



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 26-0058-I Brandon Ruediger, Former Holts Summit City Administrator

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Brandon Ruediger at its August 17, 2026, meeting.

The complainant alleged former Holts Summit City Administrator Brandon Ruediger used his position as City Administrator to win a contract for providing information technology (IT) and treasury services to the City of Holts Summit.

The investigation determined that Brandon Ruediger performed IT services for the City of Holts Summit while serving as City Administrator. During that time, Ruediger formed J&B Strategic Partners, which also provided IT services, though not to the City of Holts Summit. On or about March 15, 2026, Ruediger resigned from his position as City Administrator. After his departure, J&B Strategic Partners began providing IT and treasury services to the City of Holts Summit.

Section 105.454.1(5), RSMo, prohibits any appointed official or employee of a political subdivision, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, from performing services for consideration for one year after leaving office if doing so involves attempting to influence a decision of that political subdivision in which they were employed or over which they had supervisory authority.

The key statutory phrase is “attempts to influence a decision.” Section 105.454(5) does not prohibit all post-employment contracting with a former city employer; it targets paid services intended to influence decision-making.

The investigation found that neither Ruediger nor J&B Strategic Partners attempted to influence the City of Holts Summit’s elected officials. Ruediger’s work for the City appears ministerial and operational, and he neither makes policy decisions nor seeks to influence them. His role is that of an independent contractor performing routine ministerial contracted services, not a policy advocate.

Based on these facts, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of Chapter 105, RSMo, occurred and has dismissed the complaint.

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