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William H. Foster Better Airports, LLC 4504 North Versailles Avenue Dallas, TX 75205

RE: File No. 17-R-119; Wahoo Airport Authority; William Foster, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Foster:

We are writing in response to your e-mail sent to the undersigned on April 6, 2017, in which you complain that the City of Wahoo Airport Authority (the "Airport Authority") has not adequately responded to a public records request made by you on March 30, 2017. You also complain that the Airport Authority has not answered certain question posed of it regarding the records you seek. Your e-mail is a petition for access to records under the Nebraska Public Records Statutes, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 through 84-712.09 (Reissue 2014, Cum. Supp. 2016).

You copied your petition to Melissa Harrell, City of Wahoo Administrator. She subsequently provided you with the records you requested. A public body is not required to answer questions in responding to a public records request; it is only required to provide documents, if they exist. When we receive petitions under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.03, our focus is to ensure that citizens have not been improperly denied public records. Since the Airport Authority has now provided the records which are responsive to your public records request, and is not required to respond to the questions you posed, we see no basis for further action by this office and we are closing this file. If you disagree with our analysis under the Public Records Statutes set out above, you may wish to determine what additional remedies, if any, are available to you under those statutes.

Sincerely,

**DOUGLAS J. PETERSON** 

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cc: Melissa Harrell