

DECLARATION OF JESSICA HOBBS

I, Jessica Hobbs, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and qualified to make this Declaration.
2. I am a member of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and a named defendant in *Brant v. Stancil and Hobbs*, Madison County No. CVCV036143.
3. I attended the hearing set in that matter on July 20, 2026. At the hearing, and in response to direct questioning by the Court, Mr. Swanson acknowledged that the Board of Supervisors would be his client if they asked for his representation. Mr. Swanson's only qualification was that the Board hadn't really done that often since August 2025.
4. Since the Board of Supervisors retained outside counsel in August 2025, Mr. Swanson, in his role as the Madison County Attorney, has provided legal advice to me in my official capacity, responded to legal inquiries on my behalf, and taken other actions consistent with his role as legal counsel to the Board. These actions are documented in email communications dated October 21, 2025; November 19, 2025; March 16, 2026; March 31, 2026; April 4, 2026; April 10, 2026; May 1, 2026; May 6, 2026; May 28, 2026; and June 9, 2026.
5. Mr. Swanson has also remained adamant that he continues to serve as the Madison County Attorney. Mr. Swanson has never been formally removed as Madison County Attorney or replaced as legal counsel to the Board.
6. I have also been included on at least one privileged communication sent by Mr. Swanson, in his role as county attorney, dated August 7, 2025, and related to the civil rights complaint filed by Michele Brant.
7. Any relevant communications are available for the Court's *in camera* review, should the Court find it necessary.

I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the state of Iowa that the preceding is true and correct.

Jessica Hobbs
Jessica Hobbs (Aug 6, 2026 07:57:22 CDT)

Jessica Hobbs
Aug 6, 2026

Date