



**Statement from the Chair of the Monroe County Republican Party  
regarding the resignation of Commissioner Mark Brant**

Date: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

I have received several requests for comment over the last week regarding the legal issues surrounding Commissioner Brant and so I would offer this brief statement. I was surprised as well as disappointed to learn of the legal issues and recent conviction of one of our County Commissioners. Unfortunately, I learned of these issues along with most of the public over the last two weeks and have nothing more of concrete fact to provide than what the public also knows at this time.

Mr. Brant is a dues paying member of our party and a Statutory member of our Executive Committee. However, he has not attended an Executive Committee meeting since at least 2022, before the term of our current officers and Executive Committee members began. Our officers have rarely had any communication with him and had no awareness that he had an ongoing lawsuit in the state of Ohio. Had we been made aware earlier, we would have discouraged him from running for re-election this year.

With Mark's announced resignation we will continue to communicate with our County Clerk and the other County Commissioners on the path forward for the remainder of his current term, as well as what steps may come next year pending the outcome of the November election.

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