



MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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James Klahr  
Executive Director

March 10, 2016

Mary Jo Schebaum  
PO Box 156  
Westboro MO 64498

Re: File No. 16-0001-I

Dear Ms. Schebaum:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its March 10, 2016 meeting. The complaint alleged that you purchased a property for use as a city hall by using city funds without the city council's approval. The complaint also asserts that your family received a financial gain from the purchase because your son began renting a portion of the property shortly after the city purchased it.

Staff review of the complaint determined that in November 2015, following previous discussion at earlier board of aldermen meetings, you made phone calls to members of the board of aldermen to get their approval for purchase of the property for city hall. Three of the four aldermen voted "yes" and you were not able to reach the fourth alderman. In December 2015, Nick Schebaum, who is a city employee but is not your son, entered into a rental agreement for the use of an apartment within city hall. That agreement was approved by the board of alderman during its December 2015 meeting. There is no record that you cast a vote on either the purchase of the property for city hall or on the rental agreement with Mr. Schebaum.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the conflict of interest laws pursuant to Chapter 105, RSMo, or local ordinances and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

  
James Klahr  
Executive Director