



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 20-0077-I, Annette Turnbaugh & Citizens for Annette Turnbaugh

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Annette Turnbaugh and Citizens for Annette Turnbaugh at its October 16, 2020 meeting.

The complaint that was filed with the Commission alleged a number of reporting violations and a failure to report a March 5, 2020 fundraising event.

With respect to the reporting violations, the investigation by the MEC determined that these Respondents filed the April 2020 Quarterly Report on April 14, 2020. That report was amended on June 27, 2020, and the amendment addressed the reporting violations that were alleged in the complaint and the amendment appears on the MEC's website.

However, the MEC's computer records revealed that Respondents mistakenly started two amended reports on July 27, 2020. While one report was completed and submitted, the second amended report was never completed. When Respondents went to prepare the July 2020 Quarterly report on July 15, 2020, they mistakenly submitted the duplicate and incomplete amended report.

Regarding the fundraising event, Section 130.031.6, RSMo, requires a separate fundraising report under specific conditions; notably, when the committee takes "contributions from individuals whose names and addresses cannot be ascertained[.]" However, the MEC investigation confirmed that Respondents accepted no anonymous contributions and reported all itemized contributions from all contributors. Accordingly, no fundraising report was required.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

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