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Final Action: MEC No. 19-0006-I, Joe Aughinbaugh

Date: April 1, 2019

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Joe Aughinbaugh at its April 1, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Aughinbaugh is the Trustee-Treasurer for Washington Township in DeKalb County. The complaint that was filed with the Commission alleged nepotism and conflict of interest arising from the fact that Mr. Aughinbaugh's son was operating the township's road grader on a volunteer basis.

The MEC investigation found that although his son had in fact volunteered to operate the road grader at least one time during a snow emergency, Mr. Aughinbaugh did not hire or appoint his son to that position, and his son received no payment of any kind. Accordingly, his son's volunteer act did not give rise to a charge of nepotism and presented no conflict of interest.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the Missouri Constitution, and dismissed the complaint.

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