



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Republican Executive Committee
Darke County
P.O. Box 45
Greenville, Ohio 45331

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Republican Executive Committee agreed, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.17, and 3517.18, for the year ended December 31, 2005. The Committee's 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

1. We inquired of management whether they deposited all gifts into the same fund into which they deposit amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner. Management informed us they deposit gifts received from other sources into a separate account.
2. We footed the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC) for the year ended December 31, 2005.
3. We traced each donor amount from Deposit Form 31-CC to bank deposits without exception.
4. We confirmed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A), with the State of Ohio and agreed them to amounts shown on Deposit Form 31-CC. We found the following exception:

Ohio Revised Code 3517.1012(B) states deposit and disbursement statements filed in accordance with this division by a county political party shall be filed by electronic means of transmission to the office of the secretary of state at the times specified in division (A) of section 3517.10 of the Revised Code for the filing of statements of contributions and expenditures if the county political party accepts gifts from a corporation or labor organization.

The Darke County Republican Party received a \$320 corporate contribution in 2005 and failed to file their statement of contributions and expenditures electronically.

The Darke County Republican Executive Committee should review their receipts at the end of each year and file electronically if they have received money from corporations or labor unions.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliation for the bank account used for receipts and disbursements restricted pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.1012(A). We found no computational errors.
2. We agreed the bank balance on the reconciliation to the bank statement balance as of December 31, 2005. The balances agreed.
3. We agreed reconciling items appearing on the 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 as of December 31, 2005.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), for the year ended December 31, 2005.
2. For each disbursement on Disbursement Form 31-M, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee on canceled checks. The payees and amounts recorded on Disbursement Form 31-M agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks.
3. We compared the signature on the check to the list of authorized signatories the Committee provided to us. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check without exception.
4. We compared the purpose of each disbursement listed on Disbursement Form 31-M to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice was inconsistent with the description on Disbursement Form 31-M.

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 *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* 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 Secretary of State of Ohio and for the Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

March 29, 2006

Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits

Prescribed by Secretary of State 3/05

Name of Committee in Full DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY							Registration Number, if PAC	
Name of Donor BETTY MONTGOMERY, STATE AUDITOR							Form (Cash, Check, etc.) CHECK	
Street Address							Amount	
City COLUMBUS	State OH	Zip Code	M 0	D 1	Y 0	1	0	5
Name of Donor BETTY MONTGOMERY, STATE AUDITOR							Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address							Form (Cash, Check, etc.) CHECK	
City COLUMBUS							Amount \$148.43	
State OH	Zip Code	M 0	D 4	Y 2	6	0	5	
Name of Donor BETTY MONTGOMERY, STATE AUDITOR							Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address							Form (Cash, Check, etc.) CHECK	
City COLUMBUS							Amount \$135.97	
State OH	Zip Code	M 0	D 7	Y 2	1	0	5	
Name of Donor BETTY MONTGOMERY, STATE AUDITOR							Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address							Form (Cash, Check, etc.) CHECK	
City COLUMBUS							Amount \$28.74	
State OH	Zip Code	M 1	D 0	Y 2	8	0	5	
Name of Donor BANK DIRECT OF OHIO VALLEY							Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address 919 JACKSON ST.							Form (Cash, Check, etc.) CHECK	
City GREENVILLE							Amount \$320.00	
State OH	Zip Code 45331	M 0	D 6	Y 2	5	0	5	
Name of Donor							Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address							Form (Cash, Check, etc.)	
City							Amount	
State OH	Zip Code	M	D	Y				
Name of Donor							Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address							Form (Cash, Check, etc.)	
City							Amount	
State OH	Zip Code	M	D	Y				
Name of Donor							Registration Number, if PAC	
Street Address							Form (Cash, Check, etc.)	
City							Amount	
State OH	Zip Code	M	D	Y				

Note: If committee received deposits from corporations or labor organizations, report must be filed electronically with secretary of state.

Page Total **\$638.95**

Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements

Prescribed by Secretary of State 03/05

Name of Committee in Full DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY							
To Whom Paid ACH CHECKS							
Address BROADWAY		Purpose (insert number from list below) ¹ CHECKS		M	D	Y	Amount
GREENVILLE		State OH	Zip Code 45331	0	7	0	\$14.00
To Whom Paid							
Address		Purpose (insert number from list below) Select a Purpose		M	D	Y	Amount
City		State OH	Zip Code				
To Whom Paid							
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City		State OH	Zip Code				
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City		State OH	Zip Code				
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City		State OH	Zip Code				
To Whom Paid							
Address		Purpose (insert number from list below) Select a Purpose		M	D	Y	Amount
City		State OH	Zip Code				

¹R.C. 3517.18 limits the purposes for which monies from the Ohio Political Party Fund may be used. R.C. 3517.1012 limits the purposes for which monies from the Political Party Restricted Fund may be used. Designate in this block the relevant category number for each disbursement, as follows:

- 1) Political party headquarters operation costs including transfers to state party's Public Funds account;
- 2) Voter registration activities;
- 3) Get-out-the-vote activities;
- 4) Administration of political party fundraising (Separate office account required. Not for campaign related fundraising.);
- 5) Advertisements encouraging public support for income tax checkoff program;
- 6) Communications with registered voters not related to any particular candidate or election;
- 7) Preparation of reports required by law;

Ohio Political Party Fund/Restricted Fund monies are prohibited from being used for certain purposes, including to further the election or defeat of any particular candidate or ballot issue. Copies of paid receipts or canceled checks for all expenditures of more than \$25 must be attached.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY

DARKE 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
MAY 9, 2006**