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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

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Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Mark Sweeney
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 681
Philipsburg MT
Phone Numbers: Work 406-560-0171 Home _____

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Gordon Pierson
Complete Mailing Address 603 Washington St
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home (406) 846-4700

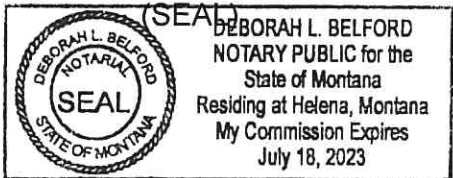
Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark

I, Mark Sweeney, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mark Sweeney
Signature of Complainant



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of November, 2020.

Deborah L. Belford
Notary Public
Deborah L. Belford

My Commission Expires: 07/18/2023

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

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See attached documents

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

Write-In Candidate Gordon Pierson Campaign Finance and Practices Complaint

Write-In Candidate Gordon Pierson has violated Montana campaign law under code **MCA 13-37-265** which requires candidates to file periodic electronic reports of campaign contributions and expenditures on the specific calendar dates corresponding with the filing requirements in **MCA 13-37-266**.

Candidate Pierson has failed to electronically file C-5 reports for the periods covering August 16th, 2020 to September 15th, 2020 and September 16th, 2020 to October 14th, 2020. Additionally, the attached evidence suggests that in the period on or after October 15th candidate Pierson spent campaign money in amounts greater than \$100 without filing a C-7E form in violation of **MCA 13-37-266(d)**.

Candidate Pierson has run for office in the last four consecutive election cycles. Additionally, the 64th Montana Legislature passed the bill revising the code in question while candidate Pierson was a member of the Montana House of Representatives. Current Senate District 39 State Senator Gene Vuckovich serves as candidate Pierson's campaign treasurer. Both candidate Pierson and Senator Vuckovich should be well aware of campaign finance reporting requirements.

This year, candidate Pierson ran in the Senate District 39 Democratic primary and did not receive the nomination. By running as an unaffiliated write-in candidate in the general election, candidate Pierson narrowly avoided non-compliance with Montana's "Sore-Loser" laws. Candidate Pierson's failure to file the proper campaign finance reports as a write-in candidate is anathema to a transparent and competitive democratic process.

I ask that you direct candidate Pierson to take the steps required to comply with campaign finance reporting requirements under the law. Additionally, I ask that you investigate the probable violation of **MCA 13-37-266(d)** given the significant evidence of unreported campaign expenditures likely exceeding \$100 made after the 15th day of the month preceding an election in which the candidate participates and the day of the election in the form of ads placed in the Anaconda Leader weekly newspaper, published Wednesday, October 21st, 2020.

Specific evidence of violations is attached below:

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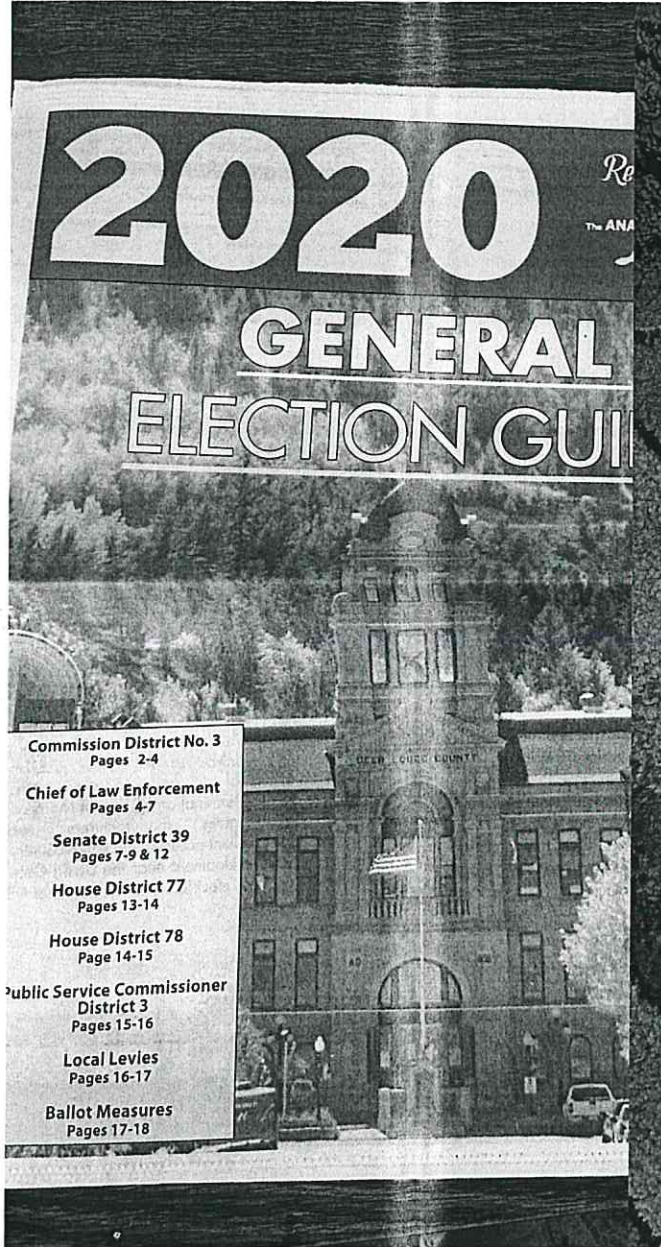
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MDT names bridge after former Anaconda resident

KATHIE R. MILLER
EDITOR

Editor's note: A photo of Tim Reardon was inadvertently left out of the story published in the Friday, Oct. 6 issue. The story is being republished in its entirety.

Attorney Tim Reardon, who grew up in Anaconda, was speechless when he found out the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) was naming a bridge after him. "I was absolutely shocked and totally taken by surprise," he said. "I was speechless. It's a very emotional thing and an incredible honor. It's the most humbling experience of my life."

The Montana Transportation Commission dedicated the new bridge, currently being constructed over the Missouri River near Tootin to Reardon, who retired in 2015 after 23 years of work with MDT.

"Tim Reardon was dedicated to his job, MDT, and the safety of the traveling public," MDT Director Mike Tonley said in a press release. "He was serving as director



Tim Reardon

for MDT when I joined the department. This dedication is a fitting tribute for his work with MDT. He often described his time at MDT as 'the best years of my work life.'"

"I was always humbled in the presence of Tim Reardon," Commission Chair Barb Shelton said after presenting Reardon with a bridge rendering and a sign replica at a recent meeting in Helena. "He gave so much to the department in many ways. He was kind, intelligent and thoughtful in his treatment of everyone and our many

projects. The Department of Transportation is better today because of this fine gentleman."

"This bridge is about more than simply helping people cross the Missouri River," Reardon said in a press release. "It is about the connection opportunity for Montana communities, commerce, and the safety of the traveling public. As I drive the state, I see projects in areas that were overlooked during my tenure and even though my role was not the act of building, I was so proud of my part of it. Knowing how hard the men and women in construction and maintenance work, year round, is amazing. So many lives saved by their work."

Reardon grew up in the smaller city where he graduated from Anaconda Central High School in 1966. "I earned a degree in English from Carroll in 1970," he said. "Then I went to the University of Montana Law School and graduated in 1973."

He worked for the state for about a year before returning to his hometown to work with attorney John Radwinski and Bill Reine for a couple of years.

Reardon then returned to the state where he went to work in the Workers' Compensation for about five years. In 1981, Gov. Ted Schwinden appointed him as a judge for the state's Workers' Compensation Court.

"I served two six-year terms," Reardon said. "Then I took a break and worked in private practice for a couple of years. In the early 1990s, he went work for the state's Department of Transportation where he became the chief legal counsel."

"The Tootin bridge project's been on the books for a long time," he said. "It took a long time to get the money for the project and then it had to be designed, and now it's being built. It's really a very special thing to have it named after me. Having been with the Department of Transportation all those years - I worked with a lot of people who are more deserving."

Tim and his wife Julie, who live in Helena, have been married for 21 years. They have a blended family of four grown children and five grandchildren.

For more information about the Tootin project, visit www.mdt.mt.gov/publicworks/infrastructure/.

COMPARE THE VOTES for Senate District 39

- SJ 20**
 - Study to look at urging congress to open up over 600,000 acres of wilderness study land in Montana...
 - Mark Sweeney voted NO to opening up more public land.
 - Gordon Pierson voted YES to open up more of our public land for public use.
 - Suzzann Nordwick has never made a vote on this.
- HB 567**
 - A bill to establish a school marshal program for schools...
 - Mark Sweeney voted NO on helping keep our schools safe.
 - Gordon Pierson voted YES for keeping our schools safe.
 - Suzzann Nordwick has never made a vote on this and wants to take away funding for our public schools.
- SB 71**
 - A bi-partisan bill to lower prescription drug prices with a proven method used currently by the State of MT healthcare plan...
 - Mark Sweeney voted NO to lowering prescription drug prices.
 - Gordon Pierson worked with the sponsor of this bill and voted YES to lower prescription drug prices.
 - Suzzann Nordwick has never made a vote on this.
- HB 332**
 - A bill to include our elected County Commissioners to have a say in the decision to transplant wild bison within their counties...
 - Mark Sweeney voted NO in supporting his local government's ability to make local decisions.
 - GORDON PIERSON voted YES on allowing local government to make local decisions.
 - Suzzann Nordwick has never made a vote on this.
- HB 773 and HJ 49**
 - Bills holding DPHHS Child Protective Services accountable and transparent to families...
 - Mark Sweeney voted NO to hold DPHHS transparent and accountable, keeping Child Protective Services working for the families within its system.
 - GORDON PIERSON voted YES to hold DPHHS accountable in protecting the children within its system.
 - Suzzann Nordwick has never made a vote on this.

GORDON PIERSON is the only person running for Senate District 39 that backs up what he says with his votes for Montana!

WRITE-IN GORDON PIERSON FOR SENATE DISTRICT 39



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ENOUGH of the CAMPAIGN

As your state representative I have been the author of important bills that:

- Require increased education for teachers allowing them to identify signs of suicide within their classrooms. **THIS WILL PREVENT THE SUICIDE RATES OF OUR CHILDREN AND LOVED ONES.**
- Allow school nurses to use NARCAN medication to save lives in the event of a drug overdose.
- Allow more providers to make substance treatment referrals.
- Allow more access for certain providers to treat chronic conditions.
- Create more funding for Alzheimer's treatment of our loved ones.
- Increase access to much needed behavior health within our communities.
- Create funding for training of volunteer respite care workers to help members help with taking care of their loved ones.
- Study youth concussion protection laws to ensure our children are safe in sports.

Unlike both of my opponents I WORK HARD TO GET THINGS ACCOMPLISHED. HELENA. I DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT.

WRITE-IN GORDON PIERSON FOR SENATE DISTRICT 39

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Paid for by Pierson for Senate, GA

Where is it? - Halloween edition



A tall pumpkin in a field and a ghost in a field. Do you know where it is? Give us a tip for a future edition of the Anaconda Leader.

Free business coaching available

Headwaters BCAD is offering a free five-hour power coaching session in October. The program is sponsored by Headwaters, Montana Small Business Development Center, the Small Business Administration and is being funded from the COVID-19 CARES Act. Headwaters strives to improve the economic and social well-being of Southwest Montana through conservation, development, and proper use of our natural human resources. The nonprofit organization offers services to businesses in Anaconda-Deer Lodge, Butte-Silver Bow, Powell, Glacier, Jefferson, Madison and Beaverhead counties. For more information about Headwaters BCAD or to apply for power coaching, call Julie Laksha at (406) 535-6780 or by email at jlaksha@headwaterscd.org or contact Melissa Wainmaker at (406) 533-6784 or at mswainmak@headwaterscd.org.

Stork Report

Eastyn Marie Clark
Eastyn Marie Clark was born Oct. 30, 2020 at Community Hospital of Anaconda to Cameron Clark and Olivia McQuery. The baby girl weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Rebecca McNeil and Scott McNeil of Deer Lodge.

Baby announcements are published free of charge. E-mail your information to leader@anacondaleader.com. Include a contact number. For more information, call the Leader at 563-5283.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR

STOP THE AIR OTHER WAYS START CLEANING

PAID FOR BY THE ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY SUPPORTERS!

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| Tisha Roberts | Donovan's Restaurant | Lisa Bullington | Keri Skoclich | Karen Ralph |
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| Jim Graham | Victor Zenthalik | Rose Smith | Brittany Lorenzo | Nicole Washington |
| Jodie Yulcich | Dottie Monaco | Connie Pierce | Sandy Barclay | Mamma T's Family Diner |
| Jim Moses | Shafer | Rose Schimming | Lora Maki | Chif Galle |
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| Kathy Miller | Glenda Cahoon | Sandy Morley | Howie Wigert | Jerry Adams |
| Dan Kuchinski | Wells Cahoon | LeeAnn Smith | Alice Cortright | Andine Woodruff |
| Lorna Kuchinski | David Nelson | Paige Smith | Matt Ives | Bailey Bayinger |
| Dusty Mikalatos | Niki Lynch | Jeff Smith | Stacey Huston | Lori Bowman Riddle |
| Wendy Wendt | Jeremy Biodeau | Randy Johnson | Kristin Villa | Brittany Scholler |
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| Rhonda Vauthier | Eileen Sletton | Travis Graham | Tanny Harmon | Carole Burrello |
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
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**Write in GORDON PIERSON for
 Senate District 39**

Candidate Campaign Finance Report (C-5)

Candidate Information

Date Filed: 06/23/2020

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Summary Report

Report Type: Initial

CI18 Received Date:

Receive and File Date: 08/23/2020

Report Status: Filed

Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent

Cash in Bank, Balance from previous report

Receipts Total Received and deposited this period

Expenditures Total paid out this period

Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report

bigdogamwrestling@yahoo.com

Candidate Contributions

No entries found.

Vuckovich, Gene
1205 West 3rd St. Anaconda, MT 59711

Loans

	Primary	General
Cash in Bank, Balance from previous report	\$0.00	\$0.00
Receipts Total Received and deposited this period	\$0.00	\$1,898.53
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$1,898.53
Expenditures Total paid out this period	\$0.00	\$1,833.53
Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report	\$0.00	\$65.00

Candidate Type: State District

Candidate Status: Amended

Bank Information:

pioneer federal savings and loan
401 milwaukee ave deer lodge, MT 59722

Entity	Employer	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Pierson, Gordon E 603 WASHINGTON ST, Deer Lodge, MT 59722	RN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF ANACONDA	General	06/24/2020		\$0.00	\$1,818.53	\$0.00(P) \$1,898.53(G)
Pierson, Gordon E 603 WASHINGTON ST, Deer Lodge, MT 59722	REG NURSE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF ANACONDA	General	06/24/2020		\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00(P) \$1,898.53(G)

Fundraisers

No entries found.

Refunds, Etc ...

No entries found.

Committee Contributions

No entries found.

Individual Contributors (Total Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (General Contributions < \$35: \$0.00)

No entries found.

Expenditures

No entries found.

Debts

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Election</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Debt Amount</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Montana Sec Of State Capitol Building, 1301 E 6th Ave, Helena, MT 5 9601	General	Debt	register as write in	06/18/2020	\$15.00	\$0.00
Pierson, Gordon E 603 WASHINGTON ST, Deer Lodge, MT 59722	General	Loan		06/24/2020	\$1,818.53	\$1,818.53
Pierson, Gordon E 603 WASHINGTON ST, Deer Lodge, MT 59722	General	Loan		06/24/2020	\$80.00	\$80.00
Signs on the Cheap 11525a Stonehollow Drive, Austin, TX 78758	General	Debt	300 yard signs with wire stakes	06/24/2020	\$1,818.53	\$0.00

Payments Only

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Debt Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Montana Sec Of State Capitol Building, 1301 E 6th Ave, Helena, MT 5 9601	Debt	\$15.00	06/24/2020	\$15.00	\$0.00
Signs on the Cheap 11525a Stonehollow Drive, Austin, TX 78758	Debt	\$1,818.53	06/25/2020	\$1,818.53	\$0.00