

Wisconsin Elections Commission

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April 9, 2024

Dennis Runge 1926 South 15th Street Sheboygan, WI 53081

Sent via email: dabearsfan5297@gmail.com

Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission

Case No.: EL 24-36 – Denis Runge v. "City of Sheboygan Clerk"

Dear Dennis Runge,

On April 8, 2024, the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) received a sworn complaint from you by mail at our office. Your complaint does not identify a clear respondent, though it mentions the Sheboygan City Clerk by the possible first name "Meredith," as well as Sheboygan County Clerk Jon Dolson, "the Voting Commission," and an individual named Glen Grossman.

I am unable to process your complaint because it contains at least one deficiency. Under Wis. Admin. Code EL § 20.04(1), I am required to determine within 10 business days whether the complaint is timely, sufficient as to form, and states probable cause. If the complaint does not meet that standard, the administrative code directs me to promptly return the complaint without prejudice, specifying both the defect in the complaint and the information appropriate to correct the defect, if possible. Wis. Admin. Code EL § 20.04(2).

Your complaint is not sufficient as to form because your complaint does not clearly identify the election official(s) who you allege took actions that were contrary to law or an abuse of discretion. Wis. Stat. § 5.06(1). You must provide the full names of any intended respondents, and those respondents must be election officials who serve your jurisdiction. Your complaint fails to "state the name and last known post office address" of the respondent. Wis. Admin. Code EL § 20.03(3). You must provide a mailing address for intended respondents so that they may be properly notified and given a chance to respond to the allegations in the complaint. Finally, your complaint also fails to "specify the statutory basis" for your allegations. Wis. Admin. Code EL § 20.03(3). You must cite specific provisions of chapters 5 through 10 and 12 that the intended respondent allegedly violated.

I am returning your complaint to you without prejudice, meaning you are free to file it again once you have corrected the deficiency outlined above. The only way to correct this type of deficiency would be for an elector from the Town of Wrightstown to file the complaint.

If you have specific questions about the complaint process, please contact Angela O'Brien Sharpe at angela.sharpe@wisconsin.gov.

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Sincerely,

WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Meagan Wolfe Administrator

cc: Commission Members