

November 14, 2012

Commissioners met in Special Session on this day with the following members present: John Richwine and Steffanie Owens. Commissioner Jeff Hardin was absent. Also present were County Attorney Jim Wilson, County Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright and Commissioners Office Manager, Linda Smith.

**IN THE MATTER OF RESIGNATION OF COUNTY RECORDER**

Commissioner John Richwine made a motion to accept the resignation of County Recorder, Angela Shelton as of November 12, 2012 and make her letter and the letter from the County Prosecutor, Rodney Cummings a matter of the minutes. Motion seconded by Steffanie Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

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November 11, 2012

Republican Headquarters  
Attn: Troy Jerrils, Chairman of the Republican Party  
601 Meridian Street  
Anderson, Indiana 46016

Madison County Commissioner

To: Troy Jerrils, Chairman of the Republican Party and Whomever Else May be Concerned:

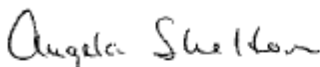
As your County Recorder, it has been one of my greatest honors serving the citizens of Madison County. During my time in the office, significant improvements and revisions have been made to ensure that taxpayers were placed first, bureaucratic roadblocks reduced and responsible fiscal policies were instituted. I feel the recorder's office has a vital constitutional role for businesses and property ownership.

Due to the negative attention brought to the recorder's office and the false comments made, I do not feel I can continue to be effective as your Recorder. I only hope that the positive changes that were implemented will continue to be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served. I am resigning as Madison County Recorder effective November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. As agreed, I am giving two weeks notice last day in office will be November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

God bless.

Sincerely,



Angela Shelton

November 14, 2012

**Rodney Cummings**

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**From:** Rodney Cummings  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 2:38 PM  
**To:** 'jenny46077@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Angela Shelton

Bryan L. Cook  
Attorney at law

I write this message to memorialize an agreement that the Madison County Prosecutor's Office has entered into with the Madison County Recorder, Angela Shelton, regarding allegations made by the Madison County Board of Commissioners that political activities in the recorder's office and the use of facilities and employees of Madison County damaged the counties' computer system. If Angela Shelton resigns from her duly elected office as Madison County Recorder no later than 4:00pm November 12, 2012, no criminal charges will result or in any way be filed against Mrs. Shelton related to the allegations asserted by the Madison County Commissioners. I have spoken to the Madison County Commissioners and they support this final disposition. In addition, Thomas Morgan, an employee of the recorder's office will not face criminal prosecution for any action related to allegations raised by the county commissioners. The grant of immunity from prosecution will extend equally to Mrs. Shelton and Mr. Morgan related to the county commissioners allegation of political activity in the recorder's office.

Rodney Cummings

**IN THE MATTER OF RESIGNATION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> DEPUTY IN THE COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE**

Commissioner Steffanie Owens made a motion to also accept the resignation of Recorder's 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy, Tom Morgan as of November 12, 2012. Motion seconded by Jeff Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner John Richwine stated that the President of the Recorders Association, Mary Jo Ferris has agreed to step up and offer her knowledge and ability to help with the transition to manage the Recorders office until a Recorder can be appointed. Mary Jo and several Recorders throughout the State are going to take turns running the office. John made a motion to graciously accept their offer of help. Motion seconded by Steffanie Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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