Final Action: MEC No. 24-0062-I, James Denver Ellis, Committee to Elect Ellis, Salem, Mo

Date: July 16, 2024

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against James Denver Ellis and Committee to Elect Ellis, at its July 15, 2024, meeting.

James Denver Ellis is a candidate for Dent County Associate Commissioner in the August 6, 2024, election. Committee to Elect Ellis is a candidate committee registered with the MEC in support of his candidacy. The complaint filed with the Commission alleged that Mr. Ellis failed to include a "paid for by" disclosure on printed campaign material and provided a photo of the sign from a distance.

The investigation showed that the sign included the paid for by disclosure which reads, "Paid for by: Committee to Elect Ellis McKael Lewis, Treasurer." The signs therefore contained the proper paid for by disclosure as outlined in the statute

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

Elizabeth L. Ziegler Executive Director