

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**Findings and Order in the Matter of a Contribution made by
The Tom Emmer for Governor Committee
To a Candidate Seeking Local Office**

Summary of the Facts

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d), prohibits contributions from a principal campaign committee to a person who seeks nomination or election to a federal or local political subdivision office. There is no civil penalty provided for a principal campaign committee that violates this statute, but the amount of a prohibited contribution must be returned to the principal campaign committee.

The 2012 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures filed by the Tom Emmer for Governor Committee reported a contribution of \$300 to the Sue Jeffers for Ramsey County Commissioner campaign committee.

By letter dated March 13, 2013, Board staff notified Tom Emmer Sr., treasurer, of the potential violation. In a response dated April 12, 2013, Mr. Emmer confirmed the committee made the contribution.

The matter was considered by the Board in executive session on May 7, 2013. The Board's decision was based on the correspondence received from Tom Emmer Sr. and on Board records.

Based on the above Summary of Facts and the Relevant Statute, the Board makes the following:

Findings Concerning Probable Cause

1. There is probable cause to believe that the Tom Emmer for Governor Committee contributed \$300 to a candidate seeking a local political subdivision office in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d).
2. There is no probable cause to believe that this violation was committed with the intent to violate the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A.

Based on the above Findings, the Board issues the following:

ORDER

1. Tom Emmer Sr. is ordered to recover the contribution from the Sue Jeffers for Ramsey County Commissioner committee and deposit the funds into the account of the Tom Emmer for Governor Committee. Mr. Emmer shall forward to the Board a copy of the check received from the Sue Jeffers for Ramsey County Commissioner committee and confirmation of deposit within 30 days from receipt of this order.

2. The record in this matter and all correspondence is hereby entered into the public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and upon payment of the funds specified herein, and receipt of the copy of the check used to return the contribution, this matter is closed.

Dated: May 7, 2013

 /s/ Andrew M. Luger
Andrew M. Luger, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Relevant Statute

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9, clause (d) ...A candidate or the treasurer of a candidate's principal campaign committee must not make a contribution from the principal campaign committee to a candidate for political subdivision office in any state.