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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SHANNON COUNTY, MISSOURI

WILLIAM CAMM SEAY,
PLAINTIFF,

Vs.

Case No.: 25AN-CV00120

SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSION
DEFENDANT.

JUDGMENT

Now on this 29TH day of July, 2025, this cause comes on for hearing on the Petition for Preliminary Injunction. The Plaintiff, Prosecuting Attorney William Camm Seay, appears in person and Defendant Shannon County Commission appears by its attorney Ivan L. Schraeder. Proposed intervenor Sheriff Steven Hogan appears in person and by counsel Jason Coatney. The court takes up proposed intervenor Hogan's Motion to Substitute Parties and denies said Motion. Plaintiff announced that he was abandoning Count I of his Petition and announced ready to proceed on Count II. Evidence was adduced by Plaintiff.

The Court finds that the gathering by the Northern and Southern District Commissioners on June 12, 2025, by their own admissions, were there to conduct business which included executing termination letters to Shannon County Sheriff's staff. Said gathering constitutes a meeting and the County Clerk posted no notice of the meeting. Accordingly, the actions of the Shannon County Commissioner in terminating the staff of the Shannon County Sheriff's Office as evidenced by Plaintiff's Exhibit "5" is void Ab Initio.

The finding by the Court that said action is void is irrelevant in that the Shannon County Commission does not have the authority to terminate the existing staff nor diminish their existing pay pursuant to Kuyper vs Stone County Commissioner 838 S.W. 2d 436.

Since no purpose is served by further extending the injunction heretofore entered or further requested the existing restraining order is dissolved. The bond heretofore posted is released.

Cost taxed to Plaintiff.

SO ORDERED:



HON JOHN BLOODWORTH
CIRCUIT JUDGE BY
ASSIGNMENT
37TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Dated: _____, 2025
TIME: _____