

1 Q And I'm basing that on the filing of the lawsuit.

2 A Because I don't know if it was that year or not.
3 You said that.

4 Q Right. And the audit was ordered in 2010. The
5 lawsuit was filed in 2010. That's why I'm using 2010 as
6 the year of this meeting. Do you have any reason to
7 believe it wasn't in 2010?

8 A I would only say, I don't know what year it
9 was --

10 Q Okay.

11 A -- so.

12 Q The lawsuit was filed in August of 2010. How
13 long before the lawsuit was filed do you think that --

14 A August of what, of 2010?

15 Q The 4th, I think. I think, 4th, but I may be off
16 by that.

17 A Okay. Well, I would have been running in 2010,
18 but the election would have been over at some point in
19 time, early August, I think it was. So, the election may
20 have been over.

21 Q Right. But this meeting would have predated the
22 filing --

23 A Could have --

24 Q -- because it would have predated the audit, the
25 commencement of the audit. Now, these concerns that were

1 raised with you by Ms. Bentley and Ms. Baggs, did you ever
2 seek out Linda's response to them?

3 A I don't think so.

4 Q Why not?

5 A Because, as I told you earlier, I like to keep at
6 arm's length, having been very much involved with
7 attempting to resolve a lot of animal Control issues. And,
8 of which I had met with Ms. Gottwald, and others on -- that
9 I found those folks very untenable. And I'm choosing my
10 words very kindly here, that they like favoring cats. And,
11 so, I chose to let them go in their own direction.

12 Q You chose to listen to complaints by a
13 disgruntled employee and a potential competitor, but not
14 get a response from --

15 MS. LIMBERT-BARROWS: Objection, mischaracterizes
16 the evidence and testimony.

17 A And I missed the question.

18 Q Sure. I said, you chose to listen to the
19 complaints of a disgruntled employee, who was also a
20 potential competitor, but you decided not to --

21 A I didn't choose that.

22 Q -- get a response -- you decided not to get a
23 response from Ms. Gottwald?

24 A Right. I would have been just as open to Ms.
25 Gottwald, if she would have wanted to talk about it. It's

1 just that I reserve my initiatives in dealings with those
2 only on request. And if Ms. Gottwald would have called me,
3 I would have met with her, just as I met with Ms. Baggs.

4 Q Except she didn't know? There was no way for her
5 to know that people were bad-mouthing her and her
6 organization, correct?

7 A I think there was a lot of --

8 MS. LIMBERT-BARROWS: Objection --

9 A -- controversy going on with this issue that --

10 MS. LIMBERT-BARROWS: Objection, it
11 mischaracterizes testimony.

12 A -- that Ms. Gottwald could have called me at any
13 point in time, and I would have responded to, let's meet.

14 Q There's no way she would have known about this
15 meeting. You didn't publicize the meeting you were at?

16 A There are no secrets in Monroe County. I would
17 think that Ms. Gottwald probably would have known, and --
18 no. No. I -- but I didn't choose. A constituent called
19 me, said they wanted to talk about something.

20 Q And that's fine. And all I'm saying is, you said
21 Linda could have come to you, as well. But she wouldn't
22 have known to come to you unless somebody told her about
23 the meeting, correct?

24 A I guess that's fair to say.

25 Q What did you do with the information that was