

**BEFORE THE GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY
AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION**

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF: * **Ethics Case No. 2008-0006PC**
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JOHN LUNSFORD *
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CONSENT ORDER

This matter came before the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, formerly the Georgia State Ethics Commission, ("Commission") pursuant to a probable cause investigation alleging violations of the Ethics in Government Act, O.C.G.A. § 21-5-et seq. (the "Act"). Respondent waived his preliminary hearing scheduled for December 4, 2008, and the Commission found reasonable grounds to set the matter down for an Administrative Procedure Act ("APA") hearing. Prior to a hearing, Respondent and the Commission hereby agree and consent to resolve this matter by entering into this Consent Order under the terms and conditions described herein.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent John Lunsford. (hereinafter, "Respondent") was a member of the General Assembly, or a candidate to reelection to such office at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

Respondent failed to timely file the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDR) due September 30, 2006, as required under O.C.G.A. §21-5-34. Upon notice of the instant investigation, Respondent immediately filed the delinquent CCDR on February 25, 2008. Respondent also failed to timely file Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (PFDSs) with the Commission for the 2005 and 2006 calendar years as required under O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(1). Respondent reported mistakenly filing the PFDSs with his local filing officer in Henry County and also filed the aforementioned reports with the Commission on February 25, 2008. Respondent also paid all late filing fees upon initiation of the instant case.

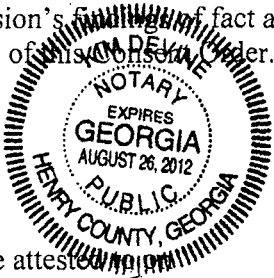
In resolving this matter, Respondent hereby agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$300 to the Commission within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order. The amounts will be paid out of Respondent's personal funds and not campaign funds. Respondent further agrees to cease and desist from any violations of the Ethics in Government Act or any other laws, rules, or regulations of the Commission.

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Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of fact are true, agrees to any conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms thereof. By signing this Consent Order Respondent waives any further findings of facts and conclusions of law, as well as any procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act including an appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-1 et seq. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms herein shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorizes the Commission to seek an enforcement action against the Respondent. All costs and attorney fees incurred by the Commission in such enforcement action shall be assessed against Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

The Commission adopts the foregoing statements and conclusions as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.



By: [Signature]
John Lunsford
Respondent

Signature attested
this 9 day of June, 2011

[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires:

[Signature]
Douglas Chalmers, Jr.
Attorney for Respondent

SO ORDERED this 5th day August, 2011.

By: [Signature]
PATRICK N. MILLSAPS, Chairman
Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission