



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE PAYNE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Payne For Congress Committee ("the Committee"), undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the Commission's audit policy to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(8) of Title 2 of the United States Code which directs the Commission to make from time to time audits and field investigations with respect to reports and statements filed under the provisions of the Act.

The Committee filed its first report with the Federal Election Commission on July 12, 1976. ^{1/} The Committee supported Mr. Gary E. Payne, candidate for the office of U.S. Representative from the 3rd Congressional District of Oklahoma, and was authorized by the candidate as his principal campaign committee on June 17, 1976. The Committee maintained its headquarters in Atoka, Oklahoma.

The audit covered the period from June 1, 1976, the inception date of the Committee, through June 30, 1977, the date on which the Committee terminated. The Committee reported a beginning cash balance on June 1, 1976 of \$-0-, total receipts for the period of \$36,071.05, total expenditures for the period of \$36,071.05 and a closing cash balance on June 30, 1977 of \$-0-.

^{1/} It was determined that the Committee had not filed a statement of organization. The Committee treasurer was informed of this deficiency and filed the statement on February 15, 1978.



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This audit report is based on documents and working papers which support each of the factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in the report and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee during the period covered by the audit were Mr. Ronnie Harper, Chairman and Mr. Jack W. Parker, Treasurer.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation and analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Auditor's Statement

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the reports and statements of the Payne for Congress Committee fairly present the financial activities of the Committee for the period covered by the audit. No material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act were discovered during the course of the audit.

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