



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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## REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE BEASLEY FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

### I. Background

#### A. Overview

This report is based upon an audit of the Beasley 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, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(8) of Title 2, 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 registered with the Federal Election Commission on March 24, 1976 as the principal campaign committee of Gerald L. Beasley, Jr., M.D. for the office of United States Representative from the Third (3rd) Congressional District of Oklahoma. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Duncan, Oklahoma.

The audit covered the period from March 17, 1976, the initial coverage date of the first report filed by the Committee to September 6, 1977, the final date of the last report filed by the Committee. The Committee reported an opening cash balance at March 17, 1976 of \$-0-, total receipts and total expenditures for the period March 17, 1976 through December 31, 1976 of \$25,215.90 and \$25,211.78, respectively, and a closing cash balance at December 31, 1976 of \$4.12. <sup>1/</sup>

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.

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<sup>1/</sup> The Committee was exempt from filing reports for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 1977. FEC Forms 3a were filed on April 7, 1977 and September 6, 1977.



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B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee for the period covered by the audit were Mr. Jerry Gammill, Chairman, Mrs. Jack Young, Co-Chairman, and Mrs. Pat Nimmo, Treasurer.

C. Scope

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

II. Auditor's Statement and Description of Findings

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

A. Receipt of Contributions

Section 441b of Title 2 of the United States Code prohibits a corporation from making a contribution in connection with any election to any political office or for any candidate, political committee, or other person knowingly to accept or receive any contribution prohibited by this section.

A review of the Committee contributor records revealed five (5) contributions from five (5) business entities that appeared to be incorporated. Further verification with the appropriate Secretaries of State indicated that the entities were incorporated. The matter was referred to the Office of General Counsel on January 25, 1978 where Matter Under Review 502(78) was initiated. Further information obtained from the contributors disclosed that four (4) of the contributions totaling \$110.00 were not drawn from corporate sources. Also, the Office of General Counsel has received evidence that the remaining contribution of \$10.00 has been refunded by the Committee. Based on these facts, the Commission voted on June 13, 1978 to close the matter with no further action.

Recommendation

Based on the above facts, we recommend no further action on this matter.

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CONGRESSIONAL AUDIT REPORT

Candidate/Committee: Gerald L. Beasley, Jr. - 7/12/78

State: Oklahoma

District: 3

Location: Ardmore

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

Major Opponent(s): Wes Watkins (Democrat)

Other Candidates Audited: Wes Watkins (Democrat) - 5/26/78  
Charles Ward (D) Gary Payne (D) - 5/22/78  
Hamp Baker (D) Tom Pate (D)

Votes Cast: General Election - Wes Watkins (D) -- 151,271 (82%)  
Gerald Beasley, Jr. -- 31,732 (17.2%)

Primary Election - Gerald Beasley, Jr. -- 2,414  
Tom Pate -- 2,390

Total Receipts for Period: \$25,215.90

Total Expenditures for Period: \$25,211.78

First Elected (if applicable): N/A

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FILE RELEASED BY THE COMMISSION AND MADE PUBLIC IN  
THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE. FOR THIS PARTICULAR  
ORGANIZATION'S COMPLETED COMPLIANCE ACTION FILE  
SIMPLY ASK FOR THE PRESS SUMMARY OF MUR # 502.  
THE PRESS SUMMARY WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY OF  
THE CASE AND A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN, IF ANY.



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