



**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Paul Lehmkuhler  
Treasurer for Maynard Estes, Jr.  
2206 Howell Avenue  
Dodge City, KS 67801

Notification of Material Error or Omission  
In A Receipts and Expenditures Report

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 27, 2020  
(Covering the Period January 1, 2020 thru July 23, 2020)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error or omission listed on the other side of this page. **No amendment to the July 27, 2020 Receipts & Expenditures Report is necessary for these errors. The returns will be shown on the October 26, 2020 report.**

As provided by law, a copy of this notice has been made a part of your record in the office of the Secretary of State.

Additional information and assistance may be obtained by writing or calling this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karina Renna".

Karina Renna  
State Campaign Finance Coordinator

1. K.S.A. 25-4153 (a)(1) states, "The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such candidate's committee . . . shall not exceed the following: for the office of state senator, . . . \$1000 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Estes campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-18-17	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$500
12-31-18	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$250
10-25-19	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$250
07-22-20	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$250
		<b>\$1250</b>

All of these contributions were received during the primary election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted a contribution in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$250. We would suggest that this contribution be refunded immediately. **The return of this contribution should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 26, 2020 Receipts and Expenditures Report.**

2. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 27, 2020 report lists the following contributions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-7-20	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas	\$250
1-7-20	ARJ Infusion Services, Inc.	\$250
1-7-20	DCP Operating Company, LP	\$250
1-7-20	Kansas CRNA PAC	\$400
1-7-20	NextEra Energy Resources, LLC	\$500
1-7-20	BCS Design, Inc.	\$500
1-7-20	Phil Ruffin	\$1000

K.S.A. 25-4153a states that no registered lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual, shall make a contribution and no legislator or candidate for the legislature shall accept a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual after January 1 and prior to sine die adjournment of the regular session of the legislature or any other time the legislature is in session. These contributions should not have been accepted and should be returned. **The return of these contributions must be shown on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 26, 2020 report.**

3. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 27, 2020 report lists a donation to the Wild West Republican Women in the amount of \$250 on 6-15-20.

K.S.A. 25-4157a does not list a contribution made to a political action committee as one of the permissible uses of a candidate's campaign fund. If this expenditure was for a reimbursable campaign expense, that fact must be noted on an amended Schedule C. If this was an actual donation, the Wild West Republican Women will be required to return your campaign funds or you will need to reimburse the campaign personally. **The return of this donation must be shown on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the October 26, 2020 report.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact this office.