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Arapahoe County releases Ethics investigation ***Committee finds no ethical violations by Commissioners during snowstorm***

A report by the Arapahoe County Ethics Committee released today said it did not find any ethical violations or undue influence by any County Commissioner, elected official or county employee regarding the redirection of snow removal equipment during a recent snowstorm.

The five-member Ethics Committee, which consists of citizens appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, was asked by Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld to look into whether any inappropriate requests for snow removal were made during the December/January snowstorms.

According to their findings, the Ethics Committee did not find or receive any information or evidence that Commissioners used their influence with the Public Works Department to create a higher level of service and special treatment in their districts.

The Ethics Committee determined that the complaint raised was not an ethical issue, but one of policy and procedure. The Ethics Committee recommended the Board of County Commissioners create a written policy and procedure to address the chain of communication between County Commissioners during snowstorms and other emergency situations.

“I’m pleased to see the Ethics Committee did not find an ethics violation by any commissioner,” said Commissioner Frank Weddig, who serves as Board Chair. “As a Board, we are committed to moving forward and meet the challenge of providing excellent County services.”

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