

**jlamb28@wi.rr.com**

---

**From:** jlamb28@wi.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** Electronic Records

As a retired Village Clerk I believe that electronic records should be accessible to the general public. We are continually moving into the electronic era and more and more business is conducted via electronic means. When citizens or interested entities would come to my office (when I was a Village Clerk) and request information or documentation most of it was in written form or on tapes. I would make copies and provide the information. Now electronic information can be transferred easier and more efficiently so that the public can be kept informed in a timely manner of items of interest to them. This is needed to prevent abuse of power by those in political office or the public sector. Please reconsider and rescind your recent decision concerning access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public employees. Government business should not be conducted behind closed doors. We all have a right to know how our tax dollars are being spent, what our government officials are proposing, to have the ability to express our opinions, and act as needed to when necessary. Thank you for allowing my input into this matter.

James Lamb  
Retired Village Clerk (Village of Lannon)