



commenced regarding the issue of whether or not she violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-207 by failing to file a final C&E report for the 2006 primary election runoff.

6. On September 22, 2006, staff presented the preliminary results of its investigation to the Commission and was instructed to complete the investigation. The Respondent was notified of the Commission's decision by letter dated September 27, 2006, which was sent by first class mail and certified mail with a return receipt requested. In addition, in that letter the Respondent was notified that the matter would be presented to the Commission at its regular monthly meeting on October 20, 2006, for the purpose of determining whether or not probable cause existed for the finding of a violation.

7. On October 20, 2006, the Commission considered the results of staff's investigation and found, by a vote of 4-0, that probable cause existed for finding that the Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-207 by failing to timely file a final C&E report for the 2006 primary election runoff in her capacity as a candidate for State Representative – District 55.

8. On October 24, 2006, staff sent a letter to the Respondent, via first class mail, notifying her of the Commission's finding of probable cause. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, said letter contained a written Offer of Settlement proposing the issuance of a Public Letter of Caution and a \$150 fine. The Respondent was given ten (10) days to accept the written Offer of Settlement or request a public hearing before the Commission.

9. On November 7, 2006, staff sent a letter to the Respondent, via first class mail and certified mail with a return receipt, notifying her that a final adjudication hearing would be held on November 17, 2006. Said letter contained a separate written

notice of final adjudication hearing providing the information required in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-208(a)(2).


10. The Respondent did not appear at the final adjudication hearing which was held on November 17, 2006. Said hearing was conducted in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-213.

11. Upon considering the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission found, by a vote of 4-0, that the Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-207 by failing to timely file a final C&E report for the 2006 primary election runoff. The evidence showed that the Respondent filed the public disclosure form in question on October 13, 2006, making it 74 days late.

12. With respect to said violation, the Commission determined that the Respondent should be issued a Public Letter of Caution and fined \$150. Said fine is due no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, DECIDED and ORDERED by the Commission that the Respondent, Jennie Goss, shall be issued a Public Letter of Caution and is hereby fined \$150 for failing to timely file a final C&E report for the 2006 primary election runoff, and that said fine shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2006.

  
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TED DICKEY, Chairman  
Arkansas Ethics Commission