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**Commissioner
loses
Sunshine
Law appeal**

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — A Cape Girardeau county commissioner has lost an appeal where he alleged the commission had violated the state Sunshine Law.

The Southeast Missourian reported Wednesday that a state appeals court panel ruled that a case filed by Jay Purcell should not have moved forward. That was because it did not name individual commission members as defendants.

Purcell filed the lawsuit last May, claiming the commission he was a member of broke the Sunshine Law. He proposed a closed session to discuss a real estate matter on April 17, 2008. Another commissioner said a personnel matter also needed to be discussed.

Purcell secretly recorded the closed session.

He later learned if a meeting is properly closed, recording it in secret is illegal.

County:
Cole