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Betty Montgomery**



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Democratic Executive Committee
Auglaize County
Irene Doenges, Treasurer
394 East Fourth Street
Minster, Ohio 45865

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Auglaize County Democratic Executive Committee, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with Sections 3517.17 and 3517.18 of the Ohio Revised Code for the year ended December 31, 2003. Management is responsible for the Committee's compliance with those requirements. We followed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards for agreed-upon procedures engagements. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Executive Committee. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Cash Receipts

We confirmed the Ohio Political Party Fund receipts with the State of Ohio and agreed them to amounts shown on the Political Party Fund Finance Report.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We compared the sum of the cash balances recorded on the Committee's Political Party Public Funds Report with the cash balances reconciled by the Treasurer for the Democratic Party as of December 31, 2003. The sums agreed.
2. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliation. We found no computational errors.
3. We agreed bank balances on the reconciliation with month end bank statements. The balances agreed.
4. We agreed reconciling items appearing on that reconciliation to canceled checks, deposit slips or to other documentation. We determined that the dates on those documents support that those items were proper reconciling items at reconciliation date.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed the cash disbursement listing in the Political Party Public Funds report and compared the listing totals to the disbursements per the bank. The amounts agreed.
2. For all disbursements we traced the payee and amount to source documentation such as invoices and canceled checks. We also compared the payees on the checks to the names on the invoices. The payees and amounts recorded on the Political Party Public Funds report agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks.
3. We compared the signature on the check to the authorized signatories the Committee provided to us. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory.
4. We compared the purpose for the disbursement with the allowable uses described in Section 3517.18 of the Ohio Revised Code.

We found one exception: The Committee issued Check No. 579 for \$149.76, which was for candy given away at the Auglaize County fair. There was no supporting documentation for this expenditure. The Committee should maintain supporting documentation for all expenditures.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance of the political party fund finance report which is attached to this report. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.



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March 1, 2004

**DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY
AUGLAIZE COUNTY**

**POLITICAL PARTY PUBLIC FUNDS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
(UNAUDITED)**

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2002		\$718
RECEIPTS:		
STATE DISTRIBUTION	\$318	
OTHER	<u>11</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		329
DISBURSEMENTS:		
OTHER		<u>(\$360)</u>
ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003		<u>\$687</u>

(See Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures.)

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AUGLAIZE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
APRIL 13, 2004**