

From the Desk of
Jonathan E. Thompson

July 22, 2014

Office of the Secretary of State
Elections Division
255 Capitol Street NE, Suite 501
Salem, OR 97310
Attn: Jennifer Hertel

VIA EMAIL

Dear Jennifer,

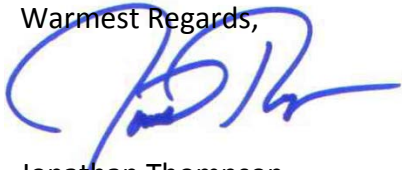
In reviewing the political action committee registered to the Polk County Republican Central Committee (PAC ID# 338) there appear to be some irregularities. I am requesting the Elections Division look into the following issues:

- 1) For calendar year 2014, the PAC has reported just three transactions to your office. At their monthly meetings, members of the committee regularly report additional contributions and expenditures. At the meeting held on Monday, July 14, 2014 it was reported the PAC had a balance of approximately \$4,100. According to ORESTAR, the PAC balance is \$9,308.56 as of July 21, 2014. There are no contributions or expenditures reported after July 11, 2014.
- 2) Two contributions are very confusing. Transaction ID 1555159 (Attachment #1) appears to be a contribution from Alan Minton for \$260.00. However, in the description section it states "small contributions." This leads me to believe that Mr. Minton collected "small contributions" from several donors and reported them in his name. Transaction ID 1555158 (Attachment #2) appears to be a contribution from Michael Nearman for \$840.00. In the description section it states "cash contributions, under \$100". Again, are these contributions from others reported as being given by Mr. Nearman? If so, I believe these would be contributions in a false name.
- 3) On an email dated August 7, 2013, Mr. Nearman sent an invitation to an upcoming Polk County Republican Central Committee. In the announcement, he mentions a "gun drawing" fundraiser and he offers tickets for sale. I understand the committee raised approximately \$2,000.00 on the raffle. I do not see money from this raffle reported by the Polk County Republican Central Committee. The email is included with this letter as Attachment #3.
- 4) Attachment #4 includes several emails from Mr. Nearman sent to members of the Polk County Republican Central Committee in his capacity as party chair. These emails were sent from his corporate email address Michael.nearman@fs.utc.com. I do not see any

in-kind contributions to the committee from Mr. Nearman's employer for the use of the email system or the time he spent composing and sending them. I also understand that as a military contractor Mr. Nearman's employer, UTC, is bound by special rules when it comes to campaign contributions.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and please let me know if you have any questions.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Thompson', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'T'.

Jonathan Thompson

Attachments

Attachment #1

ORESTAR Transaction ID #1555159

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255 Capitol St NE, Ste 501, Salem, OR 97310
503.986.1518 or 1.866.673.VOTE

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Transaction Information (Original)

Transaction ID :	1555159	Transaction Date :	09/22/2013
Transaction Type :	Contribution	Due Date :	10/22/2013 11:59:00 PM
Transaction Sub Type :	Cash Contribution	Filed Date :	09/22/2013 04:04:35 PM
Payment Method :		Check :	
Amount :	\$260.00	Aggregate :	\$260.00
Interest Rate :		Repayment Schedule :	
Description :	Small contributions	Exam Letter Date :	09/23/2013
Agent :		Process Status :	Complete
Payer of Personal Expenditure :			
Purpose :			

Address Book Information

Address Book Type :	Individual
Name :	Alan Minton
Address :	410 SE Hawthorne Ave Dallas OR 97338
Occupation :	Contractor
Employer Name :	Self Employed
Occupation Letter Date :	09/22/2013

Other Information

Associations :	
In-Kind/Independent Expenditures :	
CoSigner Obligations :	

Attachment #2

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Transaction Sub Type :	Cash Contribution	Filed Date :	09/22/2013 04:01:33 PM
Payment Method :		Check :	
Amount :	\$840.00	Aggregate :	\$840.00
Interest Rate :		Repayment Schedule :	
Description :	Cash contributions, under \$100	Exam Letter Date :	09/23/2013
Agent :		Process Status :	Complete
Payer of Personal Expenditure :			
Purpose :			

Address Book Information

Address Book Type :	Individual
Name :	Michael Nearman
Address :	2570 Greenwood Rd S Independence OR 97351
Occupation :	Software Engineer
Employer Name :	Supra Products Salem
Occupation Letter Date :	09/22/2013

Other Information

Associations :	
In-Kind/Independent Expenditures :	
CoSigner Obligations :	

Attachment #3

Email on Gun Raffle

Subj: **Polk County Republican Party Central Committee Meeting**

Date: 8/7/2013 10:18:50 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time

From: **Michael.Nearman@fs.utc.com**

To: **uncle00mike@gmail.com**

CC: **onlydeschutes@comcast.net, bill.currier@traco.us, tylersmith@wbcable.net, icniles@telepo**

You're invited to the Polk County Republican Party Central Committee meeting on Monday, August 12 meeting will start at 7:00, with happy hour starting at 6:30. The location is at the Polk County Courthouse Main St Dallas, OR 97338, enter on the Jefferson Street Side.

- As our busy summer continues, we'll get a report on how our presence at local festivals is going!
- We're doing a gun drawing as a fundraiser. See how you can get involved and buy a ticket!
- We'll take another crack at the County Party budget. It's more balanced this time. ☺
- We'll hear a report from the Platform Convention, and entertain questions.
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I hope to see you there!

--Mike

Attachment #4

Emails from Mr. Nearman

Subj: **Polk County Republican Party Central Committee Meeting**
Date: 1/8/2014 2:27:56 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: Michael.Nearman@fs.utc.com
To: uncle00mikey@gmail.com
CC: monica@monicafororegon.com

You're invited to the Polk County Republican Party Central Committee meeting on Monday, January 13. The meeting will start at 7:00, with social hour starting at 6:30. The location is at the Polk County Courthouse, 100 Main St Dallas, OR 97338, enter on the Jefferson Street Side.

We have two great speakers this month:

- Dallas School District Superintendent Christy Perry will be speaking on the topic of Common Core.
- Dr. Monica Wehby, a candidate for US Senate attempting to unseat Jeff Merkley will introduce legislation to us and answer questions.

I hope to see you there!

--Mike

Subj: **GOP Christmas Party**
Date: 12/5/2013 12:48:29 P.M. Pacific Standard Time
From: Michael.Nearman@fs.utc.com
To: uncle00mikev@gmail.com
CC: kgoss@darrgoss.com, stephfredlaw@aol.com, karl.erickson@gmail.com,
perkinsforussenate@gmail.com, mark@callahanfororegon.com, jordan@congerfororegon.c
monica@monicafororegon.com, dj@mihlawpc.com, dennis@dennisrichardson.com,
jon@dennisrichardson.com, ben@benforcongress.com, onlydeschutes@comcast.net,
tylersmith@wbcable.net

You're invited to the Polk County Republican Party Central Committee ~~meeting~~ Christmas Party on Monday, December 9. The meeting will ~~start at 7:00, with~~ be one big happy hour starting at 7:00. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas goodie or just mooch. I'm sure there will be plenty. The location is at the Polk County Courthouse at 850 Main St, Dallas, OR 97338, enter on the Jefferson Street Side.

- Let's talk informally about our plans for the upcoming year
- We'll have an opportunity to sign up for committees
- All GOP candidates for office are invited to mingle and kiss babies.

I hope to see you there!

--Mike

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Date: 8/7/2013 10:18:50 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: Michael.Nearman@fs.utc.com
To: uncle00mikey@gmail.com
CC: onlydeschutes@comcast.net, bill.currier@traco.us, tylersmith@wbcable.net, jcniles@telepo

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Subj: **Calendar and Call for Volunteers**
Date: 6/19/2013 9:14:07 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: Michael.Nearman@fs.utc.com
To: uncle00mikey@gmail.com

Attached is the Polk County Republican Party Calendar. Let me know if you have other events that ne on it (I forget – when is the Bulls eye BBQ?). We need volunteers to sit at the booth during Western C Independence. This is a great chance to attend the event and talk with your neighbors. Please reply t can work any of these shifts:

Thursday, July 4

2:00pm-6:00pm
6:00pm-10:00pm

Friday, July 5

12:00 noon - 4:00pm
4:00pm – 8:00pm
8:00pm-12:00 midnight

Saturday, July 6

12:00 noon - 4:00pm
4:00pm – 8:00pm
8:00pm-12:00 midnight

Subj: **Draft Resolution**
Date: 5/14/2013 1:39:34 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: Michael.Nearman@fs.utc.com
To: ahillx@comcast.net, barnettf@aol.com, bblair6@me.com, bivoyager@gmail.com,
bkean51@yahoo.com, carolinef1@onlinenw.com, colm.willis@gmail.com, daleboese@hugodanapetersen@gmail.com, debbyinsalem@yahoo.com, dpwright@q.com, fastgrandma1@cfenster@teleport.com, fivemcquire@msn.com, greyhawk97304@yahoo.com, hihelga@aol.com,
jandcw18@msn.com, jhocking@centurylink.net, julesoneal@hotmail.com, juliecrow@aol.com,
jvawterwheeler@gmail.com, kathrynheirlooms@yahoo.com, KEdwards@afphq.org,
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timhowa1@gmail.com, tntsnosrap@msn.com, tutuboese@hughes.net,
ultrasealglove@msn.com, uncle00mikey@gmail.com, vmhurst@msn.com, w8itsme@gmail.com,
wuzzy2424@msn.com, xmradio@abcgov.com

Below is a draft of a resolution, from our county party, to be sent to House Speaker John Boehner, Or Congressman Greg Walden and State Party Chair, Suzanne Gallagher. Please send your comments by

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WHEREAS the president claimed and campaigned on the fact that Al Qaeda had defeated, and

WHEREAS the administration failed to increase security for the diplomatic corps when an increase in security was requested by the ambassador, and

WHEREAS the administration declined to attempt a rescue or military support of diplomatic corps in Libya when it was clear that they were under attack on Sept 11, 2012, and

WHEREAS the administration apparently redrafted talking points multiple times that the attack was the planned work of terrorists, instead indicating that it was spontaneous demonstration based on a YouTube video, and

WHEREAS the administration has resisted attempts of Congress to obtain facts related to this episode, and also,

WHEREAS the administration has allowed, and possibly encouraged, the IRS to persecute certain groups that generally oppose the administration

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Polk County Oregon Republican Party, resolve that the Speaker of the House, Rep. John Boehner, is encouraged to, and should be encouraged to, convene a select committee to investigate these and possibly other corrupt aspects of this administration as soon as is possible.