

1 (The following case commenced
2 in Courtroom 3 at 9:03 a.m.)

3 THE COURT: No service?

4 ATTORNEY MILLER: Yeah, there is service.

5 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Karla Maville on behalf of Boone
6 County.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 ATTORNEY MILLER: Summons was served on Tuesday
9 along with a notice of hearing for today.

10 THE COURT: All right. Do you have any -- what's
11 your response?

12 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Well, I'm not sure -- we haven't
13 filed an answer yet. I mean, certainly, we can respond
14 orally to the Court this morning if that's what you
15 would like to happen. It was noticed up for, I think, a
16 CMC this morning.

17 THE COURT: Okay. What is the response?

18 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Judge, the order of events here
19 was that on January 23rd the Boone County Clerk realized
20 that they had not received the certification from Poplar
21 Grove yet for the upcoming election on April 1st so the
22 clerk contacted -- the Boone County Clerk contacted the
23 Village of Poplar Grove Clerk, who is Karri Miller, and
24 informed her they had not received her certification

1 yet. The Poplar Grove Clerk asked the Boone County
2 Clerk to send her the forms for the certification. The
3 clerk did that. And then Ms. Miller transmitted the
4 certification for the April 1st election on that day to
5 the Boone County Clerk. What she transmitted was two
6 pages, and the Boone County Clerk received those two
7 pages that day and file stamped them, emailed them back
8 to the Poplar Grove Clerk and said here's a file-stamped
9 copy of what you sent me. So, those two pages, and they
10 are marked Page 1 of 2 and 2 of 2, did not include any
11 candidate for the Poplar Grove Village Clerk position.

12 So, fast forward to last week, the Boone
13 County Clerk received an email from the Poplar Grove
14 Clerk on Wednesday evening approximately 7:30 p.m., so
15 Boone County Clerk saw that Thursday morning, and the
16 email said, essentially, I made a mistake. Here is an
17 amended certification. It's three pages now and that
18 included Ms. Miller's name running for the office of
19 Poplar Grove Clerk. So last Thursday then the Boone
20 County Clerk contacted our office and said here's the
21 situation. The Poplar Grove Clerk left her name off the
22 certification she sent us back in January. She just
23 contacted us today, being last Thursday, and she
24 submitted an amended certification. The problem was

1 that the ballots had been printed, the machines had been
2 programmed because early voting began last Friday. So,
3 we determined -- and the Boone County Clerk contacted
4 the State Board of Elections. The State Board of
5 Elections informed the clerk that, no, you don't have to
6 at this point stop everything and redo everything
7 because of this problem. So, the Boone County Clerk
8 called Liberty, who is the company who programs our
9 machines and prints the ballots and informed us there
10 would be about a \$7,000 expense to do that at that point
11 and, of course, it would delay early voting. We're not
12 sure how long but obviously the ballots in the machine
13 would not be tabulated in time to start early voting the
14 next day. The Boone County Clerk had already published
15 in the newspaper, as they are required to statutorily,
16 when early voting was going to start and take place. So
17 at that point we informed -- and actually we're in
18 conversations with the attorney for the Village that
19 day. We informed her that we would not be halting early
20 voting or changing the day that early voting was going
21 to start. So, last Friday early voting started in Boone
22 County. Ballots were mailed to the folks who have
23 requested by-mail ballots. I know Mr. Miller in his
24 complaint cites Section 16.5 of the Election Code that

1 says ballots shall be printed and in possession of the
2 respective election authorities at least two days before
3 each election and subject to the inspection of
4 candidates and their agents. So he states that Boone
5 County was negligent in their duties because they never
6 sent a sample ballot to the Clerk and the Village.
7 There's nothing statutorily that requires the County to
8 send the sample ballots out to the various election
9 authorities. The sample ballot was made available for
10 inspection. It was posted on the County's website. It
11 was available for inspection in person, if and when one
12 wanted to come into the clerk's office and look at it,
13 and indeed it sort of begs the question how Ms. Miller
14 realized her error if she was unable to see a sample
15 ballot. I believe what happened is she went online and
16 saw the sample ballot, realized that she was not on
17 there, realized her mistake and then attempted to
18 rectify it. So, that statute also says if any mistakes
19 be discovered, they shall be corrected without delay.
20 It's the County's position that the statute is talking
21 about the County making a mistake in that situation.
22 So, if the candidates see that the County has
23 inadvertently left them off the ballot, it shall be
24 corrected. The County didn't make a mistake. The

1 County prepared the ballots --

2 ATTORNEY MILLER: Based on the --

3 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: -- in accordance with the
4 certification that was provided by Poplar Grove. So,
5 while we have sympathy for Ms. Miller and this is an
6 unfortunate situation, we don't believe the County is
7 under any obligation to incur the time, expense, and,
8 frankly, the County was concerned about the voter
9 confusion and delay that would have occurred, especially
10 in this environment with respect to voters who have
11 received an early voting ballot are now going to get a
12 second early voting ballot. The people who had voted
13 early would have had a different ballot than the people
14 who were voting later on in the process or on election
15 day. It was not practicable at that point for the
16 County to change the ballot. And I would note that, you
17 know, these are equitable --

18 THE COURT: Relief is equitable.

19 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: The plaintiff is asking for
20 equitable relief here, and sort of one of the tenets of
21 asking for equitable relief is you have to come in with
22 clean hands. You can't be the person that caused the
23 problem. So, the County's position is the County did
24 not make an error, and it was within the County's

1 discretion to say at that point, no, it is too late.
2 The County was protecting the people of Boone County not
3 only from the extra expense it would cause, but from the
4 delay and confusion it would cause to stop the process
5 at that point and add Ms. Miller to the ballot.

6 THE COURT: When was the amended certification
7 received?

8 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: It was received approximately
9 7:30 p.m. on last Wednesday evening, which would have
10 been the 12th, I believe. So...

11 THE COURT: So practically speaking --

12 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Practically speaking Thursday
13 morning.

14 THE COURT: -- the 13th?

15 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Mm-hmm.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Miller?

17 ATTORNEY MILLER: Your Honor, the situation here is
18 this. The law clearly states in 16.5 of the Election
19 Code that ballots are to be made available for
20 inspection, whether it's the -- if the Clerk relies on
21 the -- kind of relies on the certification, that's one
22 thing. It's not like the Clerk didn't have any notice
23 that Mrs. Miller was a candidate. She filed a Statement
24 of Economic Interest declaring herself as a candidate

1 for the office. She called seeking the information.
2 It's been historically an elected office. Just because
3 you post something online and that's how Mrs. Miller
4 found out about this, was she was viewing the website,
5 looking for the publication ballot because as a
6 candidate she was going to make posts about the
7 election, and then when she noticed she wasn't on there,
8 that's the first time that she noticed there was the
9 mistake. As is noted in the verified complaint, the
10 file on her computer had three pages. Somehow what was
11 transmitted to the County Clerk's Office only had two
12 pages. At no time did the Clerk's Office ever reach out
13 and say, hey, why is there no candidate for Clerk of
14 Poplar Grove? This has been a historically elected
15 race.

16 THE COURT: When was the ballot published?

17 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: On the website, Tuesday, the
18 11th.

19 THE COURT: Of March?

20 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Yes.

21 ATTORNEY MILLER: So we found out within 24 hours.

22 THE COURT: Gotcha.

23 ATTORNEY MILLER: If you look at Section 7-14 of
24 the Election Code -- and I'm going to cite to the *DuPage*

1 County Board of Election Commission case, 345 Ill.App.
2 3d 200. This is a Second District case from 2003. So,
3 at that point this county was still part of the Second
4 District. They state that the certification deadline is
5 mandatory; however, it's not -- it's not to be strictly
6 followed when there is an injustice either to the public
7 interest or to that of a candidate. It's in the
8 public's interest here to have them -- to allow them to
9 vote for their candidates. The situation we're having
10 here is we're not asking for early voting to be halted.
11 There was no other candidate that filed nomination
12 papers to be Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove. This
13 would be an uncontested race. All we're asking is that
14 ballots be reprinted for the April 1st election day.
15 The position that early voting has started, that might
16 be the start of the election, but there can't be any
17 voter confusion. There's no other person that can run
18 for this position.

19 THE COURT: What about write-in's?

20 ATTORNEY MILLER: The certification deadline for a
21 write-in is far past.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 ATTORNEY MILLER: A lot of people say, oh yeah, I'm
24 going to go to polls. I'm going to vote for Mickey

1 Mouse for President of the United States. You can't do
2 that in Illinois. In Illinois only certified
3 individuals can run as write-in candidates. This
4 wouldn't be a very difficult fix. It's not like they
5 have to re-align the entire ballot. There's a position
6 on there for Clerk of Poplar Grove and as of right now
7 it just says "no candidate." You have to insert a
8 bubble and a name. It would be the same exact line.
9 This is not --

10 THE COURT: But they've got to reprint everything
11 that they've already printed?

12 ATTORNEY MILLER: Yes, they would have to reprint,
13 but they would have to have enough ballots. Again,
14 we're not asking for these ballots to be delivered in
15 time for early voting. Only for that of election day.
16 And, generally speaking, my understanding is you print
17 roughly 10 percent more than had voted in the previous
18 election. The previous election there was roughly 750
19 voters in the last presidential election for the
20 consolidated municipal election.

21 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Judge, the bulk of the cost
22 actually comes from paying the company to reconfigure
23 the voting machines, frankly. It's about \$7,000 is the
24 cost of this. And we take exception to the argument

1 that Ms. Miller did not have an opportunity to discover
2 this until March 11th. She's the one who provided the
3 information to the Clerk. The information she provided,
4 Page 1 of 2 and Page 2 of 2 and I guess I'm puzzled by
5 the notion that the clerk had -- the Boone County Clerk
6 had some obligation to realize that there was no --

7 THE COURT: That there was three of three?

8 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: -- candidate -- that there was
9 three of three or that it would -- that the Boone County
10 Clerk should have said, I wonder why there's no
11 candidate on here for Village Clerk. We should call the
12 Village Clerk. That's ridiculous. Sometimes there are
13 no candidates.

14 THE COURT: It says 1 of 2 and 2 of 2.

15 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Correct.

16 THE COURT: Not 2 of 3.

17 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Correct. And this was file
18 stamped and emailed back to the Poplar Grove Clerk by
19 the Boone County Clerk.

20 THE COURT: In January?

21 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Yes. So, the notion that the
22 Poplar Grove Clerk did not have the opportunity to
23 discover her error until March 11th is just -- it's not
24 accurate.

1 ATTORNEY MILLER: Your Honor, if I can briefly
2 respond to that? County wants to argue unclean hands
3 here that the plaintiff doesn't have -- everybody's got
4 unclean hands here. If the ballots are supposed to be
5 sent out for inspection pursuant to 16.5, when does that
6 inspection start?

7 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: That's not what it says. That
8 is not what 16.5 says.

9 ATTORNEY MILLER: Yes, it is. It says that it's
10 subject to the inspection of the candidates.

11 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Made available for inspection is
12 different than sent out for inspection, Counsel.

13 ATTORNEY MILLER: It's still available for
14 inspection, whether it's on a website --

15 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: And it was.

16 ATTORNEY MILLER: And that's when the error was
17 discovered. That's exactly when the error was
18 discovered.

19 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: But, yet, it could have been
20 discovered back in January, Judge, because she is the
21 one who made the error. The County's position is that
22 16.5 is contemplating an error by the County in
23 preparing the ballots. The County made no error in
24 preparing the ballots. They prepared the ballots in

1 accordance with the certification they received from the
2 Poplar Grove Clerk.

3 THE COURT: I'm sorry, when did early voting start?

4 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Friday, last Friday, the 14th.

5 THE COURT: Is it possible we can have the ballots
6 reprinted for in-person voting and the machines
7 reconfigured at Plaintiff's expense?

8 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Is Plaintiff willing to pay for
9 the cost of this?

10 ATTORNEY MILLER: I'll have to check with the
11 plaintiff. I've been told it's \$7,000. I called
12 Liberty Systems myself. They were not able to give me a
13 price. I think an equitable situation here might be we
14 split the cost.

15 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Absolutely not.

16 THE COURT: I'm not saying that that will, Mr.
17 Miller, based upon what I've heard so far, it's not -- I
18 mean, it's your arguments but right now it seems like
19 sending something that says 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 and then
20 saying we have 3 of 3, actually, that's a little bit of
21 an issue. How much time would you need to talk to your
22 client? Do you want to come back at 1:30 or tomorrow
23 morning?

24 ATTORNEY MILLER: I can be back here tomorrow

1 morning.

2 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: That's fine, Judge.

3 ATTORNEY MILLER: If the County can get me a hard
4 number?

5 THE COURT: Well --

6 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: I think you can expect it to be
7 around that amount of money.

8 THE COURT: We could have the order that it would
9 be -- have to find out if the client is willing to do
10 that anyway, so Friday, tomorrow morning. I could set
11 it at 10:15.

12 ATTORNEY MILLER: That's fine. I've got a 10:00
13 o'clock here tomorrow.

14 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: That's fine, Judge.

15 THE COURT: All right. So, reset to 10:15 tomorrow
16 morning in this courtroom for a potential agreed order
17 to resolve the injunctive complaint.

18 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: I need to speak obviously to my
19 client as well, but --

20 THE COURT: Understood. But if they're willing to
21 pay the costs, it's not any damage to the County, other
22 than the time of making the calls and getting it done.

23 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Correct. We are concerned about
24 the appearance of new ballots going out to early voting.

1 It is problematic in light of (A), frankly, our County
2 Clerk being under indictment and on administrative leave
3 and the current political environment.

4 THE COURT: I understand completely.

5 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: So, the County is concerned
6 about those things.

7 THE COURT: So, if the order comes from the
8 Court --

9 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Yes.

10 THE COURT: -- and it's crafted with some findings
11 and resolutions, I think maybe that would be a good --

12 ATTORNEY MILLER: I believe --

13 THE COURT: -- on everything.

14 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: I understand, Judge.

15 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Why don't the two of
16 you talk to your clients? Why don't you talk to each
17 other and let me know where you guys are at tomorrow
18 morning at 10:15?

19 ATTORNEY MAVILLE: Thank you, Judge.

20 ATTORNEY MILLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 (Case concluded at 9:23 a.m.)
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2 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
3 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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5 for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, do
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STATE OF ILLINOIS **TM**
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE

KARRI MILLER, Plaintiff)	
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v.)	Case No. 2025-MR-_____
)	2025MR11
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JULIE A. BLISS, not personally, but in her Official capacity as Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, Illinois Defendant)	
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR MANDAMUS AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, KARRI MILLER, by and through her attorneys, Eric J. Miller and Eric J. Miller Law Group, Ltd. and complains of Defendant as follows:

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

1. Plaintiff is a resident of the Village of Poplar Grove, County of Boone and State of Illinois.
2. Plaintiff was elected as the Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois on April 5, 2021.
3. Plaintiff's term as Clerk of the Village Poplar Grove, Illinois expires on May 1, 2025.
4. Plaintiff filed nomination papers with the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois to run for election for Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois in the April 1, 2025 consolidated general municipal election.
5. As a prerequisite for filing nomination papers for the April 1, 2025 consolidated general municipal election, on or about December 9, 2024, Plaintiff filed a Statement of Economic Interests ("SEI") with the office of the Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, Illinois.

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6. Said SEI indicated that Plaintiff was a candidate for Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois.

7. No other candidates filed nomination papers for the Office of Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois.

8. On January 23, 2025, Plaintiff, in her official capacity as Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois, requested ballot certification forms from Defendant.

9. Upon receipt of said ballot certification forms, Plaintiff certified candidates for the Offices of Village President, Village Clerk and Village Trustee for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election.

10. On March 12, 2025, Plaintiff viewed a specimen ballot on Defendant's website, and it was discovered that Plaintiff's name did not appear on the ballot for the Office of Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois.

11. Plaintiff then emailed Defendant's employee, Carin Hunt, to see why the ballot showed "No Candidate" for the Office of Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois.

12. Ms. Hunt informed Plaintiff that no ballot certification for the Office of Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois was received.

13. Following Plaintiff's conversation with Ms. Hunt, Plaintiff discovered that only the ballot certifications for the Offices of Village President and Village Trustee were transmitted, and the ballot certification transmitted for the Office of Village Clerk was missing.

14. On March 13, 2025, in her official capacity as Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois, Plaintiff filed an amended ballot certification for the Office of Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois with Defendant's office.

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15. Ms. Hunt informed Plaintiff that no steps would be taken to place her on the ballot.

16. On March 14, 2025, The Village Attorney for Poplar Grove, Illinois informed Plaintiff that, according to Boone County State's Attorney Tricia Smith, no ballots would be reprinted pursuant to the amended ballot certification because the election occurs on the date that early voting starts and there was no line on the existing ballot to write in a candidate.

COUNT I – MANDAMUS

17-32. Plaintiff realleges and restates Paragraphs 1 through 16 of Facts Common to All Counts as Paragraphs 17 through 32 as if fully restated herein.

33. Section 16-5 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/16-5) states as follows:

For all elections to which this article applies, the county clerks, in their respective counties, shall have charge of the printing of the ballots for all elections, including referenda, and shall furnish them to the judges of election. In municipalities and counties having a board of election commissioners, such board shall have charge of the printing of the ballots and furnish them to the judges of election within the territory under their jurisdiction. **Ballots shall be printed and in possession of the respective election authorities at least two days before each election and subject to the inspection of candidates and their agents; if any mistakes be discovered they shall be corrected without delay.** The election authority shall cause to be delivered to the judges of election at the polling place of each precinct or district, not less than twelve hours before the time fixed by law for the opening of the polls therein, at least 10% more ballots of the kind to be voted in such precinct or district than the number of voters registered therein for the purposes of such election, such ballots shall be put up in separate sealed packages, with marks on the outside clearly designating the polling place for which they are intended and the number of ballots enclosed, and receipt therefor shall be given by the judges of election to whom they are delivered, which receipt shall be preserved by the election authority. The election authority shall provide and retain at its office an ample supply of ballots, in addition to those distributed to the several voting precincts or districts, and if at any time on or before the day of election the ballots furnished to any precinct shall be lost, destroyed or exhausted before the polls are closed, on written application signed by a majority of the judges he or they shall immediately cause to be delivered to such judges at the polling place, such additional supply of ballots as may be required and sufficient to comply with the provisions of this Act.

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(Emphasis added).

34. At no time up to the filing of this action did Defendant provide a ballot to Plaintiff for inspection.

35. Plaintiff discovered the error and filed an amended ballot certification.

36. Defendant failed to provide an opportunity for candidates for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election to inspect the ballot.

37. The deadline for ballots to be in Defendant's hands for voting at the April 1, 2025 consolidated election is March 30, 2025.

38. Section 2A-1.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*) states that the election be held on the first Tuesday in April, which is April 1, 2025 for the current election cycle.

39. Because Defendant failed to allow for the inspection of ballots by candidates for the April 1, 2025 consolidated, Plaintiff was deprived of her right to have her name placed upon the ballot for election.

40. Defendant's failure to reprint ballots causes irreparable injury to Plaintiff by being deprived of her right to have her name placed upon the ballot for election.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, KARRI MILLER, respectfully prays that this Honorable Court enter a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant and seeks the following relief be ordered:

- A. That a writ of mandamus issue to Defendant commanding that Karri Miller on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election as a candidate for Office of Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois;

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- B. The Defendant cause to have new ballots printed an made available for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election no later than March 30, 2025, subject to the candidate's right of inspection pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/16-5; and
- C. For any other and further relief this Honorable Court deems just and equitable.

**COUNT II – DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
(In the alternative)**

41-56. Plaintiff realleges and restates Paragraphs 1 through 16 of Facts Common to All Counts as Paragraphs 41 through 56 as if fully restated herein.

57. The Illinois Election Code states that the consolidated election occurring in odd-numbered years be held on the first Tuesday of the month of April.

58. Defendant is incorrect in stating that the election occurs on the date that early voting starts.

59. Because Defendant failed to allow for the inspection of ballots by candidates for the April 1, 2025 consolidated, Plaintiff was deprived of her right to have her name placed upon the ballot for election.

60. Defendant's failure to reprint ballots causes irreparable injury to Plaintiff by being deprived of her right to have her name placed upon the ballot for election.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, KARRI MILLER, respectfully prays that this Honorable Court enter a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant and seeks the following relief be ordered:


- A. The Defendant be ordered to place Karri Miller on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election as a candidate for Office of Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois;

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- B. The Defendant cause to have new ballots printed and made available for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election no later than March 30, 2025, subject to the candidate's right of inspection pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/16-5; and
- C. For any other and further relief this Honorable Court deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

KARRI MILLER

By: 

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VERIFICATION OF PLEADINGS

Under the penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statement set forth in the instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such matters, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.



Eric J. Miller, Esq.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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COUNTY OF BOONE

KARRI MILLER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIE A. BLISS, not personally, but in her
Official capacity as Clerk and Recorder of Boone
County, Illinois

Defendant.

NO. 25-MR-11

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

ORDER

Whereas Plaintiff filed papers to run for election for Clerk of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois;

Whereas on January 23, 2025, Plaintiff requested certification from Defendant;

Whereas the ballot certification information provided by Plaintiff to Defendant failed to list Plaintiff as a candidate for Poplar Grove Village Clerk;

Whereas on March 11, 2025 Defendant published a specimen ballot that accurately reflected the information provided by Plaintiff on January 23, 2025;

Whereas on March 12, 2025, Plaintiff realized her error and communicated that information to Defendant;

Whereas the parties were at an impasse on how to rectify the error on the specimen ballot, necessitating the filing of the instant lawsuit;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: Over the objection of Defendant, Defendant shall place Plaintiff on a new, corrected ballot. That process shall begin upon Plaintiff paying to Defendant the costs associated with such action, totaling \$13,604.37. As this action resolves all matters in dispute between the parties, this case is dismissed. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order.


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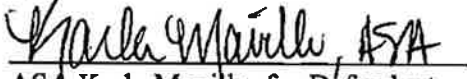


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Eric Miller, Attorney for Plaintiff

Approved as to form only:


ASA Karla Maville, for Defendant