman Joseph Arzillo, Pamela Williams, Warren Johnson, and Rodney Catterton, who they say are uncertified.

I have the following questions for the Governor's Office.

1. Sheftall, King, and Walls have stated that the delegation has chosen not to reappoint them to their seats, is this statement true?
2. Has the Jasper delegation made their recommendations for the Jasper Election Commission to Gov. Haley's office? Has Haley's office confirmed those recommendations?
3. Sheftall, King, and Walls say the delegation did not reappoint certified commissioners, but did reappoint uncertified commissioners. Who are the Jasper Election commissioners that have completed necessary training?
4. In the letter, Sheftall, King, and Walls say that the delegation will have the public to believe the certified commissioners "were not reappointed because the Governor chose not to reappoint them." But "Nothing could be further from the truth. The Governor makes appointments based upon the desire of the delegation." How does the appointment process actually work?
5. In the letter, Sheftall, King, and Walls state that it's the law that if a member does not fulfill the training and certification program within 18 months of their appointment, then the Governor must remove that member from the board unless given an extension. They said that Commissioners Arzillo, Williams, Johnson, and Catterton have served for almost two years and still are not certified. My questions are: Is the law stated above accurate, and if it is accurate, why are these commissioners still allowed to serve on the commission?
6. If there are vacancies in the election commission, when can we expect to see new appointments to the commission?
7. How many election commissioners currently serve in Jasper County?
8. Are these terms 2-year terms or 4-year terms?