



Osage County Republican Committee
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March 4, 2026

Re: Update to Election Complaint vs. Osage County Clerk
Brooke Dudenhoeffer (Complaint Filed March 2, 2026)

via Email and 1st Class Mail

Missouri Secretary of State Elections Division
600 W. Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Elections Division:

This letter serves as a formal update to the election complaint I filed on March 2, 2026, alleging that Osage County Clerk Brooke Dudenhoeffer willfully failed to promptly forward filing fees from Republican candidates as required by RsMO 115.357.

On March 2, 2026, at 3:09 p.m., I emailed Clerk Dudenhoeffer a copy of the complaint. At 3:45 p.m. — just 36 minutes later — postage was paid on a certified mail envelope from her office containing six filing fee checks (and one \$100 bill) addressed to our committee. The envelope was handwritten with no cover letter or any notation identifying the contents. A scan of the envelope is attached for your review.

The late forwarding of these fees does not negate or cure the violation. The statute requires fees to be promptly forwarded. The checks were withheld from February 24 through March 2 despite repeated prior notice from the committee. The timing strongly indicates the fees were only sent after the clerk became aware of the formal complaint.

Clerk Dudenhoeffer replied to my email stating she was at a doctor's appointment with her daughter and had no access to email at the time I emailed the copy of the complaint (she offered security footage as verification). Regardless of who physically took the envelope to the post office, the fact remains that the fees were not forwarded until after she was confronted with the complaint.

This incident confirms our original allegation of willful neglect or refusal to perform a statutory duty under RsMO 115.637(12). We respectfully request that this update be added to the file and that the investigation continue.

Thank you for your continued attention. I remain available to provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Linda Rantz, Chairwoman
Osage County Republican Central Committee

Attached:

Scan of the certified mail envelope received March 2, 2026
Copy of my March 2, 2026 email to the clerk informing of a complaint filed

cc: Craig Rantz, OCRC Treasurer

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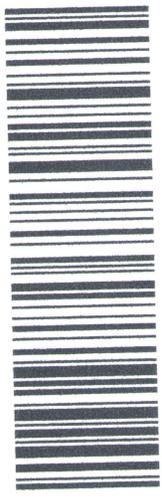
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Election Complaint Filed with Missouri Secretary of State – Failure to Forward Filing Fees

From: ocrc@osagecountyrepublicans.com <ocrc@osagecountyrepublicans.com>

To: osageclerk@osagecountymo.gov

cc: Treasurer@OsageCountyRepublicans.com

Bcc: Linda.Rantz@pm.me

Date: 2026-03-02 15:09

Dear Clerk Dudenhoeffer,

Attached is a copy of the election complaint filed this morning (March 2, 2026) with the Missouri Secretary of State Elections Division regarding your failure to promptly forward filing fees from Republican candidates to the Osage County Republican Central Committee Treasurer as required by RsMO 115.357.

The complaint includes a detailed statement of facts and supporting exhibits.

We trust you will cooperate fully with any SOS inquiry and perform your statutory duties. We remain available to clarify our process or assist with compliant filings.

Thank you,

Linda Rantz
Chairwoman
Osage County Republican Central Committee

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Attachment: Elections Complaint with attachments

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OCRC Elections Complaint with statement of facts exhibits pw.pdf (2 MB)