



# Missouri Ethics Commission

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## **Final Action: MEC No. 25-0054-I Mayor William H. (Bill) Kirkpatrick and the City of Piedmont**

**Date: January 12, 2026**

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Mayor William H. (Bill) Kirkpatrick and the City of Piedmont at its January 12, 2026, meeting.

The Commission received a complaint alleging Mayor Kirkpatrick had requested and potentially received city compensation for contracted work done for a city water treatment plant outside of his mayoral duties. In addition, Shoemaker also alleged that the city clerk, Morgan Robinson, had voted in the Piedmont City Council in place of a missing alderman.

The investigation found that the City of Piedmont awarded Mayor Kirkpatrick the position of "B" Licensed Wastewater Chief Operator for the Piedmont wastewater plant through a contract and only after two weeks of public notice and bidding, with his being the only bid. The investigation also found no evidence that city clerk Morgan Robinson had voted on the Piedmont City Council as a city clerk.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds to support one or more violations of Chapters 79 or 105 RSMo and dismissed the complaint.

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