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**Report of Findings from Anonymous Complaint
Against Scot Jackson, Commissioner Precinct #4**

Beginning in mid-April, 2017 my office received four anonymous complaints stating Scot Jackson, Commissioner Precinct 4 was using Erath County Equipment for his personal use and he was improving his personal property using Erath County Equipment and Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP). The complainants were asked to provide photographs and none were provided.

Procedures Performed:

Commissioner Jackson's county truck was observed for a period of six weeks (mid-April through the end of May, 2017) to see if hay residue was in the bed of the truck. The observations were done on various days and at various times. No hay was observed in the bed of Commissioner Jackson's truck and his truck bed was not cleaned during the six week period as evidenced by the same articles being observed in the truck bed.

Friday May 5, 2017, at approximately 4:00pm an unannounced visit to Commissioner Jackson's equipment yard was made to view the equipment present in the yard and to see if a dump truck was loaded with RAP. The complaint alleged the RAP was headed for Commissioner Jackson's personal property. My visit found all equipment present except for the items located at the maintenance barn being repaired. The dump truck was not loaded with any road material.

The morning of Saturday May 6, 2017, a visit was made to Commissioner Jackson's personal property. The complainants stated the work performed on Commissioner Jackson's property could be seen from the road. During the visit it was observed the roads on Commissioner Jackson's property had not been bladed. The roads had water erosion and weeds growing. No RAP was seen on the property from the road. RAP is a distinctive color, gray white with remnants of black tar, and would have been easy to spot.

Conclusion:

It is my opinion based on my observations and absent of any photo documents from the complainants, **Commissioner Jackson has not used County equipment or property in an inappropriate manner and has not inured any benefit from his elected office.**

Respectfully,


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