UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiffs.

Case No. 11-CV-236-JPS

DR. TOBY TYLER WATSON,

Relator,

v.

JENNIFER KING VASSEL.

ORDER

Defendant.

Trial was scheduled to begin in this matter on December 9, 2013. (Docket #100). However, prior to trial, the defendant's counsel informed the Court that the parties had reached a settlement in principle, and that a trial would not be necessary. (Docket #181). The parties have not yet filed a stipulation to dismiss the case, despite the fact that they reached a settlement in principle a month ago.

Therefore, the Court will now direct that they file a stipulation for dismissal on or before Friday, January 10, 2014. Failure to file that stipulation will result in the Court dismissing the case with prejudice for want of prosecution. *See, e.g., Link v. Wabash R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630 (1962) ("The authority of a federal trial court to dismiss a plaintiff's action with prejudice because of his failure to prosecute cannot seriously be doubted."); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

Finally, the Court also notes that it still has possession of the hard copies of the pretrial reports and exhibits submitted by the parties. If they desire return of those documents, they should pick them up from the Court's chambers on or before Wednesday, January 15, 2014. If the documents are not picked up on or before that date, the Court will send them to the Clerk of Court's office to be destroyed.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the parties shall file a stipulation of dismissal in this case on or before Friday, January 10, 2014; failure to file that stipulation will result in the Court's dismissal of this matter with prejudice for want of prosecution, *Link*, 370 U.S. at 630; Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall pick up the hard copies of their pretrial reports and exhibits from the Court's chambers on or before Wednesday, January, 15, 2014; if the parties do not timely pick up those documents, the Court will send them to the Clerk of Court's office to be destroyed.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 6th day of January, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

J.P. Stadtmueller

0.S. District Judge