

John Harris, Sunflower County Project

Complaints about the Jackson office

The Jackson office is incompetent.

A. WATS line

The operator doesn't follow the schedule.

Messages don't get relayed.

The office can't answer even elementary questions, e.g. supplies, eye glasses, names for federal programs people to go to Wash, etc.

B. Where is our van of supplies? We asked and no one in Jackson could answer.

C. Funds

Project money is late at times.

There is too much bureaucracy in getting subsistence.

We do not get enough to carry on the project, with fines, gas, wiring and all.

We needed \$260 for wiring the F.S., and requested \$85 from COFO and never got it or any reply at all.

Monthly budget from Jackson: \$150 month

What we must spend for Sunflower County:

gas for cars	\$120
rent for 2 buildings	50
supplies-office and school	30
utilities for 4 buildings	51
Total	\$251

We also have had new expenses for gas in buildings, building expenses since the fire, and extinguishers.

building expenses in Indianola	\$125	
rewiring	260	
city and corp. expenses:		
light meter	50	
water meter	10	
deposit for gas	100	(not yet met)
phone installation	75	
fines	64	
(11/1 Jackson	\$17	
11/2 Tunica	34	
11/12 Indianola	13)	
		Total \$684

With the exception of the fines, these were sent to Jackson and we never received reimbursement. Some also were phoned in with no result.

D. Undue interference and personal harrassment from the Miss. Freedom School coordinator. Persons with incomplete knowledge of the situation cannot give advice.

E. We've raised over \$20,000 in bail with no help from Jackson or Atlanta. This is since June. Over \$1,100 we paid last month.

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F. We have had good experiences with the lawyers since summer. Perhaps this is because they are separate from the Jackson office.

G. When Bob Newell was beaten on the Courthouse steps on October 26, we phoned Jackson to no avail. No press release or anything.

SUMMARY: Insufficient funds, lack of cooperation, and incompetence have led the Sunflower County Project to the point of almost complete disregard and loss of respect for the Jackson office.