



OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION

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For Immediate Release:

Settlement Reached with Kyle Loveless for Personal Use of Campaign Funds

The Ethics Commission voted at its Friday July 7, 2017 meeting to approve a settlement agreement with former Senator Kyle Loveless. As part of the agreement, Loveless admits he converted more than \$100,000 of campaign funds to personal use out of his 2012 and 2016 campaign committees for such personal expenses as flowers, clothing and accessories, toys, household repairs, automobile tires and repairs, sporting event and theater tickets, and medical and dental expenses. In deciding to settle the investigation, the Commission took into consideration that he has agreed to pay, in conjunction with criminal proceedings, \$112,524.35 to the General Revenue Fund of Oklahoma for restitution.

Through the agreement with the Ethics Commission, Loveless will pay within 10 days:

- \$10,000 to the Ethics Commission for attorney's fees, costs, and expenses and fees;
- \$40,000 to the Election Board for the costs of the Special Election; and
- the balance of campaign funds account to the General Revenue Fund of Oklahoma.

He also agreed to:

- never hold a position, elected or otherwise, to be paid for with public funds;
- never be a paid consultant for a campaign at the state or local level; and
- never engage in lobbying activities in the State of Oklahoma or be associated with a lobbyist principal to further lobbying activities.

Lastly, the Commission voted to make the documents responsive to the subpoena in the investigation a public record after redaction of sensitive information from the records.

A copy of the settlement agreement can be found on the Commission's website www.ethics.ok.gov of by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.ok.gov/ethics/documents/Loveless%20Settlement%20Agreement.pdf>