

**KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE  
CASE NO. 2026-0067**

**In Re: 2026 Primary Campaign Fund of Chet Thomas Hand for Boone County Judge Executive; Chet Thomas Hand, Candidate; and Mark Kunkel, Treasurer; Bavarian Trucking Company, Inc., dba Bavarian Waste Services**

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**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT**  
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Pursuant to KRS 121.140 and 32 KAR 2:030, §3, the above-named Respondents are hereby notified that a sworn complaint alleging violations of Kentucky’s campaign finance laws (KRS Chapter 121) by the 2026 Primary Campaign Fund of Chet Thomas Hand for Boone County Judge Executive, with Candidate Chet Thomas Hand and Treasurer Mark Kunkel, (“the Hand Campaign Fund”) was filed with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (Registry) on May 1, 2026. (See attached Exhibit A.)

The Complaint specifically alleges that the Hand Campaign Fund has failed to file a full statement of campaign contributions and expenditures for the 2026 primary election, as required by KRS 121.180(3)(a) by not reporting either expenditures for or contributions by others of campaign advertising. Further, the Complaint alleges that the Hand Campaign Fund is using campaign advertising graphics expressly advocating for Candidate Hand’s election that do not display the required disclaimer in violation of KRS 121.190(1). Finally, the Complaint alleges that the Hand Campaign Fund accepted a contribution from the corporation Bavarian Trucking Company, Inc., doing business as Bavarian Waste Services, (“the corporation”) and that the corporation gave the Hand Campaign Fund a contribution potentially in violation of KRS 121.025 and KRS 121.035. (See attached Exhibit B for statutory references.) Because of the last allegation, the Registry has added the corporation as a respondent.

This initial listing of Respondent(s) does not preclude the Registry from naming additional Respondents, as information develops and warrants, at any time while this matter is pending. Any above-named Respondent may file a response to this Complaint within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of this Notice. A sworn statement is preferred. Failure to respond to the alleged violations may result in reason to believe findings by the General Counsel pursuant to 32 KAR 2:030, § 4.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

Kentucky Registry of Election Finance  
140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601  
Phone: (502) 573-2226  
Fax: (502) 573-5622



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Leslie M. Saunders  
General Counsel

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that copies of this Notice and Complaint were served by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage prepaid on the following Respondents:

Chet Hand  
674 Chambers Road  
Walton, KY 41094  
*Candidate for Hand Campaign Fund*

Mark Kunkel  
2554 Petersburg Road  
Hebron, KY 41048  
*Treasurer for Hand Campaign Fund*

James Brueggemann  
12764 McCoy Fork Rd.  
Walton, KY 41094  
*Registered Agent for Bavarian Trucking Company, Inc.*

with copy of this Notice only also served by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Complainant:

Phyllis Sparks  
1750 Beaver Road  
Walton, KY 41094  
*Complainant*

this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026:



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Leslie M. Saunders  
General Counsel

## INDEX OF EXHIBITS

**Exhibit A:** Sworn Complaint from Phyllis Sparks Exhibits, received May 1, 2026.

**Exhibit B:** KRS 121.025: Corporate contributions to candidates prohibited; KRS 121.035 Corporate contributions to aid candidates for public office prohibited-- Aid to support a constitutional amendment, public issue, or building fund account permitted; KRS 121.140: Investigation of complaint – Conciliation Agreement hearing – Decision and order – Appeal from order – Reference for possible prosecution – Judicial Review; 121.180: Exemption from campaign finance reporting requirements -- Reports required of committees and treasurers -- Penalties -- Use of campaign funds -- Prohibited uses -- Disposition of unexpended campaign funds -- Electronic reporting -- "No change since last report" designation; 121.190 Identification of contributors and advertisers; and 32 KAR 2:030: Complaints, internally-generated matters.