

Open Records Officer

The County hereby designates Michelle Shedden as the County Open Records Officer.

The Open Records Officer may be reached at: 301 Main Street Towanda PA 18848, by telephone at (570) 265-1727, by fax (570) 265-1729, or e-mail at sheddenm@bradfordcountypa.gov

General

All documents deemed public records shall be available for inspection, retrieval, and duplication at the Bradford County Courthouse during established business hours 9:00 am to 4:30 pm with the exception of weekends and holidays.

Requests

Requests shall be made in writing to the County Open Records Officer on a form provided by the County.

Fees

Paper copies shall be 25 cents per page per side. The certification of a record is \$1.00 per record. Specialized documents including, but not limited to blue prints, color copies and non-standard sized documents shall be charged the actual cost of production. If mailing is requested, the cost of postage will be charged. The County shall require prepayment for all requests.

Response

The County shall make a good-faith effort to provide the requested public record(s) as promptly as possible. The Open Records Officer shall cooperate with those requesting records to review and/or duplicate original county documents while taking reasonable measure to protect county documents from the possibility of theft, damage, and/or modification.

The Open Records Officer shall review all written requests for access to public records. As soon as possible, but no later than 5 (five) business days after receiving a written request to access public records, the Open Records Officer shall respond to such requests in writing consistent with Act 3 of 2008, the Right-to-Know Law.

If access to a record is denied, the response shall include a reason for denial as stipulated in Act 3 of 2008, the Right-to-Know Law.

Contact Information for Appeals

If a written request is denied or deemed denied, the requester may file an appeal in writing to Terry Mutchler, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Plaza Level Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Appeals Process

The appeal shall be filed within 15 business days of the mailing date of the county's response or within 15 business days of a deemed denial. The appeal shall state the grounds upon which the requester asserts the records is a public record and shall address any grounds stated by the county for delaying or denying the request.