



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Chris Hegg**, Member, Board of
County Commissioners, Mineral County,
State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint
Case Nos. 19-028C

Subject. /

REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received Ethics Complaint No. 19-028C ("Complaint") on April 17, 2019, regarding the alleged conduct of Chris Hegg ("Hegg"), a member of the Mineral County Board of County Commissioners, State of Nevada, in violation of the Ethics in Government Law set forth in NRS Chapter 281A ("Ethics Law"). The Commission issued its *Order On Jurisdiction and Investigation* on June 3, 2019, accepting jurisdiction and directing the Executive Director to investigate the alleged violations implicating NRS 281A.400(1), (2) and (9).

Hegg is a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Hegg's conduct as a public officer and have associated implications under the Ethics Law. Specifically, the Complaint alleged that Hegg misused his public position to improperly influence subordinates to seek favors and/or affect his private pecuniary interests in his business, including matters related to his business competitors and matters involving county employees who were responsible for inspecting and approving the construction of his business.

On August 21, 2019, a Review Panel ("Panel") consisting of Commissioners Brian Duffrin (Presiding Officer), Teresa Lowry, Esq. and Amanda Yen, Esq., reviewed the following: 1) Ethics Complaint No. 19-028C; 2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; 3) Subject's Response to the Complaint; and 4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings.¹

Under NAC 281A.430, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts do not support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2) and (9). Accordingly, these allegations are dismissed.

However, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that there is sufficient cause to issue a Confidential Letter of Caution in the matter to ensure proper separation between Hegg's role as a County Commissioner and matters affecting his private business, including business competitors.

¹ All materials provided to the Panel, except the Complaint and the Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation, represent portions of the investigatory file and remain confidential pursuant to NRS 281A.750.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Panel dismisses the Complaint for lack of sufficient credible evidence of a violation and issues a Confidential Letter of Caution in the matter.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2019.

NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Brian Duffrin
Brian Duffrin
Commissioner/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ Amanda Yen
Amanda Yen, Esq.
Commissioner

By: /s/ Teresa Lowry
Teresa Lowry, Esq.
Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day in Carson City, Nevada, I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing **REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION** via U.S. Certified Mail and electronic mail addressed as follows:

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