

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL HEARING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

A special hearing of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 1:30 pm, on Monday, September 30, 2013. The meeting was held at the Anchorage APOC office at 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Room 128, Anchorage, Alaska.

Commission in Attendance:

Elizabeth Hickerson – Chair
Kenneth Kirk – Vice-Chair
Kathleen King – Commissioner
Vance Sanders – Commissioner (Telephonically)
Ronald King – Commissioner (Telephonically)

Staff in Attendance:

Paul Dauphinais – Executive Director
Joan Mize – Juneau Program Coordinator (Telephonically)
Heather Hebdon – Associate Attorney II
Thomas Lucas – Associate Attorney II
July Lam – Associate Attorney I
Delight Mells – Paralegal I
Tamara Douglas – Paralegal I
Maria Bulfa – Law Office Assistant II
Wynona Sampson – Law Office Assistant I

Telephonic Attendees:

13-10-CD, Ron Arnold v. Vivian Stiver

Ronald Arnold – Complainant
Vivian Stiver - Respondent

13-09-CD, Ron Arnold v. Fairbanks Motel Leasing dba “Ranch Motel”

Ron Arnold – Complainant
Donna Gilbert – Manager and Registered Agent of Fairbanks Motel Leasing -
Respondent
Linda Wolting – Receptionist for Ranch Motel

Public and Media:

Tom Hewitt – Reporter for Fairbanks CBS 13
Dan Bross – Reporter for KUAC Public Radio
Jim Matherly - Self
Justice Soule - Self
Eileen Cole - Self
Lee Despain - Self
Sim Freidman - Self
Lake Williams - Self
Mindy O’Neill – Self

ON RECORD: 1:39 p.m.

Chair Hickerson called the hearing to order.

Hearing

The Alaska Public Offices Commission held a hearing to consider a request for expedited consideration concerning the following complaints. After hearing from both Complainant and Respondents for 13-09-CD, and 13-10-CD the Commission deliberated.

Ron Arnold v. Vivian Stiver, 13-10-CD [*]

The complaint filed against Ms. Vivian Stiver alleged a violation of the Alaska Public Offices Commission Campaign Disclosure Law, under AS 15.13.072 (a) accepting illegal in-kind contributions of labor and use of space for fundraising from Fairbanks Motel Leasing LLC dba “The Ranch Motel”, under AS 15.13.040(a) by failing to disclose in-kind contribution on Ms. Stiver’s campaign reports and failing to file 24 hour reports during the nine days preceding the election and under AS 15.13.074(f) by accepting in-kind contributions made by Fairbanks Motel Leasing LLC dba “The Ranch Motel” to her campaign.

The following individuals appeared telephonically, presented their arguments, gave a statement and answered questions of the Commission on the above complaint.

- Ron Arnold – Complainant
- Vivian Stiver – Respondent

Ron Arnold v. Fairbanks Motel Leasing dba “Ranch Motel”, 13-09-CD[*]

The complaint filed against Fairbanks Motel Leasing LLC dba “The Ranch Motel” alleged a violation of the Alaska Public Offices Commission Campaign Disclosure Law, under AS 15.13.072 (a) by making illegal in-kind contributions of labor and providing use of space for fundraising for Ms. Vivian Stiver’s campaign,

The following individuals appeared telephonically, presented their arguments, gave a statement and answered questions of the Commission on the above complaint.

- Ron Arnold – Complainant
- Vivian Stiver – Respondent
- Donna Gilbert – Manager and Registered Agent of Fairbanks Motel Leasing, LLC
- Linda Wolting – Receptionist Ranch Motel

OFF RECORD 2:05 p.m.

Deliberations

ON RECORD 2:30 p.m.

After the deliberation the Commission came back on the public record. The Commission voted unanimously to deny the expedited consideration request on complaints 13-09 & 13-10-CD. Under AS 15.13.380 and 2AAC 50.888 the Commission found insufficient evidence to support the expedited consideration request. The Commission remanded the complaints 13-09 & 13-10-CD to the executive director of APOC for further investigation on a regular basis.

OFF RECORD 2:50 p.m.

Adjourn