

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Ralph Thomas

Case No.: FEC 16-418

TO: Jason Gonzalez, Esquire
Shutts & Bowen LLP
215 South Monroe Street, Suite 804
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Barbara Wilson
107 Wildlife Lane
Crawfordville, FL 32327

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 17, 2017 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 214, Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 1, 2017

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.



Notices of Substitution of Counsel - Complaint numbers : 16-354; 16-355; 16-352; 16-351; 16-350 and 16-418

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1 Attachment



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Attached please find the Notices of Substitution of Counsel in the above referenced complaint numbers.

Thanks so much.



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**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

IN RE: RALPH THOMAS,

Complaint No. 16-418

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Notice is hereby given that Daniel E. Nordby of Shutts & Bowen LLP is withdrawing as counsel for Respondent Ralph Thomas in this proceeding. Mr. Nordby will be leaving the law firm of Shutts & Bowen within the week to accept employment in state government. Effective April 17, 2017, Respondent Ralph Thomas will be represented in this proceeding by Jason Gonzalez of the law firm of Shutts & Bowen LLP.

/s/ Daniel Nordby

Daniel E. Nordby (FBN 014588)

Jason Gonzalez (FBN 146854)

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CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I hereby certify that a true copy of this document has been filed via email on April 17, 2017, with:

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Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050
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**STATE OF FLORIDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.11(4)**, and **106.19(1)(d)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on March 16, 2017, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On October 25, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a sworn complaint alleging that Ralph Thomas (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2016 candidate for re-election to the Wakulla County Commission, District 1. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (“DS-DE 9”) appointing Lona Matherne as Respondent’s treasurer was filed with the Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections’ office on October 13, 2015. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹

3. By letter dated December 16, 2016, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a candidate for re-election to the Wakulla County Commission, District 1, incurred one or more campaign expenses, without sufficient funds on deposit in the campaign depository, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a candidate for re-election to the Wakulla County Commission, District 1, made or authorized one or more expenditures prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the complaint.

4. In an affidavit dated December 27, 2016, Henry F. Wells, Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections, attested that Respondent was provided with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and that Respondent was informed that the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* was available on their website. Mr. Wells further asserted that Respondent was first elected to office in 2012. (ROI Exhibit 6)

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

5. On October 13, 2015, Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate form with the Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections' office in which he asserted that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 7)

6. Complainant alleged that Respondent incurred campaign expenses without having sufficient funds on deposit in his campaign depository. Specifically, Complainant alleged that Respondent did not have sufficient funds on deposit in his campaign depository to cover an expenditure on May 17, 2016, to Big Daddy's Signs. As evidence, Complainant provided a spreadsheet showing Respondent's contributions and expenditures which Complainant created based on data obtained from Respondent's campaign treasurer's reports. (ROI Exhibit 2).

7. In response to the complaint, Respondent denied the allegation that he had insufficient funds in his campaign account. Respondent explained that a typographical error on his 2016 Q2 Report gave the appearance that the expenditure at issue occurred before sufficient funds were deposited to cover it. Respondent asserted that the expenditure to Big Daddy's Signs in the amount of \$2,178.06 was covered by sufficient funds because it occurred on May 26, 2016, rather than on May 17, 2016, which was the date Respondent had originally reported the expenditure being made. Respondent provided an amended 2016 Q2 Report showing that he corrected the date at issue.² (ROI Exhibit 3 and Attachment A)

8. Respondent also provided a letter signed by Amy Geiger, President of the Wakulla County branch of Respondent's campaign depository. In the letter, Ms. Geiger stated that Respondent's account, "has never had insufficient funds nor been assessed a fee for insufficient funds." Ms. Geiger further explained that four \$10 service charges assessed to Respondent were not associated with issues of insufficient funds, but were charged to Respondent's account in error and were refunded.³ (ROI Exhibit 4)

9. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to secure bank records. The following table sets forth Respondent's campaign account transactions over the period relevant to this complaint.

TABLE 1: FUNDS IN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT WHEN EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED				
Transaction Date	Check #	Description of Transaction	Amount	Funds on Deposit
10/13/15		Deposit	\$50.00	\$50.00
10/21/15		Harland Clarke Chk Order	\$30.39	\$19.61

² Bank records obtained during the investigation revealed that the check for \$2,178.06 made out to Big Daddy's Signs was dated May 24, 2016, but was posted to Respondent's campaign account on May 26, 2016. However, bank records also showed that Respondent's account had sufficient funds on May 24, 2016, to cover this expense.

³ Complainant had questioned what she believed to be bank charges of \$10.00 for insufficient funds as reported in Respondent's campaign treasurer's reports. On four separate occasions, Respondent reported an expenditure to the bank in the amount of \$10.00 for "service charge" or "service fee."

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11/13/15		Deposit	\$1000.00	\$1047.11
01/07/16	1102	Wakulla Senior Center	\$50.00	\$997.11
01/07/16	1103	Christian Coalition of Wakulla	\$75.00	\$922.11
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05/06/16	1114	New Bridge Hope MBC	\$60.00	\$45.35
05/18/26		Deposit	\$1950.00	\$1995.35
05/23/16		Deposit	\$550.00	\$2545.35
05/24/16	1115	Big Daddy's Signs	\$2178.06	\$367.29
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06/10/16		Deposit	\$650.00	\$918.29
06/14/16		Deposit – Paypal Verifybank PPD	\$0.14	\$918.43
06/14/16		Deposit – Paypal Verifybank PPD	\$0.10	\$918.53
06/14/16		Deposit	\$580.00	\$1498.53
06/14/16		Debit - Paypal – Verifybank PPD	\$0.24	\$1498.29
06/14/16	1116	WCYFCA	\$125.00	\$1373.29
06/17/16		Deposit - Paypal – Transfer PPD	\$193.90	\$1567.19
06/18/16		DBT Crd – Bass Pro Shops	\$59.06	\$1508.13
06/18/16		POS Deb – Advance Auto Parts	\$48.12	\$1460.01
06/27/16		DBT Crd - BigDaddySSI	\$1171.30	\$288.71
06/28/16		⁴ Deposit	\$800.00	\$1,088.71

10. As depicted in the above table, an examination of Respondent’s bank records has revealed that Respondent was correct in his assertion that there was a typographical error in his 2016 Q2 Report regarding the expenditure in May to Big Daddy’s Signs, and there is no record of expenditures having been made without sufficient funds being on account in Respondent’s campaign depository to cover them.

11. Pursuant to Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes, no candidate may authorize any expenses unless there are sufficient funds on deposit in the primary depository account of the candidate to pay the full amount of the authorized expense, to honor all other checks drawn on such account, which checks are outstanding, and to meet all expenses previously authorized but not yet paid.

12. Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, prohibits a candidate from making or authorizing any expenditure in violation of Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes, or any other expenditure prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

13. Based on the information above, there is no record or evidence that Respondent authorized expenses without having sufficient funds on account in his campaign depository.

14. “Probable Cause” is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

⁴ Last activity in the campaign account for the month of June 2016.

15. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2016 candidate for re-election to the Wakulla County Commission, District 1. A review of bank records from Respondent's campaign depository revealed that there is no record of expenditures having been authorized without sufficient funds being on account to cover them. There is insufficient evidence to reasonably conclude that Respondent authorized expenses without having sufficient funds on account in his campaign depository to cover them.

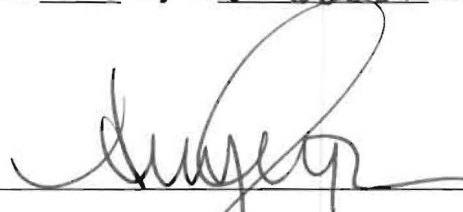
Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Sections 106.11(4), and 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted on March 31, 2017,



Cole H. Kekelis
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 31st day of March 2017.



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Ralph Thomas
 Name
 (2) 637 Hunters Trace
 Address (number and street)
Crawfordville, FL 32327
 City, State, Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY
ONLINE SUBMISSION
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Submitted on:
 11/13/2016 14:22:01 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 39

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: Deputy Commissioner District 1
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 4 / 1 / 2016 To 5 / 31 / 2016 Report Type: Q2

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks	\$	_____ , _____ , 0 . 00
Loans	\$	_____ , _____ , 0 . 00
Total Monetary	\$	_____ , _____ , 0 . 00
In-Kind	\$	_____ , _____ , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures	\$	_____ , _____ , 0 . 00
Transfers to Office Account	\$	_____ , _____ , 0 . 00
Total Monetary	\$	_____ , _____ , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions
 \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date
 \$ _____ , 25 , 115 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
 \$ _____ , 23 , 452 . 03

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) Ralph Thomas

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39

(3) Cover Period 4/1/2016 through 5/31/2016 (4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(3) Contributor		(9) Contribution	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas

(2) I.D. Number 39

4/1/2016 through 5/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
5/17/2016 / /	Big Daddy's Signs, 24 Lexington Dr Laconia, NH 03218	signs	MO	Delete	\$2,178.06
1					
5/26/2016 / /	Big Daddy's Signs, 24 Lexington Dr Laconia, NH 03218	signs	MO	Add	\$2,178.06
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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 16-418

Respondent: Ralph Thomas
Counsel for Respondent: Daniel E. Nordby

Complainant: Barbara Mansfield Wilson

On October 25, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a candidate from incurring an expense for the purchase of goods or services without sufficient funds on deposit in the primary depository account; and

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from making or authorizing any expenditure prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent, Ralph Thomas, was a candidate for re-election to the Wakulla County Commission, District 1; he was re-elected to office on November 8, 2016. Respondent secured 54.80% of the vote to defeat his sole opponent, Howard Kessler; he was initially elected to office in 2012.

2. On October 13, 2015, Respondent’s “APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES” form (DS-DE 9) was filed with the Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections’ office. Respondent appointed Lona Matherne to serve as his campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. Respondent is represented by Daniel E. Nordby.

4. Complainant, Barbara Mansfield Wilson, is a resident of Wakulla County; she supported the campaign of Respondent’s opponent, Howard Kessler.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes:

5. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by incurring expenses for the purchase of goods or services without having sufficient funds on deposit.

6. Complainant alleged that Respondent incurred campaign expenses without having sufficient funds on deposit in his campaign depository. Complainant's belief is based on a spreadsheet she created using information from Respondent's campaign reports that she viewed on-line from the supervisor of elections' website. With her complaint, Complainant offered a spreadsheet in which she questioned whether Respondent had sufficient funds in his campaign account, specifically for an expenditure to "Big Daddy's Signs" during the month of May 2016. To review the spreadsheet created by Complainant as part of her complaint, refer to Exhibit 2.

7. In a response, Respondent denied the allegation he had insufficient funds in his account. Respondent explained that he discovered a typographical error in his report. Respondent further explained that the expenditure to Big Daddy's Signs should have been reported as having been made on May 26, 2016¹ rather than May 17, 2016, as reported. Respondent added, "Although I did make a typographical error on the report, at no time did I ever have an expenditure authorized with insufficient funds in the account." To review Respondent's response, refer to Exhibit 3.

8. In addition to his response, Respondent included a letter from Amy Geiger, president of Capital City Bank, Wakulla County location. Ms. Geiger declared that Respondent's campaign account never had insufficient funds. Further, Ms. Geiger's letter explained four \$10 monthly service charges levied against Respondent's account that was done in error². To review the letter of Amy Geiger, refer to Exhibit 4.

9. I secured bank records from Respondent's campaign depository, Capital City Bank. Table 1 below shows the activity of the campaign account from the opening of the campaign account through June 30, 2016. The "Transaction Date" as shown in the table represents the date deposits were made to the account as well as the date of debit withdrawals, other debits or the date written on the face of the check.

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¹ Check #1115 was dated as 05/24/16 and posted to the account on 05/26/16.

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06/27/16		³ DBT Crd - BigDaddySSI	\$1171.30	\$288.71
06/28/16		⁴ Deposit	\$800.00	\$1,088.71

10. Respondent did not provide a response to a questionnaire-affidavit. As part of the questionnaire-affidavit, Respondent was asked what procedures, if any, he had in place to ensure that his campaign had sufficient funds in the campaign account. To review a copy of the questionnaire-affidavit, refer to Exhibit 5.

11. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes:

12. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by making an expenditure prohibited by this chapter.

13. As per paragraph six, Complainant questioned an expenditure from Respondent’s campaign account when it appeared he did not have sufficient funds.

14. To review information concerning the activity in the campaign account from the opening of the account through June 30, 2016, refer to Table 1.

15. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

IV. FEC History:

16. Respondent has no prior history with the Florida Elections Commission.

Conclusion:

17. On March 16, 2017, I interviewed Respondent’s counsel for the purpose of providing him with a brief overview of the case and to afford him an opportunity for any

³ Posted to the account on 06/28/16, the same date as a deposit in the amount of \$800.00. Therefore, the account was not assessed a fee for insufficient funds.

⁴ Last activity in the campaign account for the month of June 2016.

questions or comments. I advised counsel that in thoroughly reviewing Respondent's bank records from the opening of the account through June 30, 2016, I was unable to locate any instance where his client incurred an expense without having sufficient funds on deposit. Additionally, I made counsel aware that during my review of Respondent's bank records in connection with the allegation, I found that his client signed all of the checks issued from the campaign depository although he was not the designated campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer. Furthermore, I made him aware that Respondent made three expenditures from the campaign account that could be questionable. When asked, counsel said that he did not have anything to add to issue relative to the allegation but he shared his concerns about having additional information shared in the report of investigation.

18. In an affidavit, Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections Henry F. Wells attested Respondent was provided with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Mr. Wells stated that Respondent was informed that the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* was available on their website. Mr. Wells further stated that Respondent was first elected to office in 2012. To review the affidavit of Henry F. Wells, refer to Exhibit 6.

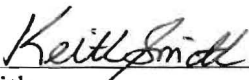
19. As per paragraph 10, Respondent did not provide a response to a questionnaire-affidavit.

20. Respondent executed a Statement of Candidate form indicating that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; the form is dated as having been signed on October 13, 2015. To review the statement of candidate, refer to Exhibit 7.

21. All additional written statements submitted by Respondent are attached as Exhibit 8.

22. During my investigation of the allegations contained in the sworn complaint, I found Respondent issued a campaign check to "RMS Track" in the amount of \$250 for "Track Equipment." I also found Respondent made a campaign expenditure to "Bass Pro Shops" on June 18, 2016 for "Campaign Clothing" as well as a campaign expenditure to "Advance Auto Parts" for "Sign Supplies." I also found that Respondent signed all checks issued from the campaign account although he was not appointed to serve as campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer for his campaign. However, because these potential violations were not alleged in the complaint, I did not further investigate this information.

Respectfully submitted on March 16, 2017.



Keith Smith
Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent

The Honorable Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Current address of Complainant

Barbara Mansfield Wilson
107 Wildlife Lane
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Current Address of Respondent's Atty.:

Daniel E. Nordby
Shutts & Bowen, LLP
215 South Monroe Street – Suite 804
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

The Honorable Henry F. Wells
Supervisor of Elections
Post Office Box 305
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Copy furnished to: David Flagg, Investigations Manager

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Ralph Thomas -- FEC 16-418

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
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Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9 form
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Exhibit 3	Response to the complaint
Exhibit 4	Ltr from bank president
Exhibit 5	Copy of Q/A to R
Exhibit 6	Affidavit of SOE
Exhibit 7	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 8	Additional written statement from R

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
WALLOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying
officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Ralph C Thomas Jr.

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327

4. Telephone

(850) 1251-0415

5. E-mail address

W.Kullabj@qmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

County Commissioner District 1

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation N/P Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Lona Matherne

11. Mailing Address

256 Magnolia Ridge

12. Telephone

(850) 694-4055

13. City

Crawfordville

14. County

Wakulla

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32327

17. E-mail address

lonamatherne@juno.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Capital City Bank

20. Address

2592 Crawfordville Hwy

21. City

Crawfordville

22. County

Wakulla

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

32327

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

10/13/15

26. Signature of Candidate

X Ralph C Thomas

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Lona Matherne, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

10/13/15
Date

X Lona Matherne
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

EXHIBIT

rpt code	line n	item date	Cont/E	name	cont. type	occupatio	item type	descriptor	amount	Amend. co	C/E	BAL
552	2	10/13/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50	A	50	50
346	1	10/21/2015	E	Harland Clarke			MO	Account Cl	30.39		-30.39	19.61
346	1	10/31/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50		50	69.61
552	1	10/31/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50	D	0	69.61
346	2	11/9/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50		50	119.61
346	2	11/12/2015	E	Wakulla Supervisor of Election			MO	Petition ve	22.5		-22.5	97.11
346	3	11/13/2015	C	E Guy Revell	I	Retired	CH		1000		1000	1097.11
366	14	1/7/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	50		-50	1047.11
366	15	1/7/2016	E	Wakulla Christian Coalition			MO	Donation	75		-75	972.11
366	1	1/19/2016	C	Joseph Abal	I	Auctioneer	CH		100		100	1072.11
366	2	1/19/2016	C	Betty Evans	I	Auctioneer	CH		100		100	1172.11
366	1	1/20/2016	E	US Postal Service			MO	Stamps	49		-49	1123.11
366	2	1/21/2016	E	Paypal			RM	Tie	11.5		-11.5	1111.61
366	3	1/22/2016	E	Patriotshop.us			MO	Campaign	69.16		-69.16	1042.45
366	4	1/22/2016	E	Kunaki, LLC			MO	Campaign	24.25		-24.25	1018.2
366	5	1/25/2016	E	The Heritage Foundation			MO	Campaign	91.04		-91.04	927.16
366	6	1/27/2016	E	Bluehost.com			MO	Hosting	143.88		-143.88	783.28
366	7	1/27/2016	E	Bluehost.com			MO	Domain Re	15.99		-15.99	767.29
366	8	1/29/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Ch	10		-10	757.29
366	12	2/2/2016	E	Wakulla One			MO	Donation	50		-50	707.29
366	9	2/12/2016	E	Riversprings Middle School			MO	Donation	250		-250	457.29
366	10	2/18/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	50		-50	407.29
366	11	2/18/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	100		-100	307.29
366	17	3/4/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Fee	10		-10	297.29
366	13	3/9/2016	E	Habitat for Humanity Wakulla			MO	Donation	100		-100	197.29
366	16	3/14/2016	E	Wakulla Christian Coalition			MO	Donation	50		-50	147.29
366	18	3/31/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Fee	10		-10	137.29
407	1	4/8/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	S	County	LO		300		300	437.29
407	1	4/21/2016	E	Youth Wakulla County Coalition for			MO	Donation	100		-100	337.29
407	2	4/21/2016	E	Wakulla Pregnancy Center			MO	Donation	100		-100	237.29
407	3	4/22/2016	E	Wakulla News			MO	Advertising	46.94		-46.94	190.35
407	7	4/29/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Ch	10		-10	180.35
407	4	5/9/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	25		-25	155.35

EXHIBIT 2 (of 2)

407	5	5/17/2016	E	New Bridge Hope MBC		MO	Advertising	60	-60	95.35	
407	6	5/17/2016	E	Big Daddy\'s Signs		MO	Signs	2178.06	-2178.06	-2082.71	
407	2	5/18/2016	C	Dale Rushton	I	CA		50	50	-2032.71	
407	3	5/18/2016	C	Greg Broering	I	CH		100	100	-1932.71	
407	4	5/18/2016	C	Mark Mitchell	I	CH		100	100	-1832.71	
407	5	5/18/2016	C	Betty Russell	I	Retired	CH	200	200	-1632.71	
407	6	5/18/2016	C	William Marshall	I	Business<	CH	500	500	-1132.71	
407	7	5/18/2016	C	Lona Matherne	I	Retired	CH	1000	1000	-132.71	
407	8	5/23/2016	C	Rebecca Whaley	I		CH	50	50	-82.71	
407	9	5/23/2016	C	Ben Boynton	I	Contractor	CH	500	500	417.29	
414	8	6/3/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	S	Mortgage<	IK	Facebook &	82.07	0	417.29
414	1	6/6/2016	E	Wordpress		MO	Hosting	99	-99	318.29	
414	2	6/7/2016	E	PayPal		MO	Service Fee	6.1	-6.1	312.19	
414	1	6/10/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	I	Mortgage<	LO	500	500	812.19	
414	2	6/10/2016	C	Joseph Abal	I	Auctioneer	CH	100	100	912.19	
414	3	6/10/2016	C	James Broome	I		CA	50	50	962.19	
414	4	6/14/2016	C	Ben Boynton	I	Builder	CH	500	500	1462.19	
414	5	6/14/2016	C	Charles Beach	I		CA	40	40	1502.19	
414	6	6/14/2016	C	Howard White	I		CA	40	40	1542.19	
414	7	6/17/2016	C	Kathleen Lamarche	I	Retired	CH	200	200	1742.19	
414	3	6/17/2016	E	WCYFCA		MO	Donation	125	-125	1617.19	
414	4	6/20/2016	E	Bass Pro		MO	Campaign	59.06	-59.06	1558.13	
414	5	6/20/2016	E	Advance Auto		MO	Sign Suppli	48.12	-48.12	1510.01	
414	9	6/22/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	S	Mortgage<	IK	Facebook &	100	0	1510.01
441	3	6/26/2016	C	Ray Hutton	I		CA	50	50	1560.01	
441	2	6/28/2016	C	Mark Individual Johi		CA		50	50	1610.01	
441	4	6/28/2016	C	Ralph C Thomas	S	Mortgage<	LO	500	500	2110.01	
441	5	6/28/2016	C	Phyllis Thomas	I		CH	100	100	2210.01	
441	6	6/28/2016	C	Denise Deaton	I		CH	100	100	2310.01	
441	2	6/28/2016	E	Big Daddy\'s Signs		MO	Signs	1171.3	-1171.3	1138.71	
459	1	6/28/2016	C	Mark Individual Johi		CA		50 A	50	1188.71	
459	2	6/28/2016	C	Mark Individual Johi		CA		50 D	0	1188.71	
491	1	6/30/2016	C	Cynthia Thomas	I	Mortgage<	IK	Facebook<	182.07 A	0	1188.71
441	1	7/1/2016	C	Ralph C Thomas	I	Mortgage<	IK	Parade Sup	234.54	0	1188.71

EXHIBIT 2 (2 of 2)

Ralph Thomas
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Florida Elections Commission
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Suite 224 Collins Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-418; Respondent Ralph Thomas

To whom it may concern,

In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 106.25(2), please accept this letter as my official response to the Confidential Additional Information Form filed by Ms. Barbara Mansfield Wilson. Ms. Mansfield Wilson's Additional Information included a Supplemental Statement. She alleges that I wrote a check to Big Daddy's Signs in the amount of \$2,178.06 without sufficient funds in my bank account. She further alleges that I had insufficient funds from May 17, 2016 through May 23, 2016. Upon receipt of the Confidential Additional Information Form; I reviewed the Q-2 report in question. I discovered a typographical error in the report. I initially reported the expenditure to Big Daddy's signs on 5/17/16. I should have reported the expenditure on 5/26/16. Although I did make a typographical error on the report, at no time did I ever have an expenditure authorized with insufficient funds in the account. I have corrected this mistake. Attached you will find the amended Q-2 report reflecting the correction.

In my original response to Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, I included a letter from Capital City Bank, signed by the Bank President, Amy Geiger. I have attached an additional copy of the letter to this document. Ms. Geiger's letter was dated September 19, 2016. Ms. Geiger's letter included the following statement, "Furthermore, the account has never had insufficient funds nor been assessed a fee for insufficient funds." Given the fact that Ms. Mansfield Wilson's allegation has been proven false by evidence from Capital City Bank and Ms. Mansfield Wilson has failed to provide any evidence that I ever made an expenditure when insufficient were available in my account, I respectfully request that you disregard her Supplemental Statement and reject it for consideration of her complaint.

Given the lack of documents or other evidence to support Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, I respectfully request that a finding of legally insufficient be determined on this complaint. Given the fact that Ms. Wilson has failed to prove her initial complaint and has also failed to provide sufficient Additional Information, I respectfully request that this case be closed.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,



Ralph Thomas

11/13/16



September 19, 2016

Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327

RE: Checking Account XXXXXX3127
Candidate for County Commissioner, District 1

Dear Commissioner Thomas:

This letter serves as an explanation of the fees accrued on the above referenced account since opening October 2015. The product type on this account was changed in January 2016 due to a checking account conversion bank wide. The account type was converted from our Absolutely Free Business Checking to our Premium Business Checking resulting in a \$10 monthly service charge. A total of four \$10 service fees were charged from January 2016 to April 2016. As of the date of this letter, a total of \$40 has been refunded due to our error. Furthermore, the account has never had insufficient funds nor been assessed a fee for insufficient funds.

I apologize for the inconvenience. Please let me know if you need any additional information concerning the error.

Your banker,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Geiger".

Amy Geiger
President- Wakulla County

EXHIBIT

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AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Case Number: FEC 16-418

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Wakulla

Ralph Thomas, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by _____ as _____.
3. Prior to your 2016 campaign, had you ever run for public office? If so, please name the office(s) you ran for and the date(s) of the election(s) you ran in.

4. Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name the candidate(s) you served as treasurer, the office(s) the candidate ran for, and the dates of the election(s).

5. Have you ever held the office of chairperson or treasurer for a political committee? If so, please list the names and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position.

6. What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?

EXHIBIT 5 (1 of 3)

7. Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? Yes No

8. If so, when did you first obtain it? _____

9. Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? Yes No

10. Do you possess a copy of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*? Yes No

11. If so, when did you first obtain it? _____

12. Have you read the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*? Yes No

13. According to your Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form, on file with the Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections' office, you appointed Lona Matherne as your campaign treasurer. However, when reviewing records from your campaign account, you signed the checks issued from the campaign account. What was Ms. Matherne's duties and responsibilities as the campaign treasurer?

14. Who was responsible for overseeing the activity of the campaign account? (i.e. – making deposits, checking the balance, etc.).

15. Who was responsible for entering all contribution and expenditure activity onto the campaign treasurer's reports?

16. Prior to incurring an expense for the purchase of goods or services, what procedures, if any, did you have in place to ensure that the campaign had sufficient funds in the campaign account?

EXHIBIT 5 (2003)

I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known _____ or Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced: _____

Case Investigator: KS

EXHIBIT 5 (363)

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Wakulla

Henry F. Wells, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by Wakulla County as Supervisor of Elections.
3. Please provide copies of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file:
Ralph Thomas.

Check	ITEM
✓	The Statement of Candidate form.
✓	Appointments of Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository form.
✓	Any and all checks issued by the candidate's campaign to your office (qualifying fee, etc.)

4. Please check each item provided to the candidate or his staff, and list the date that the item was provided.

Check	ITEM	DATE
✓	Chapter 106, Florida Statutes <u>Also chapter 105</u>	<u>OCT 13, 2015</u>
✓	<u>Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook</u> Please indicate Year. <Enter Year>	<u>OCT 13, 2015</u>
✓	Other: ¹ <u>Reporting Dates</u>	<u>OCT 13, 2015</u>

5. Relative to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, how are these publications provided to the candidate and/or his staff?

☉ Publications are given directly to the candidate and/or his staff.
Except Candidate / Treasurer Hand Book — informed it was available online office web site

¹ Any local publications relative to the Election laws that may have been provided in lieu of the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook published by the Division of Elections. If your office published the item(s), please send a copy of the item(s) with the affidavit.

EXHIBIT 6 (103)

- Publications are available in the office, candidate and/or his staff are advised to pick-up the publications for themselves.
- Candidate and/or his staff are advised to download copies of the publications from our website or the Division of Elections' website.
- Other, please explain. _____

6. Did your office offer any candidate workshops or training seminars prior to the November 8, 2016 election? Yes or No. If yes, please list all workshops/training seminars that were attended by the candidate and/or his staff, along with the date of attendance. If a staff member attended for the candidate, list his/her name and position. If available, please attach a copy of any attendance sheets from the workshops/training seminars and if available, please provide a copy of the syllabus and outline for the workshops/seminars.

2012 General Election For County Commissioner Dist 1
 Three candidates in Race Thomas = ~~127~~ 7,547 (52.85%)
 Brock = 4,207 (29.46%) - Jerry Brock = 2,526 (17.68%)

Does your office have any record of Ralph Thomas having sought elective office within your jurisdiction prior to the 2016 election? Yes or No. If yes, please list the previous office(s) he ran for, the date(s) of the election(s), and the result(s) of the election(s).

8. Did you or any member from your staff have any conversations with Ralph Thomas concerning a provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, at any time during his 2016 campaign? Yes or No. If yes, please indicate whether the conversation was in person, in writing, or by telephone and the subject matter of the conversation. If applicable, please provide copies documenting the discussion.

Spoke on phone about NON-partisan elections and reporting dates of campaign finance.

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 27 day of December, 2016

[Handwritten Signature: Celina Greene]

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



CELINA L. GREENE
MY COMMISSION # GG 005499
EXPIRES: June 23, 2020
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Personally Known or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: _____

Case investigator: KS

EXHIBIT 6 (3 of 3)

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CLERK OF ELECTIONS
WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

I, Ralph C Thomas Jr

candidate for the office of County Commission District 1

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X Ralph C Thomas Jr
Signature of Candidate

10/13/15
Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 251-0415

Florida Elections Commission
107 W. Gaines Street
Suite 224 Collins Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-418; Respondent Ralph Thomas

To whom it may concern,

In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 106.25(2), please accept this letter as my official response to the complaint filed by Ms. Barbara Mansfield Wilson. I have reviewed the entirety of the complaint filed by Ms. Mansfield Wilson. It is my understanding that Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint contains one alleged violations of Florida Statute 106.11 (4).


The complaint accuses me of "failing to have sufficient funds on hand to pay checks drawn and expenditures authorized" and further states that I "authorized an expenditure on 10-21-2015 for \$30.29, but failed to make any contribution until 10-31-2015." My Q4 Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary contained a typo. The initial deposit of \$50.00 into the account occurred on 10-13-2016, not 10/31/2016. I transposed the 1 and 3 on the form. Attached you will find a Q4 Report Amended to correct this minor mistake. Sufficient funds were in the account when the expenditure on 10-21-2015 was drafted. This was the very first expenditure from the account and as reflected on the Q4 report, this expenditure was for the box of checks for this account. At the time I established this account, the bank certainly would not have allowed me to authorize payment for the box of checks without sufficient funds in the account.

Further, Ms. Mansfield Wilson stated that I incurred 4 bank charges for insufficient funds. Her statement is completely false. My account had 4 expenditures for monthly service fees. Please see the attached letter from the President of the Wakulla Branch of Capital City Bank. My account was originally setup with a monthly service fee of \$10.00. This was a bank mistake that was later corrected and \$40.00 was refunded to my account. Until the correction was made by the Bank, I properly reported the monthly service fees as an expenditure on my Campaign Reports, as required.

Given the false statements alleged in Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, the lack of documents or other evidence to support Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, and the attached letter disputing Ms. Mansfield Wilson's alleged violation, I respectfully request that a finding of legally insufficient be determined on this complaint.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,


Ralph Thomas

EXHIBIT

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Fw: Notice of Appearance - FEC 16-418
Florida Elections Commission to: Keith Smith
Sent by: Donna Malphurs

02/23/2017 02:10 PM

----- Forwarded by Donna Malphurs/OAG on 02/23/2017 02:10 PM -----

From: "Marsha A. Poppell" <MPoppell@shutts.com>
To: 'Florida Elections Commission' <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
Cc: "Daniel E. Nordby" <DNordby@shutts.com>
Date: 02/23/2017 10:21 AM
Subject: Notice of Appearance - FEC 16-418

Attached please find Mr. Nordby's Notice of Appearance.

Thanks.

Shutts

Marsha A. Poppell

Legal Assistant

Shutts & Bowen LLP

215 South Monroe Street, Suite 804 Tallahassee, FL 32301

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[E-Mail](#) | [Website](#)



Notice of Appearance - FEC 16-418.pdf

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

IN RE: RALPH THOMAS,

Case No.: FEC 16-418

Respondent
_____ /

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Daniel E. Nordby of Shutts & Bowen LLP hereby provides notice of his appearance as counsel for Respondent Ralph Thomas in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daniel Nordby

Daniel E. Nordby (FBN 014588)
SHUTTS & BOWEN LLP
215 South Monroe Street, Suite 804
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Telephone: 850-521-0600
Email: dnordby@shutts.com

Counsel for Respondent Ralph Thomas

CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I hereby certify that a true copy of this document has been filed this 23rd day of February,

2017, with:

Erin Riley
Deputy Agency Clerk
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050
fec@myfloridalegal.com



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December 16, 2016

Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-418; Respondent: Ralph Thomas

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On October 25, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission received an amended complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more legally sufficient allegations. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes: Ralph Thomas, a candidate for Mayor for re-election to the Wakulla County Commission, District 1, incurred one or more campaign expenses, without sufficient funds on deposit in the campaign depository, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes: Ralph Thomas, a candidate for Mayor for re-election to the Wakulla County Commission, District 1, made or authorized one or more expenditures prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes as alleged in the complaint.

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address. You may file a response to the report within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you. Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to

you. Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause.

The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You and the complainant will receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing. The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing. You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence.

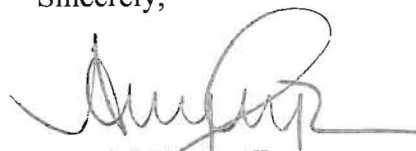
At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.

Under section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you unless you waive confidentiality in writing. The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Keith Smith**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

AMT/enr



FEC 16-418
Ralph Thomas

to:

Florida Elections Commission

11/13/2016 07:46 PM

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From: Ralph Thomas <wakullaboy@gmail.com>

To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

1 Attachment



2nd response FEC 16-418-1.pdf

Good morning,

Attached you will find my response to the Confidential Additional Information form for case # FEC 16-418. Please acknowledge receipt of this email and attachments. I appreciate your assistance. Have a great day!

Ralph Thomas

850-251-0415

Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 251-0415

Florida Elections Commission
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Suite 224 Collins Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-418; Respondent Ralph Thomas

To whom it may concern,

In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 106.25(2), please accept this letter as my official response to the Confidential Additional Information Form filed by Ms. Barbara Mansfield Wilson. Ms. Mansfield Wilson's Additional Information included a Supplemental Statement. She alleges that I wrote a check to Big Daddy's Signs in the amount of \$2,178.06 without sufficient funds in my bank account. She further alleges that I had insufficient funds from May 17, 2016 through May 23, 2016. Upon receipt of the Confidential Additional Information Form, I reviewed the Q-2 report in question. I discovered a typographical error in the report. I initially reported the expenditure to Big Daddy's signs on 5/17/16. I should have reported the expenditure on 5/26/16. Although I did make a typographical error on the report, at no time did I ever have an expenditure authorized with insufficient funds in the account. I have corrected this mistake. Attached you will find the amended Q-2 report reflecting the correction.

In my original response to Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, I included a letter from Capital City Bank, signed by the Bank President, Amy Geiger. I have attached an additional copy of the letter to this document. Ms. Geiger's letter was dated September 19, 2016. Ms. Geiger's letter included the following statement, "Furthermore, the account has never had insufficient funds nor been assessed a fee for insufficient funds." Given the fact that Ms. Mansfield Wilson's allegation has been proven false by evidence from Capital City Bank and Ms. Mansfield Wilson has failed to provide any evidence that I ever made an expenditure when insufficient were available in my account, I respectfully request that you disregard her Supplemental Statement and reject it for consideration of her complaint.

Given the lack of documents or other evidence to support Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, I respectfully request that a finding of legally insufficient be determined on this complaint. Given the fact that Ms. Wilson has failed to prove her initial complaint and has also failed to provide sufficient Additional Information, I respectfully request that this case be closed.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,



Ralph Thomas

11/13/16

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Ralph Thomas
 Name
 (2) 637 Hunters Trace
 Address (number and street)
Crawfordville, FL 32327
 City, State, Zip Code

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 [1135501]

Submitted on:
 11/13/2016 14:22:01 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed (3) ID Number: 39

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: County Commissioner District 1

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 4 / 1 / 2016 To 5 / 31 / 2016 Report Type: Q2

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 00 . 00

Loans \$, , 00 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 00 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 00 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 00 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 00 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 00 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 00 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 25 , 445 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, 23 , 452 . 03

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) Ralph Thomas

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X Ralph Collins
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39

(3) Cover Period 4/1/2016 through 5/31/2016 (4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas

(2) I.D. Number 39

4/1/2016 through 5/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
5/17/2016 / /	Big Daddy's Signs, 24 Lexington Dr Laconia, NH 03218	signs	MO	Delete	\$2,178.06
1					
5/26/2016 / /	Big Daddy's Signs, 24 Lexington Dr Laconia, NH 03218	signs	MO	Add	\$2,178.06
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September 19, 2016

Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327

RE: Checking Account XXXXXX3127
Candidate for County Commissioner, District 1

Dear Commissioner Thomas:

This letter serves as an explanation of the fees accrued on the above referenced account since opening October 2015. The product type on this account was changed in January 2016 due to a checking account conversion bank wide. The account type was converted from our Absolutely Free Business Checking to our Premium Business Checking resulting in a \$10 monthly service charge. A total of four \$10 service fees were charged from January 2016 to April 2016. As of the date of this letter, a total of \$40 has been refunded due to our error. Furthermore, the account has never had insufficient funds nor been assessed a fee for insufficient funds.

I apologize for the inconvenience. Please let me know if you need any additional information concerning the error.

Your banker,

Amy Geiger
President- Wakulla County

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CONFIDENTIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FORM

Case Number: FEC 16-418

Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0025, Florida Rules of Administrative Procedure, if you have additional information to correct the ground(s) of legal insufficiency stated in the attached letter, please explain below and attach any relevant documentation to this form:

SEE ATTACHED 5 (five) pages.

OATH
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Leon

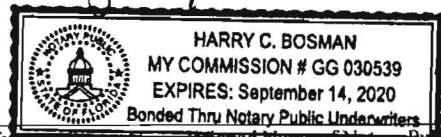
I swear or affirm, that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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2016 OCT 25 12:25 PM
STATE OF FLORIDA

Barbara Mansfield Wilson
Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of Oct, 20 16

Harry C. Bosman
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary public.



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commission Number and Name of Public)
Personally known _____ Or Produced Identification
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Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

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CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT FORM

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom the complaint is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Barbara Mansfield Wilson Work Phone: () _____
Address: 102 Wildlife Lane Home Phone: (850) 926 1357
City: Crawfordville County: Wakulla State: FL Zip Code: 32327

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

A person can be an individual, political committee, committee of continuous existence, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or any other type of organization. (If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints.)

Name of individual or entity: Ralph Thomas
Address: 637 Hunter's Trace Phone: (850) 926-0919
City: Crawfordville County: Wakulla State: FL Zip Code: 32327

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: _____

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please list the provisions of The Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigation the following provisions: **Chapter 104, Chapter 106, and Section 105.071, Florida Statutes.** Also, please include:

- ✓ The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege,
- ✓ The names and telephone numbers of persons you believe may be witnesses to the facts,
- ✓ A copy or picture of the political advertisements you mention in your statement,
- ✓ A copy of the documents you mention in your statement, and
- ✓ Other evidence that supports your allegations.

This is a supplement to original complaint,
Case No: FEC 16-418. Respondent Ralph Thomas.
The supplement consists of 5 pages.

Additional materials attached (check one)? Yes No

4. OATH
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

I swear or affirm, that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary public.

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
Personally known _____ Or Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

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Supplemental Statement Re: Case No. FEC 16-418; Respondent Ralph Thomas

This Supplemental Statement with enclosed materials disputes the initial Complaint was not legally sufficient. Such Complaint alleged a violation of Florida Statute section 106.11, and, particularly but without limitation thereto, subsection (4) of such statute. Enclosed is a spreadsheet showing a compilation of each of Respondent's filed Treasury Reports for the periods October 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016 showing the dates of every contribution and expenditure reported, the line item on such Treasury Report, the contributor, the expenditure recipient, the dollar amount and in the far right column the balance in the account after every contribution and expenditure, all as reported by Respondent on his Treasury Reports and sworn by him to be accurate.

You will notice starting on May 17, 2016 with the expenditure of \$2,178 to Big Daddy's Signs there was insufficient funds in the account until May 23, 2016 to pay the expenditures made. In violation of the quoted statute and subsection, the Respondent signed a check and authorized an expenditure of \$2,178.06 from the campaign account when there was not sufficient funds in the campaign account. When this expenditure was authorized on May 17, 2016 as shown by his filed Treasurer Reports there was only a balance of \$95.35 in the account. These reports were on file and available at the time of the original complaint, they are sworn by the Respondent to be complete and accurate, they show a clear violation of the Florida Election Law and there is legal sufficiency to the original complaint.

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552	2	10/13/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50	A	50	50
346	1	10/21/2015	E	Harland Clarke			MO	Account Cl	30.39		-30.39	19.61
346	1	10/31/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50		50	69.61
552	1	10/31/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50	D	0	69.61
346	2	11/9/2015	C	Ralph C Thomas	S		CA		50		50	119.61
346	2	11/12/2015	E	Wakulla Supervisor of Election			MO	Petition ve	22.5		-22.5	97.11
346	3	11/13/2015	C	E Guy Revell	I	Retired	CH		1000		1000	1097.11
366	14	1/7/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	50		-50	1047.11
366	15	1/7/2016	E	Wakulla Christian Coalition			MO	Donation	75		-75	972.11
366	1	1/19/2016	C	Joseph Abal	I	Auctioneer	CH		100		100	1072.11
366	2	1/19/2016	C	Betty Evans	I	Auctioneer	CH		100		100	1172.11
366	1	1/20/2016	E	US Postal Service			MO	Stamps	49		-49	1123.11
366	2	1/21/2016	E	Paypal			RM	Tie	11.5		-11.5	1111.61
366	3	1/22/2016	E	Patriotshop.us			MO	Campaign	69.16		-69.16	1042.45
366	4	1/22/2016	E	Kunaki, LLC			MO	Campaign	24.25		-24.25	1018.2
366	5	1/25/2016	E	The Heritage Foundation			MO	Campaign	91.04		-91.04	927.16
366	6	1/27/2016	E	Bluehost.com			MO	Hosting	143.88		-143.88	783.28
366	7	1/27/2016	E	Bluehost.com			MO	Domain Re	15.99		-15.99	767.29
366	8	1/29/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Cha	10		-10	757.29
366	12	2/2/2016	E	Wakulla One			MO	Donation	50		-50	707.29
366	9	2/12/2016	E	Riversprings Middle School			MO	Donation	250		-250	457.29
366	10	2/18/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	50		-50	407.29
366	11	2/18/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	100		-100	307.29
366	17	3/4/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Fee	10		-10	297.29
366	13	3/9/2016	E	Habitat for Humanity Wakulla			MO	Donation	100		-100	197.29
366	16	3/14/2016	E	Wakulla Christian Coalition			MO	Donation	50		-50	147.29
366	18	3/31/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Fee	10		-10	137.29
407	1	4/8/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	S	County	LO		300		300	437.29
407	1	4/21/2016	E	Youth Wakulla County Coalition for			MO	Donation	100		-100	337.29
407	2	4/21/2016	E	Wakulla Pregnancy Center			MO	Donation	100		-100	237.29
407	3	4/22/2016	E	Wakulla News			MO	Advertising	46.94		-46.94	190.35
407	7	4/29/2016	E	Capital City Bank			MO	Service Cha	10		-10	180.35
407	4	5/9/2016	E	Wakulla Senior Center			MO	Donation	25		-25	155.35

407	5	5/17/2016	E	New Bridge Hope MBC		MO	Advertisin	60	-60	95.35
407	6	5/17/2016	E	Big Daddy\'s Signs		MO	Signs	2178.06	-2178.06	-2082.71
407	2	5/18/2016	C	Dale Rushton	I	CA		50	50	-2032.71
407	3	5/18/2016	C	Greg Broering	I	CH		100	100	-1932.71
407	4	5/18/2016	C	Mark Mitchell	I	CH		100	100	-1832.71
407	5	5/18/2016	C	Betty Russell	I	Retired CH		200	200	-1632.71
407	6	5/18/2016	C	William Marshall	I	Business< CH		500	500	-1132.71
407	7	5/18/2016	C	Lona Matherne	I	Retired CH		1000	1000	-132.71
407	8	5/23/2016	C	Rebecca Whaley	I	CH		50	50	-82.71
407	9	5/23/2016	C	Ben Boynton	I	Contractor CH		500	500	417.29
414	8	6/3/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	S	Mortgage< IK	Facebook &	82.07	0	417.29
414	1	6/6/2016	E	Wordpress		MO	Hosting	99	-99	318.29
414	2	6/7/2016	E	PayPal		MO	Service Fee	6.1	-6.1	312.19
414	1	6/10/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	I	Mortgage< LO		500	500	812.19
414	2	6/10/2016	C	Joseph Abal	I	Auctioneer CH		100	100	912.19
414	3	6/10/2016	C	James Broome	I	CA		50	50	962.19
414	4	6/14/2016	C	Ben Boynton	I	Builder CH		500	500	1462.19
414	5	6/14/2016	C	Charles Beach	I	CA		40	40	1502.19
414	6	6/14/2016	C	Howard White	I	CA		40	40	1542.19
414	7	6/17/2016	C	Kathleen Lamarche	I	Retired CH		200	200	1742.19
414	3	6/17/2016	E	WCYFCA		MO	Donation	125	-125	1617.19
414	4	6/20/2016	E	Bass Pro		MO	Campaign	59.06	-59.06	1558.13
414	5	6/20/2016	E	Advance Auto		MO	Sign Suppli	48.12	-48.12	1510.01
414	9	6/22/2016	C	Ralph Thomas	S	Mortgage< IK	Facebook &	100	0	1510.01
441	3	6/26/2016	C	Ray Hutton	I	CA		50	50	1560.01
441	2	6/28/2016	C	Mark Individual Johi		CA		50	50	1610.01
441	4	6/28/2016	C	Ralph C Thomas	S	Mortgage< LO		500	500	2110.01
441	5	6/28/2016	C	Phyllis Thomas	I	CH		100	100	2210.01
441	6	6/28/2016	C	Denise Deaton	I	CH		100	100	2310.01
441	2	6/28/2016	E	Big Daddy\'s Signs		MO	Signs	1171.3	-1171.3	1138.71
459	1	6/28/2016	C	Mark Individual Johi		CA		50 A	50	1188.71
459	2	6/28/2016	C	Mark Individual Johi		CA		50 D	0	1188.71
491	1	6/30/2016	C	Cynthia Thomas	I	Mortgage< IK	Facebook<	182.07 A	0	1188.71
441	1	7/1/2016	C	Ralph C Thomas	I	Mortgage< IK	Parade Sup	234.54	0	1188.71



Re: FEC 16-418

Ralph Thomas

to:

Florida Elections Commission

09/20/2016 04:03 PM

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From: Ralph Thomas <wakullaboy@gmail.com>

To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

4 Attachments



Capital City Bank Letter.pdf Complaint Response 16-418.docx Q4 Report Amended.pdf FEC 16-418 response.pdf

Attached you will find my response to FEC 16-418. Please acknowledge receipt of this email with 4 attachments. I would like to waive any required waiting periods and request that a determination be made as quickly as possible. If anything additional is needed, do not hesitate to let me know. Have a great day!

Ralph Thomas

850-251-0415

On Mon, Sep 19, 2016 at 1:15 PM, Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com> wrote:

(See attached file: 2016-09-15_Complaint.pdf)

Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 251-0415

Florida Elections Commission
107 W. Gaines Street
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RE: Case No.: FEC 16-418; Respondent Ralph Thomas

To whom it may concern,

In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 106.25(2), please accept this letter as my official response to the complaint filed by Ms. Barbara Mansfield Wilson. I have reviewed the entirety of the complaint filed by Ms. Mansfield Wilson. It is my understanding that Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint contains one alleged violations of Florida Statute 106.11 (4).


The complaint accuses me of "failing to have sufficient funds on hand to pay checks drawn and expenditures authorized" and further states that I "authorized an expenditure on 10-21-2015 for \$30.29, but failed to make any contribution until 10-31-2015." My Q4 Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary contained a typo. The initial deposit of \$50.00 into the account occurred on 10-13-2016, not 10/31/2016. I transposed the 1 and 3 on the form. Attached you will find a Q4 Report Amended to correct this minor mistake. Sufficient funds were in the account when the expenditure on 10-21-2015 was drafted. This was the very first expenditure from the account and as reflected on the Q4 report, this expenditure was for the box of checks for this account. At the time I established this account, the bank certainly would not have allowed me to authorize payment for the box of checks without sufficient funds in the account.

Further, Ms. Mansfield Wilson stated that I incurred 4 bank charges for insufficient funds. Her statement is completely false. My account had 4 expenditures for monthly service fees. Please see the attached letter from the President of the Wakulla Branch of Capital City Bank. My account was originally setup with a monthly service fee of \$10.00. This was a bank mistake that was later corrected and \$40.00 was refunded to my account. Until the correction was made by the Bank, I properly reported the monthly service fees as an expenditure on my Campaign Reports, as required.

Given the false statements alleged in Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, the lack of documents or other evidence to support Ms. Mansfield Wilson's complaint, and the attached letter disputing Ms. Mansfield Wilson's alleged violation, I respectfully request that a finding of legally insufficient be determined on this complaint.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,


Ralph Thomas



September 19, 2016

Ralph Thomas
637 Hunters Trace
Crawfordville, FL 32327

RE: Checking Account XXXXXX3127
Candidate for County Commissioner, District 1

Dear Commissioner Thomas:

This letter serves as an explanation of the fees accrued on the above referenced account since opening October 2015. The product type on this account was changed in January 2016 due to a checking account conversion bank wide. The account type was converted from our Absolutely Free Business Checking to our Premium Business Checking resulting in a \$10 monthly service charge. A total of four \$10 service fees were charged from January 2016 to April 2016. As of the date of this letter, a total of \$40 has been refunded due to our error. Furthermore, the account has never had insufficient funds nor been assessed a fee for insufficient funds.

I apologize for the inconvenience. Please let me know if you need any additional information concerning the error.

Your banker,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Geiger", written over a white background.

Amy Geiger
President- Wakulla County

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Ralph Thomas
 Name
 (2) 637 Hunters Trace
 Address (number and street)
Crawfordville, FL 32327
 City, State, Zip Code

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Submitted on:
 9/19/2016 13:29:38 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: _____ 39

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: County Commissioner District 1
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 10 / 1 / 2015 To 12 / 31 / 2015 Report Type: Q4

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

Loans \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions
 \$ _____ , _____ , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date
 \$ _____ , 12 , 280 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
 \$ _____ , 7 , 276 . 83

(11) Certification

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39

10/1/2015 12/31/2015

(3) Cover Period 10/1/2015 through 12/31/2015 (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation				
10/31/2015 / /	Thomas, Ralph C 637 Hunters Trace Crawfordville, FL 32327	S		CA		Delete	\$50.00
1							
10/13/2015 / /	Thomas, Ralph C 637 Hunters Trace Crawfordville, FL 32327	S		CA		Add	\$50.00
2							
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas

(2) I.D. Number 39

10/1/2015 12/31/2015

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
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Re: FEC 16-418

Ralph Thomas

to:

Florida Elections Commission

09/19/2016 04:10 PM

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From: Ralph Thomas <wakullaboy@gmail.com>

To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

I would like to waive my right to confidentiality on this case.

Ralph Thomas

850-251-0415

On Mon, Sep 19, 2016 at 1:15 PM, Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com> wrote:

(See attached file: 2016-09-15_Complaint.pdf)

STATE OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

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CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT FORM

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom the complaint is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Barbara Mansfield Wilson Work Phone: ()
Address: 107 Wildlife Lane Home Phone: (850) 926-1357
City: Crawfordville County: Wakulla State: FL Zip Code: 32327

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

A person can be an individual, political committee, committee of continuous existence, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or any other type of organization. (If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints.)

Name of individual or entity: Ralph Thomas
Address: 637 Hunters Trace Phone: ()
City: Crawfordville County: Wakulla State: FL Zip Code: 32327

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: Wakulla County Commission, District 1

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) [] Yes [X] No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please list the provisions of The Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate the following provisions: Chapter 104, Chapter 106, and Section 105.071, Florida Statutes. Also, please include:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege,
The names and telephone numbers of persons you believe may be witnesses to the facts,
A copy or picture of the political advertisements you mention in your statement,
A copy of the documents you mention in your statement, and
Other evidence that supports your allegations.

The candidate is an incumbent candidate with knowledge of Florida's relevant statutes and Candidate Handbook, but has violated Section 106.11 of the Florida Statutes, including Section 106.11 (4), as explained in the Candidate Handbook, page 26, under "Important," by failing to have sufficient funds on hand to pay checks drawn and expenditures authorized. For example, in his Campaign Treasurer's Report for the 10-1-2015 through

12-31-2015 period, he authorized an expenditure on 10-21-2015 for \$30.29, but failed to make any contribution until 10-31-2015, which resulted in a bank charge of \$10 for insufficient funds on hand as reported in subsequent Campaign Treasurer's Report on Jan. 29, 2016.

Similarly, insufficient fund charges appear in 2016 on March 4, March 31 and April 29 Campaign Treasurer's Reports for subsequent repeat violations of Section 106.11 (4) in clear disregard for the law. Bank statements should be requested to verify repeat violations, which service charges reported confirm.

Additional materials attached (check one)? Yes No

4. OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

I swear or affirm, that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Barbara Mansfield-Wilson
Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2016

Sydney Jane Todd
Signature of Officer (withhold \$ Administrative Fee) or Notary Public.



SYDNEY JANE TODD
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally known _____ Or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced FL DR LICENSE

Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Ralph Thomas
 Name
 (2) 637 Hunters Trace
 Address (number and street)
Crawfordville, FL 32327
 City, State, Zip Code

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Submitted on:
 1/7/2016 12:02:07 (eastern)

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(3) ID Number: 39

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: County Commissioner District 1
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 10 / 1 / 2015 To 12 / 31 / 2015 Report Type: Q4

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, 1 , 100 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 1 , 100 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 52 . 89

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 52 . 89

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 1 , 100 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 52 . 89

(11) Certification

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name)

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39

10/1/2015 through 12/31/2015

(3) Cover Period ___ / ___ / ___ through ___ / ___ / ___ (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation	Type	Description		Amount
10/31/2015 / /	Thomas, Ralph C 637 Hunters Trace Crawfordville, FL 32327	S		CA			\$50.00
1							
11/9/2015 / /	Thomas, Ralph C 637 Hunters Trace Crawfordville, FL 32327	S		CA			\$50.00
2							
11/13/2015 / /	Revell, E Guy 2451 Surf Road Panacea, FL 32341	I	retired	CH			\$1,000.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39
 (3) Cover Period 10/1/2015 through 12/31/2015 (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
10/21/2015 // 1	Harland Clarke, 15955 La Cantera Parkway San Antonio, TX 78256	account checks	MO		\$30.39
11/12/2015 // 2	Wakulla Supervisor of Election, P.O. Box 305 Crawfordville, FL 32326	petition verification	MO		\$22.50
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Ralph Thomas
 Name
 (2) 637 Hunters Trace
 Address (number and street)
Crawfordville, FL 32327
 City, State, Zip Code

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Submitted on:
 4/11/2016 11:41:07 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed (3) ID Number: 39

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: County Commissioner District 1

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 1 / 1 / 2016 To 3 / 31 / 2016 Report Type: Q1

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) **Contributions This Report**

Cash & Checks \$, , 200 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 200 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) **Expenditures This Report**

Monetary Expenditures \$, 1 , 159 . 82

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 1 , 159 . 82

(8) **Other Distributions**
 \$, , 0 . 00

(9) **TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date**
 \$, 1 , 300 . 00

(10) **TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date**
 \$, 1 , 212 . 71

(11) Certification

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39

1/1/2016 through 3/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / / (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
1/19/2016 / /	Abal, Joseph 77 Dr. Joe Abal Dr Crawfordville, FL 32327	I	auctioneer	CH			\$100.00
1							
1/19/2016 / /	Evans, Betty 1218 Wakulla Springs Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327	I	auction company	CH			\$100.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas

(2) I.D. Number 39

1/1/2016 through 3/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 3

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
1/20/2016 //	US Postal Service, 606 Wakulla Arran Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327	stamps	MO		\$99.00
1					
1/21/2016 //	Paypal, 2211 N First San Jose, CA 95131	tie	RM		\$11.50
2					
1/22/2016 //	Patriotshop.us, P.O. Box 507 Chattanooga, TN 37401	campaign material	MO		\$68.16
3					
1/22/2016 //	Kunaki, LLC, 1615 62nd St Brooklyn, NY 11204	campaign material	MO		\$33.23
4					
1/25/2016 //	The Heritage Foundation, 14 Hender Drive West Caldwell, NJ 07006	campaign material	MO		\$91.04
5					
1/27/2016 //	Bluehost.com, 560 Timpanogos Pkwy Orem, UT 84097	hosting	MO		\$143.88
6					
1/27/2016 //	Bluehost.com, 560 Timpanogos Pkwy Orem, UT 84097	domain registration	MO		\$15.00
7					
1/29/2016 //	Capital City Bank, 2592 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	service charge	MO		\$10.00
8					

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas

(2) I.D. Number 39

1/1/2016 through 3/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 2 of 3

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
2/12/2016 // 9	Riversprings Middle School, 800 Spring Creek Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$250.00
2/18/2016 // 10	Wakulla Senior Center, 33 Michael Dr Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$50.00
2/18/2016 // 11	Wakulla Senior Center, 33 Michael Dr Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$100.00
2/2/2016 // 12	Wakulla One, P.O. Box 396 Crawfordville, FL 32326	donation	MO		\$50.00
3/9/2016 // 13	Habitat for Humanity Wakulla, 940 Shadeville Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$100.00
1/7/2016 // 14	Wakulla Senior Center, 33 Michael Dr Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$50.00
1/7/2016 // 15	Wakulla Christian Coalition, PO Box 456 Crawfordville, FL 32326	donation	MO		\$75.00
3/14/2016 // 16	Wakulla Christian Coalition, PO Box 456 Crawfordville, 32326	donation	MO		\$50.00

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas

(2) I.D. Number 39

1/1/2016 through 3/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 3 of 3

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
3/4/2016 //	Capital City Bank, 2592 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	service fee	MO		\$10.00
17					
3/31/2016 //	Capital City Bank, 2592 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	service fee	MO		\$10.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Ralph Thomas
 Name
 (2) 637 Hunters Trace
 Address (number and street)
Crawfordville, FL 32327
 City, State, Zip Code

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Submitted on:
 6/10/2016 16:00:18 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed (3) ID Number: 39

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: County Commissioner District 1

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 4 / 1 / 2016 To 5 / 31 / 2016 Report Type: Q2

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, 2 , 500 . 00

Loans \$, , 300 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 2 , 800 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, 2 , 520 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 2 , 520 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 4 , 100 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, 3 , 732 . 71

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(11) Certification

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

(Type name) _____

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39

4/1/2016 5/31/2016

(3) Cover Period 4/1/2016 / 5/31/2016 through 4/1/2016 / 5/31/2016 (4) Page 1 of 2

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type	(8) Occupation	(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
4/8/2016 / /	Thomas, Ralph 637 Hunters Trace Crawfordville, FL 32327	S	county commissioner	LO			\$300.00
1							
5/18/2016 / /	Rushton, Dale PO Box 35 Sopchoppy, FL 32358	I		CA			\$50.00
2							
5/18/2016 / /	Broering, Greg 290 Sweetwater Circle Crawfordville, FL 32327	I		CH			\$100.00
3							
5/18/2016 / /	Mitchell, Mark 2147 Pink Flamingo Ln Tallahassee, FL 32308	I		CH			\$100.00
4							
5/18/2016 / /	Russell, Betty PO Box 760 Panacea, FL 32346	I	retired	CH			\$200.00
5							
5/18/2016 / /	Marshall, William 3108 Livingston Road Tallahassee, FL 32303	I	business owner	CH			\$500.00
6							
5/18/2016 / /	Matherne, Lona 256 Magnolia Road Crawfordville, FL 32327	I	retired	CH			\$1,000.00
7							
5/23/2016 / /	Whaley, Rebecca 1016 Lawhon Mill Road Crawfordville, FL 32327	I		CH			\$50.00
8							

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Ralph Thomas (2) I.D. Number 39

4/1/2016 through 5/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / / (4) Page 2 of 2

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
5/23/2016 / /	Boynton, Ben 2735 Millers Landing Road Tallahassee, FL 32312	I	contractor	CH			\$500.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Ralph Thomas

(2) I.D. Number 39

4/1/2016 through 5/31/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
4/21/2016 // 1	Wakulla County Coalition for , Youth 318 Shadeville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$100.00
4/21/2016 // 2	Wakulla Pregnancy Center, 866 Woodville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$100.00
4/22/2016 // 3	Wakulla News, 3119 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	advertising	MO		\$46.94
5/9/2016 // 4	Wakulla Senior Center, 33 Michael Drive Crawfordville, FL 32327	donation	MO		\$25.00
5/17/2016 // 5	New Bridge Hope MBC, 1282 Spring Creek Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	advertising	MO		\$60.00
5/17/2016 // 6	Big Daddy's Signs, 24 Lexington Dr Laconia, NH 03246	signs	MO		\$2,178.00
4/29/2016 // 7	Capital City Bank, 2592 Crawfordville Hwy Crawfordville, FL 32327	service charge	MO		\$10.00
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Chapter 11: Expenditures

Definition

An expenditure is a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, transfer of funds by a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer between a primary depository and a separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit, or gift of money or anything of value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication.

General Requirements

A candidate **shall**:

- Pay all campaign expenditures by a check drawn on the campaign account (except petty cash);
- Pay the qualifying fee by a check drawn on the campaign account;
- Pay for all expenses authorized or incurred for the purchase of goods or services upon final delivery and acceptance of the goods or services; and
- Pay for public utilities such as telephone, electric, gas, water and like services when the bill is received. Utility companies providing services to candidates must charge a deposit sufficient to meet all anticipated charges during a billing period.

IMPORTANT: No candidate, campaign manager, treasurer, deputy treasurer, or any person acting on behalf of the foregoing,

shall authorize any expenses, unless there are sufficient funds on deposit in the primary depository account of the candidate to pay the full amount of the authorized expense, to honor all other checks draw on such account, which checks are outstanding, and to meet all expenses previously authorized but not yet paid.

Sufficient funds means that the funds at issue have been delivered for deposit to the financial institution at which such account is maintained and not that such funds are available for withdrawal in accordance with the deposit rules or the funds availability policies of such financial institution.

Checks

IMPORTANT: Only a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer is allowed to sign checks drawn on the campaign account. The campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer who signs a check shall be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information on the check and for ensuring it is an authorized expenditure. ***Candidates are prohibited from signing campaign checks unless they have appointed themselves campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer.***

A candidate or other individual may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the campaign by a check drawn on the campaign account and reported pursuant to Section 106.07(4), F.S. The full name and address of each person to whom the candidate or other individual made payment for which reimbursement was made by check drawn upon the campaign account shall be reported

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