

## Cook, Scott

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**From:** Harry McNall <mcnallforcommissioner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:12 AM  
**To:** Cook, Scott  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Question about campaign funds

Scott,

Thank you.

The ad was put into the Terry Tribune **PO Box 61, Glendive, MT 59330** for the week of 2/28/25.

The image should have stated "Paid for by Harry McNall for Commissioner PO BOX 31 Fallon MT 59326

Is this all you need? or is there a formal form to fill out?

Thank you

Harry McNall

On Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 8:31 AM Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)> wrote:

Harry,

Thanks for self-reporting this to COPP. We would require the full attribution statement- including the campaign name and address- that should have accompanied the material. Once that is received, we can post the information to COPP's agency website so that it is publicly available.

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**CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER**

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**Harry McNall**

— *for* PRAIRIE COUNTY —  
★ **COMMISSIONER** ★

★ **Goodwill Donation ~ Baked Goods & Snacks** ★

**Wednesday, March 4th**

★ **6:00 - 8:00 P.M.** ★

**Terry Senior Center**



**Paid for by Harry McNall for Commissioner**

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**From:** Harry McNall <[mcnallforcommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:mcnallforcommissioner@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026 3:13 PM  
**To:** Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Question about campaign funds

Scott,

Thank you for getting back to me, I have been in contact with Kym Trujillo who was helping me understand the requirements for "paid for by" on campaign signs etc. But I put the following ad in a newspaper and it was too late to withdraw it. So I noticed in the MCA that you can "File notification of the deficiency with the Commissioner within 2 business days". I have attached the ad so you can see what I had put on there, I failed to put a mailing address. The "Harry McNall for Commissioner" is the name of my EIN. Is there something more I need to do? I just want to do things right, and this is my first campaign and I already made a mistake. Thanks for your help. Harry McNall

On Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 10:55 AM Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)> wrote:

Harry,

Thanks for reaching out. Candidates can contribute or loan personal funds to their own campaign- they would need to deposit any such contribution/s in the designated campaign account and report this transaction (as a contribution if purely a contribution, as a loan if the candidate wants the option of or plan on seeking reimbursement from the campaign). Funds remaining at the end of a campaign (if any) may be used to reimburse any previously reported personal loan made by the candidate. The options for dispersing surplus campaign funds and property at the end of a campaign are outlined in Montana Administrative Rule (ARM) [44.11.702](#); see also MCA [13-37-240 \[archive.legmt.gov\]](#), which specifies that surplus funds may not be contributed to any other candidate campaign and may not be utilized for personal benefit.

I hope this helps!

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**From:** Harry McNall <[mcnallforcommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:mcnallforcommissioner@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 6:20 AM  
**To:** CPP Help <[cpphelp@mt.gov](mailto:cpphelp@mt.gov)>; CPP Compliance <[CPPCompliance@mt.gov](mailto:CPPCompliance@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Question about campaign funds

Question about campaign funds

I am running for Prairie County Commissioner

It is my understanding that if at the end of my campaign I have remaining funds that were donated to me. I need to donate the remaining funds to a charity. My question is as follows.

1. In my campaign account, if I have money I put in there (personal funds) can I take it out to myself?
2. If there is donated funds left over can I donate them to the following?
  - a. The Terry Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD), located at 114 Laundrie Ave in Terry, MT

Is that acceptable or does it have to be a nonprofit?

Thank you for your time, have a good day.

Harry McNall