

Exhibit E: Contemporaneous Notes – February 24, 2026

Interaction with Osage County Clerk Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Prepared by: Linda Rantz, Chair, Osage County Republican Central Committee

Date Prepared: February 24, 2026 (notes taken shortly after the conversation, approximately 3:00 p.m.)

Location: Osage County Clerk's Office, visitor window (not inside office)

Summary

On February 24, 2026, around 2:15 p.m., I (Linda Rantz) and Treasurer Craig Rantz visited the Osage County Clerk's office at the visitor window. The purpose of our visit was to: (1) inquire about voter rolls and early voting dates for the April election, (2) ask for sample ballots, (3) request the ballot language for the two April tax initiatives, (4) discuss recruiting election judges (Republican and Democratic), and (5) pick up candidate packets for committee positions.

The clerk provided the information for the first four items. The conversation then turned to the candidate packets for committee positions. The clerk's demeanor prompted me to spontaneously ask about Republican filings.

Detailed Recollection (verbatim or near-verbatim quotes where possible)

1. The clerk handed us four candidate packets for committee filers. She noted they were “one size fits all” and that some forms might not apply to committee positions but provided no further instructions.
2. I spontaneously asked if any Republican candidates had filed that day.

Clerk: “Yes.”

I asked: “Valerie?”

Clerk: “Yes.”

I said: “Expected that, since she completed the process. Any others?”

Clerk: “Yes, quite a few.”

I asked: “How many?”

Clerk: “I would have to check.”

I stated: “No one else completed the process; they do not have receipts from the committee.”

Clerk: “I’m just doing what I’m told.”

I asked: "By whom?"

Clerk: "Travis Elliott."

I said: "I don't know who that is."

Clerk: "Lawyer for the Clerk's Association."

I responded: "The Clerk's Association is an NGO and has no authority over the clerk's statutory duties."

Clerk: "The association lawyer told us we could hire him."

I asked: "The county's going to pay for a lawyer?"

Clerk: "There's one particular commissioner who would need to vet but doesn't want to."

I said: "We all know it's Darryl, so let's just name him."

Clerk: "I'm just doing what I'm told."

I stated: "We're not going to sue Darryl; we're going to sue you, the clerk, for failing to perform your statutory duties."

Clerk: [shrugged] "I'm just doing what I'm told."

3. The clerk had her election law book open, with [RsMO 115.357](#) highlighted, particularly the part stating that a candidate MAY **submit** their filing fee to the clerk.

I pointed out: "You cannot issue the receipt. That has to come from the committee treasurer."

4. At one point, the clerk asked who the current Treasurer is, noting uncertainty after the previous Treasurer's passing and subsequent reorganization of the committee.

I replied: "Brooke, I sent you a letter."

5. I mentioned that I had sent letters to every incumbent Republican with instructions about the process. Not a single one responded, positively or negatively. I noted that, from a legal perspective, silence can be deemed affirmation.

Clerk: "I didn't know letters had been sent."

I clarified: "I sent you a letter in your role as clerk, but did not send you an incumbent letter because, until this moment, I did not know you were going to run as a Republican."

The clerk stated several times during the conversation that she "didn't really read everything."

6. I mentioned our process for issuing zero-dollar receipts for committee positions.

Clerk: "I didn't understand them."

I explained their purpose and that committee candidates do not pay a filing fee. The clerk appeared surprised and began looking at statute 115.357. When she could not locate the section on committee candidate filing fees, she handed me the book. I opened it to the relevant statute ([115.611](#)) and showed her the part about committee positions. She thanked me.

During this entire interaction, the clerk did not provide any filing fees to the treasurer or mention forwarding them to our PO Box. (Note: [115.357](#) states that all sums **submitted** to the clerk SHALL be forwarded **promptly** by the clerk to the treasurer.)

We also requested that the Clerk keep the Treasurer updated about any future filings for Republican positions.

Certification

These notes are a fair and accurate recollection of the conversation based on my memory and contemporaneous notes taken immediately after leaving the clerk's office on February 24, 2026.

Signed: /s/ Linda Rantz

Linda Rantz

Chair, Osage County Republican Central Committee

Date: March 2, 2026

Witness Statement

I, Craig Rantz, Treasurer of the Osage County Republican Central Committee, was present during the entire conversation with Clerk Brooke Dudenhoeffer on February 24, 2026. Although I did not take my own notes, I agree that the above is a fair and accurate summary of what was said and observed.

Signed: /s/ Craig Rantz

Craig Rantz

Treasurer, Osage County Republican Central Committee

Date: /s/ March 2, 2026