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Stacey Heislen

Acting Executive Director

May 13, 2013

Victor Richards
City of Mountain Grove Board of Alderman
PO Box 351
Mountain Grove, MO 65711

Re: Case #13E021

Dear Mr. Richards:

The Missouri Ethics Commission, considered at the May 10, 2013 meeting, the complaint filed against you. The Commission reviewed the allegation that city failed to provide a contract for trash service to the lowest possible bidder, in violation of state law and city ordinance, and a violation of conflict of interest laws when the contract was awarded Dugger Trash Service, owned by the Mayor's nephew. The Commission also reviewed the purchase of an emergency vehicle by the city.

From the facts presented, the Commission voted to dismiss this case. Chapter 105 conflict of interest statutes did not apply to this contract with Dugger Trash Service. The investigation showed that the city followed its local ordinances when it accepted the bid for trash services and purchased an emergency vehicle, as those ordinances authorize awarding of a contract to the "lowest responsible bidder." The investigation failed to show a violation of state or local law by the mayor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacey Heislen".

Stacey Heislen
Acting Executive Director

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