

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

JAMES ELSTON,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 2:18CV19 RLW
	)	
JOHNNIE POLLARD, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

**I. Request for Extension**

Plaintiff asked for an “extension to be able to learn how to file motions and put together my case[.]” (ECF No. 22). Plaintiff, however, has not identified the particular deadlines for which he needs an extension. Therefore, the Court denies Plaintiff’s request for an extension, without prejudice.

**II. Motion for Appointment of Counsel**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff’s Motion for Appointment of Counsel (ECF No. 25).

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in a civil case. *Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing*, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, courts consider factors that include whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his prayer for relief, whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel, whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the plaintiff’s allegations, and whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. *See Battle v. Armontrout*, 902 F.2d 701, 702 (8th Cir. 1990); *Johnson v. Williams*, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); *Nelson*, 728 F.2d at 1005.

After considering Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel, in view of the relevant factors, the Court finds that the facts and legal issues presented in the instant case are not so complex as to warrant the appointment of counsel at this time. In addition, the pleadings filed by James Elston, indicate that he is capable of presenting the facts and legal issues without the assistance of counsel. Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel will therefore be denied.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Request for an Extension (ECF No. 22) is **DENIED**, without prejudice.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel (ECF No. 25) is **DENIED**, without prejudice

Dated this 21st day of November, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronnie L. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

**RONNIE L. WHITE**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**