

Ashton Pittman  
Senior Reporter  
Mississippi Free Press  
125 S. Congress St. #1324  
Jackson, MS 39201

October 3, 2022

Shelby Wilcher  
Public Records Compliance Officer  
Office of the Governor of the State of Mississippi  
P.O. Box 139  
Jackson, MS 39205

Shelby,

Pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act, I am requesting copies of any text messages or emails between Gov. Tate Reeves or his office and Brett Favre for any date between January 14th, 2020 and October 2, 2022, particularly as it relates to public funds or policy. This includes, but is not limited to, communications that were described in a September 23, 2022, court filing from former Gov. Phil Bryant and his attorneys that noted Favre had engaged with conversations with Gov. Reeves about getting state funds for a volleyball project at the University of Southern Mississippi. I am also requesting any documents regarding the volleyball project that were produced by Gov. Reeves' office as a consequence of his communications with Favre.

Additionally, I am requesting copies of any emails or text messages that mention "Brett," "Favre," or "volleyball" (or the misspelling "Farve") between January 14, 2020, and June 1, 2020. I am also seeking copies of the governor's calendar from January and February 2020.

If there are any fees associated with this request, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$150.00. However, I request that you waive all fees in recognition of the value any responsive documents will serve towards the public's interest in better understanding these events involving taxpayer funds.

If the governor's office denies any part of these requests, please detail each denial and the reason the office feels justifies such a refusal under law as well as informing me of any appeals process.

You may reach me by cell phone at (601) 516-0081 or by email at [ashton@mississippifreepress.org](mailto:ashton@mississippifreepress.org).

Sincerely,

Ashton Pittman  
Senior Reporter, Mississippi Free Press

