

My office has continued to investigate cases of elder abuse throughout the state which resulted from WEC's self-admitted illegal conduct of exposing our most vulnerable citizens—residents of nursing homes and continuing care facilities—to abuse and manipulation for partisan gain. Understandably, this issue has generated much public interest and although once again the state's largest and once well respected but now failing newspaper has disparaged investigation efforts into this story, neither I nor anyone in my office will be deterred from continuing to meet with victims of this insidious abuse. And we will hold those government officials responsible for this grotesque abuse accountable to the public they are supposed to serve.

II. The Attacks on my Office

The attacks on my office that have come mainly from one cowardly, dishonest, partisan reporter for our state's largest and once respected but now rapidly failing newspaper as well as Mark Spreitzer and other partisans is that my office has lacked transparency. Yes, after being given proof that the Wisconsin Election Commission has been committing on a longstanding basis systematic illegalities, Mark Spreitzer's first question to me concerned the identities of the people I work with. The cowardly, dishonest, and partisan reporter's articles appear on the front page of his newspaper every time I meet with someone he doesn't agree with and makes up lies about my lack of understanding of elections and lies about nonexistent meetings with conservative billionaires.

III. My Response

A. The following individuals work or have worked for my office:

Mike Gableman- July 1 thru present with a salary of \$11,000 per month
Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge from New Berlin Wisconsin. In charge of staffing and overseeing the employees during the investigation into the November 2020 election.

Zakory Niemierowicz- September 1 thru present with a salary of \$4,000 per month Graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree in Human Resources. Handles office administration tasks such as scheduling, note taking, buying equipment, and reimbursement claims.

Andrew Kloster- September 1 thru present with a salary of \$5,000 per month Currently practising law in the Washington DC area. Currently serving as Chief of Staff for the Wisconsin Special Counsel. Provides legal work for the office.

Carol Matheis- September 1 thru present with a salary of \$5,000 per month Currently practising law in the state of California. Provides legal services and oversight for the office while assisting the investigator team with legal document assistance.

Gary Wait- September 1 thru November 1 with a salary of \$3250 per month Worked as an investigator for the Wisconsin Special Counsel, conducting interviews, sorting information, and tracking leads.

Ron Heuer- October 1 thru present with a salary of \$3250 per month Currently the President of the Wisconsin Voters Alliance. Working as an investigator for the Wisconsin Special Counsel specializing in the nursing home and elder abuse leads.

Clint Lancaster- November 1 thru present with a salary of \$10,000 per month Currently practising law in the state of Arkansas. Provides legal assistance and document review for the Wisconsin Special Counsel. Assists the office with planning and strategy.

Thomas Obregon- November 1 thru present with an hourly wage of \$40 per hour Retired Milwaukee Police Department detective. Currently serving as the lead investigator for the Wisconsin Special Counsel, providing directives and oversight to other investigators.

Neil Saxton- November 1 thru November 21 with an hourly wage of \$40 per hour Former Milwaukee Police Department detective. Assisted with

witness interviews and interview reports. Sorted through open records received from the Wisconsin 5 cities.

Edward Chaim- November 27 thru present with an hourly wage of \$40 per hour Retired Milwaukee Police Department detective. Assists with witness interviews and interview reports. Helps schedule meeting times with witnesses and follow reported leads.

Classified Person- November 1 thru present with an hourly wage of \$40 per hour Identity to be kept confidential at this time to protect his best interests with his full time employer. Currently the data expert for the investigation team creating timelines and information webs as needed.

B. Subleases

A couple of weeks ago, I reported to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly that I had entered into sublease agreements with the Thomas More Society and the law firm who represents the Wisconsin Voters Alliance.

The purpose of the sublease is to save taxpayer money. Finding temporary office space for an unknown period of time in order to accommodate an unpredictable number of staff is difficult and expensive.

I found the least expensive office space with the maximum flexibility so that if this investigation were forced to shut down prior to the conclusion of the one-year lease, taxpayers would not be stuck with the bill.

C. Money Spent

On August 30, 2021, the Assembly appropriated a budget for this office of \$376,000, a number based on a projected operational lifespan of roughly three or four months. So far, we have spent the following amounts:

July-September 30th Mike Gableman Salary \$33,000

Office Staff Salary \$17,250

Office rent \$4,351
Office Supplies \$2,567
Hotel costs \$3,861
Milage and transportation \$3,540
Flight costs \$630
Travel Meals \$400
Total \$65,000

October

Mike Gableman Salary \$11,000
Office Staff Salary \$21,000
Office rent \$2,500
Office Supplies \$3,250
Hotel costs \$2,355
Flight costs \$1,045
Milage and transportation \$2,251
Travel Meals \$142
Total \$43,500

November

Mike Gableman Salary \$11,000
Office Staff Salary \$36,000
Office rent \$2,500
Office Supplies \$7,000
estimate Hotel costs \$5,000

estimate Flight costs \$2,500
estimate Milage and transportation \$2,000
estimate Travel Meals \$400
estimate Total \$67,000
Grand Total \$175,500 out of \$676,000.

D. Open Records Requests

I am now in the process of locating and reviewing each potentially responsive record correlative to the corporations that have been requesting certain records.

Those records will be posted by the close of business this coming Friday, December 3, 2021. I will wait until the conclusion of this investigation, when my final report is delivered to the Assembly, before I disclose any record whose disclosure might reasonably compromise the integrity of this investigation if released prior to its conclusion.

IV. Concluding Remarks

With all of that concluded, I have eliminated any reasonable criticism over any purported lack of transparency.

I am ready now to move forward with my demand that every government official and every person who took part in administering public elections with Zuckerberg money and Zuckerberg employees now be held to a similar level of transparency so that they maybe held accountable for any wrongdoing they engaged in.

I am now happy to take your questions.