



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 22-0038-I, City of Shrewsbury Future Committee, Ruth Purvis, Treasurer; City of Shrewsbury: Mike Travaglini (Mayor), John Odenwald, Keith Peters, Greg Lauter, Elisa Reeves, Bette Welch, Michael Schmelzle, Alderpersons; Lisa Vargas (Chief of Police)

Date: 6/30/22

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against City of Shrewsbury Future PAC and its treasurer, Ruth Purvis; and the City of Shrewsbury, its officials and police chief at its June 30, 2022, meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged the City of Shrewsbury used public funds to support a ballot measure when its police department gave a contribution to Citizens for Shrewsbury's Future, a campaign committee organized to support Propositions A and U for the April 5, 2022, election.

The complaint alternatively alleged Citizens for Shrewsbury's Future Committee inaccurately reported a contribution received from the City of Shrewsbury's Police Department when the contribution was in fact from individual police department employees and should have been identified as such.

The Citizens for Shrewsbury's Future filed an 8-Day Before April Election report disclosing a \$1000 contribution from the "City of Shrewsbury Police Department". This contribution was made by the City of Shrewsbury Police Department Employee Fund, which is privately funded. The committee has filed an amended report adding the words "Employee Fund" to the contribution.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the Chapter 115, RSMo, or Chapter 130, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

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