April 21, 2014

Eli Murray
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Re: FOIA #14-214

Dear Mr. Murray:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of April 6, 2014, and received in my office on April 7, 2014, in which you requested:

1. Any correspondence between Research Park Director Laura Frerichs and Chairman of Fox Development Corporation Peter Fox regarding the construction of a medical center, academic hospital, biomedical facility, etc., in Champaign County limited to communications from July 2013 until present.

2. As above but limited to correspondence between Laura Frerichs and Carle CEO Dr. Jim Leonard.

3. As in point one, but limited to correspondence between Laura Frerichs and Chairman of Busey Bank’s Board of Directors Greg Lykins.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 5 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted and other documents have been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

• 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes personal vacation information.

• 140/7(1)(f) of the Act that exempts from disclosure “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes communications containing proposals, deliberations, opinions, evaluations, and recommendations as well as draft documents.

• 140/7(1)(r) of the Act that exempts from disclosure “records, documents, and information relating to real estate purchase negotiations until those negotiations have been completed or otherwise terminated.” This includes communications about a potential purchase of real estate.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

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Sincerely,

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