

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MISSOURI, SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

Sandy Phillips v. Stoddard County Circuit Court, et al.

Phillips · No. 1:25-cv-00151-SNLJ · Decided April 2, 2026

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION SANDY PHILLIPS,)) Plaintiff,)) v.) Case No. 1:25-cv-00151-
SNLJ) STODDARD COUNTY CIRCUIT) COURT, et al.,)) Defendants.) MEMORANDUM
AND ORDER This matter is before the Court upon review of the file. Self-represented Plaintiff
Sandy Phillips brought this civil action for alleged violations of the Fair Housing Act, the
Americans with Disabilities Act, Missouri law, and 42 U.S.C. § 1938.

[Docs. 1, 4]. On February 20, 2026, after granting Plaintiff in forma pauperis status, the Court
reviewed her pleadings under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and directed her to file a second amended
complaint within thirty (30) days. [Doc. 11].

The Court cautioned Plaintiff that her failure to timely comply with the Order would result in the
dismissal of the case without further notice. [Id. at 2, 11]. Plaintiff's response was due by March
23, 2026. To date, Plaintiff has neither responded to the Court's Order, nor sought additional time
to do so. Plaintiff was given meaningful notice of what was expected, she was cautioned that her
case would be dismissed if she failed to timely comply, and she was given ample time to comply.

The Court will therefore dismiss this action, without prejudice, due to Plaintiff's failure to comply
with the Court's February 20, 2026 Order and her failure to prosecute her case. See Fed. R. Civ. P.
41(b); see also *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962) (the authority of a court to
dismiss sua sponte for lack of prosecution is inherent power governed "by the control necessarily
vested in courts to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious
disposition of cases"); *Brown v. Frey*, 806 F.2d 801, 803 (8th Cir.

1986) (a district court has the power to dismiss an action for the plaintiff's failure to comply with
any court order). Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED without
prejudice. A separate order of dismissal will be entered herewith. IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED
that an appeal from this dismissal would not be taken in good faith. Dated this 2nd day of April,
2026.

STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR. " SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

