



## FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: June 5, 2026

IN RE: *James Turner v. Beaver County Coroner*; OOR Dkt. AP 2026-2129

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

**The appeal is untimely.** The Request was submitted to the Beaver County Coroner (“County”) on April 16, 2026 and because the Requester indicates the County did not respond by April 23, 2026, the Request was deemed denied.<sup>1</sup> 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). Appeals of deemed denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the date of the deemed denial, or by May 14, 2026 in this instance. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was received by the OOR on May 21, 2026. The Requester is not prohibited from refileing the Request and, if necessary, filing a new appeal pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

For this reason, the County is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review with the Beaver County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303. However, as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party.<sup>2</sup> All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to [oor-postfd@pa.gov](mailto:oor-postfd@pa.gov). This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.

Issued by:

*/s/ Joshua T. Young*

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Sent to: Requester, ML-8782 (via U.S. Mail);  
Agency Open Records Officer, Beaver County Coroner (via E-File Portal)

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<sup>1</sup> The appeal included a certified mail receipt stamped as received by the County on April 16, 2026.

<sup>2</sup> *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).