



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
ASKEW FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Askew for President Committee ("the Committee"), to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 9038(a) of Title 26 of the United States Code which states that "after each matching payment period, the Commission shall conduct a thorough examination and audit of the qualified campaign expenses of every candidate and his authorized committees who received payments under Section 9037."

In addition, Section 9039(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and Section 9038.1(a)(2) of Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations states that the Commission may conduct other examinations and audits from time to time as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

The Committee registered with the Federal Election Commission as the principal campaign committee for the Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew on October 13, 1981.^{1/} The Committee maintained its headquarters in Miami, Florida but subsequently moved to Tallahassee, Florida in May 1984.

The audit covered the period from the Committee's inception, August 6, 1981, through February 29, 1984, the final coverage date of the last report filed at the time of the audit. In addition, certain financial activity was reviewed through April 24, 1984. The Committee reported a beginning cash balance of \$-0-, total receipts for the period of \$3,124,449.68, total expenditures for the period of \$3,085,705.27 and a closing cash balance on February 29, 1984 of \$37,269.41.^{2/}

^{1/} The Committee registered as the Reubin Askew Exploratory Committee on October 13, 1981. On January 3, 1983, the Committee amended its name to the Askew for President Committee.

^{2/} The totals do not foot due to math discrepancies on the reports (difference of \$1,475.00).

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This report is based upon documents and work papers which support each of the factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in the report and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee during the period audited were Lorna D. Allen, Treasurer from October 13, 1981 until August 26, 1982 and Donald M. Middlebrooks, Treasurer from August 26, 1982 until the present.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of Committee debts and obligations; review of contribution and expenditure limitations; and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Findings Related to Title 2 of the United States Code

The Audit staff's examination of the Askew for President Committee's records and reports disclosed no material problems related to Title 2 of the United States Code.

III. Finding Related to Title 26 of the United States Code

A. Determination of Net Outstanding Campaign Obligations

Section 9034.5(a) of Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that the candidate submit a Statement of Net Outstanding Campaign Obligations which contains, among other items, the total of all outstanding obligations for qualified campaign expenses and an estimate of necessary winding down costs within 15 days of the candidate's date of ineligibility.

In addition, Section 9034.1(b) of Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations states, in part, that if on the date of ineligibility a candidate has net outstanding campaign obligations as defined under 11 CFR 9034.5, that candidate may continue to receive matching payments provided that on the date of payment there are remaining net outstanding campaign obligations.

The Committee filed a Statement of Net Outstanding Campaign Obligations (NOCO) on March 21, 1984.^{3/} The Audit staff has reviewed the amended statement filed by the Committee, and has prepared an audited statement which appears below.

^{3/} The Committee amended its original NOCO on April 9, 1984.

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Audit Analysis of Committee's NOCO Statement
As of March 1, 1984 a/

ASSETS

Cash on Hand (Petty Cash)	\$	75.79	
Cash in Bank		37,269.41	
Accounts Receivable		9,671.43	
Capital Assets		<u>13,400.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$ 60,416.63</u>	\$ 60,416.63

OBLIGATIONS

Accounts Payable	\$196,794.03
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ESTIMATED WINDING DOWN

COSTS

(March 2, 1984 through
July 31, 1984)

Salaries	\$14,956.45
Telephone	500.00
Postage	350.00
Miscellaneous	416.85
Accounting Fees	<u>300.00</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED WINDING
DOWN COSTS

\$16,523.30	<u>16,523.30</u>
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TOTAL OBLIGATIONS

<u>\$213,317.33</u>	\$ <u>213,317.33</u>
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NET OUTSTANDING CAMPAIGN
OBLIGATIONS-DEFICIT AS
OF MARCH 1, 1984 b/

\$ (152,900.70)

a/ March 1, 1984 is the date determined by the Commission to be the Candidate's date of ineligibility for purposes of incurring qualified campaign expenses.

b/ Since certain estimates were used in computing this amount, the Audit staff will review the Committee's reports and records to compare the actual figures with the estimates and prepare adjustments, as necessary.

It should be noted that the Committee has agreed with all components of the audited NOCO, and has further agreed to use the audited NOCO as the basis for all subsequent NOCO's submitted.

In addition, our review of the Committee's reports and contribution records indicated that for the period March 2, 1984 through April 24, 1984, the Committee received \$24,749.33 in individual contributions and matching funds.

Conclusion

Based on our analysis of records made available, as of April 24, 1984 the Committee's remaining entitlement is \$128,151.37 (\$152,900.70 - \$24,749.33).

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