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IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE STATE OF WYOMING

Crosby Taylor, et al., Petitioners)	FILED 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. _____
vs)	Case No. CV-2021-0009 APR 01 2021
Governor Gordon, et. at., Respondents)	JOHNSON COUNTY, WYOMING Clerk of District Court

PETITIONERS REQUEST TO DISMISS ALL COUNTY ATTORNEYS
AND TO HOLD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONTEMPT
FOR VIOLATING W.S. § 6-5-306

COMES NOW, the Petitioners through their attorney Nick Beduhn, to request this Court to dismiss all County Attorneys in this case pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 35-1-227 and §35-1-220. The Petitioners further request that the Attorney General (hereinafter AG) be held in Contempt for failure to abide to Wyoming Statute 6-5-306 due to AG's failure to accept service on behalf of all of the Wyoming County Health Officers. The Petitioners have requested that this Court take judicial notice previously,

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As a safety measure, despite believing service was properly made to the AG,

county.

run up the costs on the Petitioners by forcing service to be made upon each and every

The Petitioners believe that the sole purpose of the AG's refusal of service was to

county health officers.

2021 stating that the AG was refusing and would not accept service on behalf of the

Chief Deputy Attorney General Ryan Scheehas notified Petitioner's attorney on March 1,

AG was in error and contrary to the AG's statutory authority. After being properly served,

Govemor, Department of Health, and ALL County Health Officers. The refusal by the

Thus, Petitioners' attorney asserts that the AG was properly served for the

brought against it."

"The attorney general of Wyoming shall be the legal advisor for the
department of Health and shall defend it in all action and proceedings

Second, Wyoming § 35-1-220 provides - in pertinent part - that:

health."

"The county health officers of this state shall be under the direction
and supervision of the state department of health, and the state
department of health shall have authority to make such rules and
regulations for the government and direction of said county health
officers as in their judgment may be best suited to maintain public
health."

The first is that Wyoming § 35-1-227 provides,

and further request this Court take action for the reasons set forth below:

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Petitioners therefore request that the AG be held in Contempt of Court pursuant to W.S. §

misdemeanor charge could potential be imposed, but this seems fairly draconian. The

subpoena, though such offense is indictable. W.S. § 6-5-306(a) indicates that a

1901), the Court concluded that it may punish for contempt disobeying of summons or

In *Fisher v. McDaniel*, 9 Wyo. 457, 64 P. 1056, 1901 Wyo. LEXIS 23 (Wyo.

(b) This section shall not prevent summary proceedings for contempt.

(iii) Refuses to take an oath or affirmation or, being sworn or affirmed,
refuses to answer a question required by the court or presiding officer.

(ii) Secrets himself or leaves his residence to avoid being served with a
subpoena; or

(i) Refuses or intentionally fails to obey a lawful subpoena or citation
which has been served upon him;

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for
not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty
dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he:

6-5-306. Refusal to appear or testify; avoidance of service; penalties;
summary proceedings for contempt.

which states:

requesting this Court hold the Attorney General in contempt for violating W.S. § 6-5-306,

with phone calls and filings by various county attorneys. Therefore, the Petitioners are

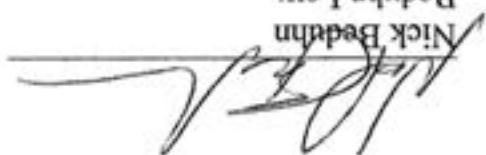
incurring direct expenditures, Petitioners' attorney has had to spend a lot of time dealing

Petitioners' attorney served every County Respondent individually. In addition to

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DATED this /27 day of April, 2021.

Petitioners.

additional service of process expenditures of both time and funds be reimbursed to the

3. Sancton the AG by ordering that all costs incurred by the Petitioner for the

County Health Officers as they are directed by Wyoming statute.

2, Hold the AG in Contempt for their failure to accept service on behalf of the

case as such has been done without any authority.

1. Dismiss ALL District or County Attorneys and any/all of their filings in this

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners request that this Court:

and attorney's fees.

serve all twenty-three (23) counties in the State of Wyoming, reimburse costs of mailing,

of Contempt is to reimburse the service of process costs because the Petitioners had to

6-306(a)(i) and (b). The Petitioners believe that an equitable remedy to relieve the AG

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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing
Petitioners Request to Dismiss all County Attorneys and to Hold the Attorney General's
Office in Contempt for Violating W.S. § 6-5-306 a copy thereof to all current Respondents
this 29 day of April, 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE