



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: August 3, 2026

IN RE: *Jason Paul v. Lycoming County*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-3083

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 Lycoming County (“County”) on May 11, 2026. The County issued a timely extension notice to the Requester on May 12, 2026. Under the extension, the County had five (5) business days, followed by thirty (30) calendar days, from May 11, 2026 to respond to the request, or until June 17, 2026. Appeals of deemed denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the date of the deemed denial, or by July 10, 2026¹ in this instance. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was submitted to the OOR on July 29, 2026. The Requester is not prohibited from refiling 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, either party may appeal or petition for review with the Lycoming 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, but 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.² All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to oor-postfd@pa.gov. This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.

Issued by:

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Sent to: Requester, Jason Paul (Via USPS)
Agency Open Records Officer, Lycoming County (Via E-File Portal)

¹ The OOR’s offices were closed on June 19, 2026 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and on July 3, 2026 in observance of the Independence Day holiday; as such, these days were not included in the calculation of the appeal period.

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