

Final Action: MEC No. 20-0097-I, Janet Morrow

Date: 5/19/2021

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Zane Ward and Janet Morrow at its May 19, 2021 meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged conflict of interest violations by Mr. Ward and Ms. Morrow. Mr. Ward is the Chairman of the Village of Miramiguoa Board, and Ms. Morrow is the Village clerk. It was alleged that Mr. Ward was being paid to provide mowing services to the Village in addition to his official duties in violation of Section 105.458.1, RSMo, which states:

No member of any legislative or governing body of any political subdivision of the state shall [p]erform any service for such political subdivision or any agency of the political subdivision for any consideration other than the compensation provided for the performance of his or her official duties[.]

Mr. Ward has resolved the violation by executing a Joint Stipulation of Facts, Waiver of Hearing before the Missouri Ethics Commission, and Consent Order with Joint Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The document is available on the MEC website.

It was also alleged that Ms. Morrow had improperly issued payments to her family on behalf of the Village. The MEC investigation determined that as the Village clerk, Ms. Morrow does not vote on Village matters, has no decision-making capabilities, and her duties are solely administrative in nature.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 105, RSMo, against Janet Morrow, and dismissed this individual from the complaint.

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