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## Qs about equipment upgrade in Ray Conference Room

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Fri, Jul 9, 2021 at 11:27 AM

To: Pat Garrett &lt;pat.garrett@iowa.gov&gt;

Any comment or clarification on this, Pat?

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 9:59 AM

Subject: Fwd: Qs about equipment upgrade in Ray Conference Room

To: Pat Garrett <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

What can you tell me about this purchase and how it was paid for?

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 2:09 PM

Subject: Fwd: Qs about equipment upgrade in Ray Conference Room

To: Pat Garrett <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Checking in again to see whether you have any answers on this.

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021 at 8:25 AM

Subject: Fwd: Qs about equipment upgrade in Ray Conference Room

To: Pat Garrett <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Hello Pat,

Still seeking answers to these questions.

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Subject: Fwd: Qs about equipment upgrade in Ray Conference Room

To: Pat Garrett <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Circling back on these questions.

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 8:52 AM

Subject: Qs about equipment upgrade in Ray Conference Room

To: Pat Garrett <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Hello Pat,

Documents I have received through public records requests indicate that Paul Trombino approved a project last year to have AVI Systems upgrade the equipment in the Ray Conference Room in the governor's office suite. He coordinated with Annette Dunn to have the project run through the Office of Chief Information Officer.

The state of Iowa's pandemic payment explorer shows 12 payments from OCIO to AVI Systems coming out of the Coronavirus Relief Fund on December 15 or December 16, totaling \$67,543.48.

My understanding is that these vendor payments were planned to be covered by the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and therefore coded that way on the pandemic payment explorer and in a spreadsheet showing OCIO's FY21 expenditures to AVI Systems.

However, the state checkbook shows the same 12 payments on the same dates, totaling the same amount, coming from OCIO.

Did the governor's office decide not to use CARES Act funds to cover this project?

If so, who made that decision, and when?

Did the governor's office reimburse OCIO for payments to AVI Systems, as it did with the payments to Insight Public Sector for the Office 365 migration?

If so, where did those funds come from, and when did the reimbursement happen?

Thanks in advance for any clarification or comments you may have.

Laura

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