

## Brownlow, Kellie

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**From:** Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) <Dan.Klepal@ajc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2015 4:05 PM  
**To:** Brownlow, Kellie  
**Subject:** RE: Questions for Lee

Kellie:

Thanks.

Just so you know, there's nothing here I'm going to use. Here's why:

Lee's correct, Dance did answer the first question. No problem.

The second question is based on a quote from Cheek that will be in the story. I knew the quote was going to be in the story and I was trying to be fair and give him an opportunity to respond to it. He decided not to. So that's his call.

As to the comment he actually did give me – that is a response to a question that I asked based on something Cheek said. As it turns out, that particular Cheek comment is not in the story and so it is not appropriate to use the Lee quote.

Thanks for trying, and have a good weekend.

DK

**From:** Brownlow, Kellie [mailto:Kellie.Brownlow@cobbcounty.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2015 3:55 PM  
**To:** Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)  
**Subject:** Re: Questions for Lee

Dan

Sorry for the late response. Chairman has been with his Dad today.

Chairman's Answers below.

On Aug 28, 2015, at 2:13 PM, Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) <[Dan.Klepal@ajc.com](mailto:Dan.Klepal@ajc.com)> wrote:

Kellie,

I've got to let this story go very soon.

**From:** Brownlow, Kellie [mailto:Kellie.Brownlow@cobbcounty.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)  
**Subject:** Re: Questions for Lee

Dan

Got these. Thanks. What is your deadline.

Kellie

On Aug 28, 2015, at 10:20 AM, Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) <[Dan.Klepal@ajc.com](mailto:Dan.Klepal@ajc.com)> wrote:

Kelli:

A couple of follow up questions related to the Mathis legal bill:

- Did you choose Mathis' firm to represent you, or was that the county attorney's choice?

I understand that Deborah Dance answered this question.

- Early on, Tom Cheek had offered to drop the complaint if you apologized. You apologized just a few days before the final hearing. Do you now wish you had apologized earlier – Cheek says it would have saved the county about \$35,000.

It sounds like you have decided to answer this question. So, no comment.

- You were asked on WABE last week if you would do anything differently in terms of the early stages of the Braves deal. Your answer was that you would not do anything differently. Does that include your handling of the Dan McRae situation? You wouldn't do that differently at all?

I am proud that because of my efforts the Atlanta Braves will be coming to Cobb County in 2017. I am proud that this project continues to stay on time and on budget and is proving to be a home run for Cobb.

Thank you,

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