Interim Audit Report of the Audit Division of Spike Maynard for Congress
(February 17, 2010 - December 31, 2010)

Why the Audit Was Done
Federal law permits the Commission to conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee that is required to file reports under the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act). The Commission generally conducts such audits when a committee appears not to have met the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act. The audit determines whether the committee complied with the limitations, prohibitions and disclosure requirements of the Act.

About the Campaign (p. 2)
Spike Maynard for Congress is the principal campaign committee for Elliott Edward Maynard, Republican candidate for the House of Representatives from the state of West Virginia, 3rd District, headquartered in Williamson, West Virginia. For more information, see the Chart on the Campaign Organization, p. 2.

Financial Activity (p. 2)
- Receipts
  o Contributions from Individuals $954,961
  o Contributions from Political Committees and Other Receipts $76,253
  Total Receipts $1,031,214
- Disbursements
  o Operating Expenditures $967,005
  o Refunds to Individuals $60,000
  Total Disbursements $1,027,005

Finding and Recommendation (p. 3)
- Disclosure of Disbursements

Future Action
The Commission may initiate an enforcement action, at a later time, with respect to the matter discussed in this report.

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1 2 U.S.C. §438(b).
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Part I
Background

Authority for Audit
This report is based on an audit of Spike Maynard for Congress (SMFC), undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission (the Commission) in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act). The Audit Division conducted the audit pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §438(b), which permits the Commission to conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee that is required to file a report under 2 U.S.C. §434. Prior to conducting any audit under this subsection, the Commission must perform an internal review of reports filed by selected committees to determine if the reports filed by a particular committee meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act. 2 U.S.C. §438(b).

Scope of Audit
Following Commission-approved procedures, the Audit staff evaluated various risk factors and as a result, this audit examined:
1. the disclosure of individual contributors' occupation and name of employer;
2. the disclosure of disbursements, debts and obligations;
3. the consistency between reported figures and bank records;
4. the completeness of records; and
5. other committee operations necessary to the review.
Part II
Overview of Campaign

Campaign Organization

Important Dates
- Date of Registration: February 26, 2010
- Audit Coverage: February 17, 2010 - December 31, 2010

Headquarters
Williamson, West Virginia

Bank Information
- Bank Depositories: One
- Bank Accounts: Two checking

Treasurer
- Treasurer When Audit Was Conducted: Robert Ryan
- Treasurer During Period Covered by Audit: Robert Ryan

Management Information
- Attended FEC Campaign Finance Seminar: No
- Who Handled Accounting and Recordkeeping Tasks: Paid Staff

Overview of Financial Activity
(Audited Amounts)

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Part III
Summary

Finding and Recommendation

Disclosure of Disbursements
The Audit staff identified 84 disbursements, totaling $261,999, with missing or inadequately disclosed purposes. Subsequent to the exit conference, SMFC filed amended reports that materially corrected the disclosure of these disbursements. The Audit staff recommends that SMFC provide any additional comments it deems relevant to this matter. (For more detail, see p. 4)
Part IV
Finding and Recommendation

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Legal Standard
A. Reporting Operating Expenditures. When operating expenditures to the same person exceed $200 in an election cycle, the committee must report the:
- Amount;
- Date when the expenditures were made;
- Name and address of the payee; and
- Purpose (a brief description of why the disbursement was made—see below). 11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)(i).

B. Examples of Purpose.
- Adequate Descriptions. Examples of adequate descriptions of “purpose” include the following: dinner expenses, media, salary, polling, travel, party fees, phone banks, travel expenses, travel expense reimbursement, catering costs, loan repayment, or contribution refund. 11 CFR §104.3 (b)(4)(i)(A).
- Inadequate Descriptions. The following descriptions do not meet the requirement for reporting “purpose”: advance, election-day expenses, other expenses, expense reimbursement, miscellaneous, outside services, get-out-the-vote and voter registration. 11 CFR §104.3 (b)(4)(i)(A).

Facts and Analysis

A. Facts
During audit fieldwork, the Audit staff identified 84 disbursements for salary payments and payments to media vendors for television ads totaling $261,999 with either missing or inadequately disclosed purposes. SMFC disclosed 55 of these disbursements totaling $213,696 without purposes in its reports filed with the Commission. SMFC reported the remainder of these disbursements using inadequate purposes such as “reimbursement” or “collateral.” When the Audit staff presented this matter during fieldwork, SMFC representatives responded that they had attempted to amend their reports prior to fieldwork, but were unable to do so due to technical difficulties.
B. Interim Audit Report & Audit Division Recommendation

During the exit conference held at the conclusion of fieldwork, Audit staff provided SMFC representatives with a schedule detailing items reported with inadequate or undisclosed purposes. The Audit staff recommended that SMFC file amended Schedules B (Itemized Disbursements) to correct the disclosure of these transactions. SMFC representatives agreed to the Auditor's recommendation that amended reports be filed to fully disclose the purposes of the disbursements in question.

Subsequent to the exit conference, SMFC filed amended reports that materially corrected the disclosure of the disbursements noted above.

The Audit staff recommends that SMFC provide any additional comments it feels are relevant to this matter.