

**Transcript**

**Re: Public Vote - Final Adjudication  
Arkansas Ethics Commission Case No. 2013-CO-014**

**Date: August 16, 2013**

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**Chairman Minix:**

Final adjudication hearing, Case No. 2013-CO-014, Paul Bookout. Is there a motion?

**Vice Chairman Bird:**

As a result of the staff's investigation and the final adjudication hearing, I would move that the Commission find a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-203(g) of use of campaign funds to fulfill commitments, obligations, and expenses that would have existed regardless of Senator Bookout's campaign, including but not necessarily limited to transfers of campaign funds to Senator Bookout totaling \$6,761.47 in the form of cash withdrawals, payments to Steamroller Blues for women's clothing and accessories totaling \$5,043.74, payment to Sound Concepts, Inc. for home theater equipment and installation totaling \$8,402.47, and payments to RidgePointe County Club for proshop merchandise totaling \$1,305.93. And it is noted that those specifically-listed expenditures are not all inclusive of the expenditures that were made for personal use.

Further find a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-203(i) by depositing \$18,200.00 in campaign contributions into a bank account containing Senator Bookout's personal funds.

Further find a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-206 by failing to maintain sufficient records of campaign expenditures and failing to make such records available to the Commission.

And, finally, finding a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-207(b)(1)(E) and (H) by failing to file C&E reports containing an itemization of all single expenditures made that exceeded one hundred dollars (\$100) and disclosing \$10,658.13 as the correct total of all nonitemized expenditures made.

As a result of these violations, the Commission will order Senator Bookout to file amendments to his C&E reports to provide itemization with respect to all ninety-seven (97) expenditures over \$100 that made use of campaign funds and disclose \$10,658.13 as the correct total of all nonitemized expenditures.

**Vice Chairman Bird (continued):**

The Commission would further issue Senator Bookout a Public Letter of Reprimand.

And the Commission finally would impose a fine against Senator Bookout in the amount of \$2,000.00 for each statutory violation, which is the maximum fine available to the Commission for a single violation, for a total fine of \$8000.00.

**Commissioner McCormack:**

Second.

**Chairman Minix:**

All right, it's been moved and seconded. All in favor?

**Chairman Minix, Vice Chairman Bird, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner McCormack, Commissioner Trusty:**

Aye.

**Chairman Minix:**

Opposed?

**Chairman Minix:**

The ayes seem to have it.