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TO: COL Eric T. Olsen

FROM: Sheriff John Wheeler
Cole County Sheriff

DATE: 6 November 2019

Sir,

It has been brought to my attention of a possible law violation by one of my County Commissioners, Kris Scheperle. Since I work with him on a daily basis and know him personally, I am recusing myself and requesting an investigation by DDCC.

Cole County recently awarded a landscaping design project at the Cole County Courthouse to Central Missouri Professional Services (CMPS). The design project was awarded to them through a Professional Services contract, so no bid were required.

After the design was approved, CMPS had to bid out the construction and the Cole County Commission had to award the bid. GBH Builders was awarded the construction project from the County, Commissioner Scheperle abstained from the vote. GHB Builders, in turn, subcontracted with Central Missouri Construction Services and Meyer Electric.

During the construction phase, it was brought to my attention that a business owned by Commissioner Scheperle, WeeBee Hauling LLC was being utilized. I personally went to the site and saw a WeeBee Hauling truck being loaded. I checked the Missouri Secretary of State website and verified that Regional Agent for WeeBee Hauling LLC, Charter # LC001548915, is Commissioner Kris Scheperle.

In accordance to RsMO 49.140, *"No county commissioner shall, directly or indirectly, become a party to any contract to which the county is a party, or act as a road or bridge commissioner, either general or special, or keeper of any poor person."*

Sincerely,

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