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Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
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DANE COUNTY

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT,

Petitioner,

v.

ASSEMBLY OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL,
ROBIN VOS, in his official capacity,
EDWARD BLAZEL, in his official capacity,
and WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY,

Respondents.

Case No.: 21-CV-3007
Petition for Writ of Mandamus
Case Code: 30952

ORDER

The Hon. Frank D. Remington held a show cause hearing in the above matter on January 21, 2022. Petitioner American Oversight appeared by Christa Westerberg of Pines Bach LLP and Sarah Colombo and Melanie Sloan of American Oversight. Respondents Robin Vos, Edward Blazel, and the Wisconsin State Assembly (“Legislative Respondents”) appeared by Ronald Stadler of Kopka Pinkus & Dolan PC. Respondent Assembly Office of Special Counsel (“Office of Special Counsel”) appeared by Michael Dean, Michael D. Dean

LLC, and James Bopp, Courtney Milbank, and Cassandra Dougherty, Bopp Law Firm, PC.

The Court established the following schedule:

- By the close of business Monday, January 24th, 2022, Respondent Office of Special Counsel shall file with the Court a copy of Special Counsel Michael Gableman's contract(s) he has with the Wisconsin Assembly;
- On or before Tuesday, January 25, 2022, Legislative Respondents may refile a copy of their motion to quash with citations that conform to Wis. Stat. § 809.23(3);
- On or before Monday, January 31, 2022, Respondent Office of Special Counsel shall file all records, documents, and things responsive to Petitioners' requests under the Open Records law. Such documents shall be filed under seal in accordance with the Court's usual procedures for the Court's *in camera* review and until further order of this Court these documents, records and things shall be reviewable by this Court and the Court's staff;
- On or before Monday, January 31, 2022, Petitioner shall file a brief responding to the motions to dismiss and/or quash of Respondent Office of Special Counsel and Legislative Respondents;
- On or before Monday, January 31, 2022, Respondent Robin Vos shall file responses to the Petitioners' open records requests at issue in this case that have been directed to him (Exhibits A, C, E, G, I, K, and M to the Petition)
- On or before Thursday, February 10, 2022, Respondents may file a reply to the Petitioner's response to their motions;
- A hearing is set for March 8th, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. At that time, this Court will rule on all pending motions and this Court intends to issue such further orders including,

but not limited to, the immediate lifting of the protective order thereby allowing public review of all documents, records and things previously filed with the Court.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

¹ Subject to the receipt of a motion to stay pending further proceedings or appeal. Motions for fees, costs and for such further relief may be filed after that date depending, of course, on the underlying decision and order.