



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James Klahr  
Executive Director

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February 15, 2018

Susan McVey  
1400 Meadowbrook Lane  
Poplar Bluff MO 63901

Re: File No. 17-0072-I

Dear Ms. McVey:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its February 15, 2018 meeting. The complaint alleged you favorably acted in your capacity as a councilmember to support the city's purchase of property for which you serve as an insurance broker. The complainant alleges that by voting in favor of the city's purchase of the building, you have taken an insurance liability off your books, which benefits you.

Staff review of this complaint found that you are an insurance agent who currently serves as a councilmember in the City of Poplar Bluff. You have been the agent insuring a piece of property in Poplar Bluff which the city has a contract to purchase subject to additional inspections. If the city ultimately purchases the property, the property would no longer be insured by yourself because the city uses a different company to insure its property. As a result, you would actually lose the annual commission you currently receive as the insurance agent for the property.

Having reviewed the facts related to this complaint in light of the relevant conflict of interest laws - Section 105.452.1(4), RSMo, and Section 105.454.1(3), RSMo - you will not derive any financial benefit as a result of the city's purchase of the property.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 105, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr".

James Klahr  
Executive Director