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Advisory Opinion of February 22, 2010

The Commission considered a request regarding an individual's employment with the County Parks and Recreation and his daughter bidding to become a vendor to run the food concession stand at the 4-H Park and whether there could be a conflict of interest and a violation of the County Public Ethics Law.

The Commission determined that based on the facts that were provided, there would be no violation of the County Public Ethics Law, specifically §8-11 (A) (1). It was presented that the bid was a sealed bid process, that his position was in a different division of Parks and Recreation, and that he would in no way be supervising or involved with the bid process or operation of the concession stand. That provision would have been implicated if he was acting on behalf of the County Parks and Recreation in this matter that would have a direct financial impact on his daughter. Because he was not, then no conflict is apparent.

The Commission also determined that there would not be an appearance of a violation under §8-11 (A) (7), in which there are no facts or perception that the employee used the prestige of his employment or confidential information acquired as part of his employment to benefit his daughter in the bid.

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