

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

December 12, 1974

PRESENT

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Herbert Alexander, Consultant
Edward J. Farrell, Legal Counsel
David F. Norcross, Executive Director


ABSENT

Sidney Goldmann, Vice-Chairman

- 1) The Minutes of the Meeting of September 23, 1974 were approved as amended.
- 2) The Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 1974 were approved as amended.
- 3) Palmieri vs. East Hanover Republican Club (C-10-74). The Commission having reviewed the letter of complaint and other relevant information from the Commission records determined that there were insufficient facts on which to base a finding of a negligent violation of the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act and accordingly dismissed the complaint. (Motion, Margetts; seconded, Reiche - Vote 2-0)
- 4) Linett vs. Taxpayers Association of Franklin Township (C-11-74). The Commission discussed the complainant's expressed desire not to take an active role in the prosecution of the case and determined that the matter would follow the usual course regardless of the complainant's comments. It was pointed out that if necessary the complainant could be subpoenaed.
- 5) In the matter of an advertisement dated February 13, 1974 (C-02-74). The Commission deferred action in the absence of a Final Report from Hearing Officer Wells. The Executive Director was directed to request that the hearing officer submit the report immediately so that the matter might be considered at the Special Meeting on December 16, 1974.
- 6) DuPell vs. Pidcock, Treasurer of the Mercer Charter Yes Committee. (C-26-74) Having considered Commission records and other available evidence the Commission determined that the respondent was guilty of a negligent violation of Section 10 of the Act in that expenditures were made prior to the respondent's having designated a treasurer and campaign depository and prior to notifying the Commission of such designation. Accordingly it was determined to issue a written reprimand unless the respondent demands formal hearing. (Motion, Reiche; seconded, Margetts - Vote 2-0)

- 7) The Commission considered proposed amendments to the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act. The Executive Director was requested to make the appropriate modifications to the draft presented to the Commission and to take the necessary steps to have that draft introduced in the Legislature.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David F. Norcross
Executive Director