Re: PDC - Yambe, Bryan: Alleged Violation of RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to accurately and timely file C-3 and C-4 reports.

Bryan Yambe reported (Fri, 6 Apr at 5:55 AM) via Email

To: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Dear Mr. Micaiah Titus Ragins:

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Morgan's complaint regarding PDC case number 33379. The complaint that a few reports were filed late is, of course, valid. Mr. Morgan knows this because he is aware of when we filed those reports, which thereby clearly shows they were, indeed, filed late. Specifically, at the conclusion of my campaign there was a bit of a lag in submitting the final report.

As this was a small, local race, a friend of mine offered to volunteer as campaign treasurer—but was not aware of the procedures for closing out the campaign. As this was several years ago, my treasurer's best guess as to why the December report was filed 3 days late is because the treasurer confused the end of campaign report deadline (12/10/15) with the weekly reporting periods. Therein lies the absurdity of this complaint. He is complaining about a three-day-late filing two years after the fact.

Here is some additional information that my treasurer sent to me regarding Mr. Morgan's complaint: "After the final report of 2015, I thought we had completed the process as there was very little money left in the account. The candidate (Bryan) did handle a few banking issues after the completion of the campaign, but I was not made aware of these transactions until November of 2017. Once I was notified of the deposits and expenses that occurred in 2016, I contacted the PDC to learn how to resurrect ORCA and set up a campaign for 2016. I then submitted a FINAL report for 2015 (which I thought had been done) and then entered the transactions as I saw them, according to the banking records. All these steps were done in November 2017 in an effort to clean up the end of the campaign records as best we could, and provide missing transparency for these trailing items."

The belief that the public has a right to know who donates to campaigns and where the funds are spent in a clear and transparent manner is exactly the reason (when I realized several contributions were missing in the first place) why I immediately asked my treasurer to ensure they were reported to the PDC. Mr. Morgan's claim that a few late reports were done with malicious intent is patently ridiculous. This was simply a clerical error that was fixed two years ago.

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Gryan Yambe