Final Action: MEC No. 25-0027-I, Mayor James Thomas, Sr., City of Bellefontaine Neighbors

Date: July 18, 2025

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Mayor James Thomas, Sr., City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, at its July 18, 2025, meeting.

The complaint alleged James Thomas Sr. violated state statute and local ordinances when he voted to appoint himself as mayor of Bellefontaine Neighbors after the resignation of the former mayor.

The investigation found that, as shown by meeting minutes provided, Mayor James Thomas, Sr. did not vote to appoint himself mayor of Bellefontaine Neighbors after the resignation of the former mayor.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds to support one or more violations of state statute or local ordinance, and dismiss.

Stacey Heislen Executive Director