

From: ["Dana Kazel" <KazelD@StLouisCountyMN.gov>](mailto:KazelD@StLouisCountyMN.gov)
To: ["Darren Jablonsky" <JablonskyD@StLouisCountyMN.gov>](mailto:JablonskyD@StLouisCountyMN.gov)
["Kevin Gray" <GrayK@StLouisCountyMN.gov>](mailto:GrayK@StLouisCountyMN.gov)
Date: 9/30/2025 7:50:32 PM
Subject: FW: wondering

See below. Brady is writing for the Pine Knot newspaper. Thoughts on a response? Who from the County Attorney's Office could advise on this?

Dana Kazel

Communications Manager

218-725-5049 (office)

218-591-2219 (cell)



From: Brady Slater
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:47 PM
To: Dana Kazel
Subject: wondering

WARNING: External email. Please verify sender before opening attachments or clicking on links.

Hi Dana,

I'm writing about Carlton County reaction to the data center news that broke last week. In the Star Tribune article, it noted St. Louis County as having signed onto an NDA related to the project. I'm curious about the county's explanation for why its officials signed that agreement. Is there a rationale the county is sharing? The net result here is that Thomson Township officials neighboring the facility knew nothing about it until we asked them about it. Personally and as a reporter, that does not seem like good governance, but I'd like to see the county's response for edification as to they may have

seen it as necessary.

All my best,

Brady