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via email only

Mavis Sanchez-Scholes
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Re: Petition of Mavis Sanchez-Scholes challenging delay by Multnomah County

Dear Ms. Sanchez-Scholes:

On October 12, 2026, you submitted a public records request to Multnomah County (G000225-101226) for three categories of records: (1) files from the Department of County Human Services' recruitment for an Adult Program Supervisor position, (2) communications concerning you and that recruitment, and (3) your personnel and complaint records. You petitioned this office on October 30, 2026, challenging how long the County had been working on this request. On November 2, 2026, the County provided you with the category 1 records, issued a $750 fee estimate for category 2, and told you that the Health Department will provide your personnel records under ORS 652.750. You requested a fee waiver, and the County reduced the fee to $600.

As to the category 1 records, your petition is moot. That means the County has already done what you are asking me to order it to do, so there is nothing for me to order. *Clapper v. Oregon State Police*, 228 Or App 172, 178 (2009) (where records are produced prior to adjudication, dismissal of a court case is proper). As to category 2, ORS 192.329(3)(a) provides that when a public body has informed a requester of a permitted fee, "the obligation of the public body to complete its response to the request is suspended until the requester has paid the fee, the fee has been waived by the public body pursuant to ORS 192.324(5) or the fee otherwise has been ordered waived." The County is not currently under any legal obligation to continue working on your request until the fee is resolved. See, *Petition of Coleck*, MCDA PRO 24-66 (2024).

For category 3, the Department of County Human Services, to which you directed your request, does not possess any responsive records. Nonetheless, the County states the Health Department will provide you these materials for free under a separate law giving employees access to materials in their personnel files.

Accordingly, the petition is denied.

Regards,

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