

File a Formal Complaint - Brian Wright

[Bmwright38](#) reported a month ago (Sun, 16 Jul at 7:49 PM) via Portal Meta I'm am submitting this list of violations of Jerry Hatcher for Benton County Sheriff. All of these violations have come since June 27th when Jerry Hatcher investigation number 20988 was opened and he was notified of his violations. He continues to break PDC rules. I do recall that as part of the first letter he used general election funds to buy signs and put them up in the primary. It was my understanding of the rules that this is not allowed and he should have had to take down all the signs and put them back up after the primary was over. I may have been wrong but as of today 7-15-17 not a single sign has been taken down.

1. Violating RCW 42.17A.565 Solicitation of Contributions by Public Officials or employees. • As of July 1, 1995, RCW 42.17A.565 will read, in part: "No state or local official or state or local official's agent may knowingly solicit, directly or indirectly, a contribution to a candidate for public office, political party, or political committee from an employee in the state or local official's agency." (Emphasis added to show ESSB 5684 changes).* Benton Sheriff Jerry Hatcher took a \$1000 Contribution from Tim French on 3-11-17, A supervisor at Benton County Sheriffs office. Benton County Sheriff Jerry Hatcher took a \$1000 contribution from Scott Souza on 5-26-17, a supervisor at Benton County Sheriffs office.

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3. Violation of WAC 390-17-305 Personal Funds of a Candidate. By administrative rule [WAC 390-17-305], the personal funds of a candidate are as follows: • assets that the candidate has legal access to, or control over, and legal title to at the time he or she becomes a candidate; • income from employment; • dividends and proceeds from stocks and other investments; • income from trusts, if the trusts were established before candidacy; • income

from trusts established from bequests, even if these trusts were established after candidacy; • customarily received personal gifts; • proceeds from lotteries and similar games of chance • A candidates spouse or family is limited to contribution limits the same any other contributor. * We are concerned that Jerry Hatcher who has been a public servant his whole life, making a maximum of 90k a year was able to put \$25,000 (+\$1,800 in kind contributions) of his own funds towards the campaign. We would like that looked into if possible as it provides an unfair advantage and circumvents the rules. Hatcher has already spent \$33,478 (mostly in July) in the primary (for which he was only 1 of 2 people running, and guaranteed to move to general.) He has 4 months left of campaign and only \$20,000 left he can spend before he has to use personal funds. But if somebody is just giving him the money directly to keep spending then that seems to be unfair for other candidates.

4. Violation of RCW 42.17A.555 unauthorized use of public facilities. • RCW 42.17A.555 Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns—Prohibition No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.* On several occasions Hatcher has continued to use government equipment to promote his candidacy. I will attach 2 pictures of violations. The first is a picture of a Benton County Patrol car that he used in a night shoot near the river. This was his cover photo for his official campaign Facebook page for several months. Second is just one of many photos of Jerry in full uniform and with patrol vehicles posing for photo ops at events in the community and posting them to his official campaign Facebook page. You can find the rest at facebook.com/jerryhatcherforsheriff

5. Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 Failing to report contributions on time. • Beginning June 1, each deposit must be reported no later than the following Monday. Since contributions must be deposited within 5 business days of receipt, active campaigns will make at least one weekly deposit.* Jerry Hatcher has several of instances where he fails to report his contributions in

the required 5 day period. Contributions received by Brian Darrow, David Douglas, Timothy Dunn on 6-29-19 were not reported until 7-10-17. Contributions received by Alexandria Cellars and Rusty Morris on 6-15-17 were not reported until 6-27-17. Contributions received by Tri City Battery received on 6-7-17 were not reported until 6-27-17.

6. Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 Failing to report expenditures on time. • Starting in June of the election year and continuing through the primary and general elections, C-4 reports are due 21 and 7 days before each election and on the 10th of the month after the month the election was held with the candidate's name on the ballot, even if there was little or no activity to report.* Hatcher reported 3 \$100 Sign Posting permits for City of West Richland on 6-7-17 but his signs went up at the end of April in West Richland. As well as he has 6 signs that require a \$100 permit inside the city limits of West Richland

7. Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 Failing to report in kind contributions on time. • Starting in June of the election year and continuing through the primary and general elections, C-4 reports are due 21 and 7 days before each election and on the 10th of the month after the month the election was held with the candidate's name on the ballot, even if there was little or no activity to report.* Hatcher reported on 5-31-17 he spent \$272 on sign wood and on 6-10-17 reported spending \$147 on sign brackets. Hatcher's signs have been up since the middle of April in Benton County.

8. Violation of RCW 42.17A.240 Failure to report expenditures. • Starting in June of the election year and continuing through the primary and general elections, C-4 reports are due 21 and 7 days before each election and on the 10th of the month after the month the election was held with the candidate's name on the ballot, even if there was little or no activity to report.* My best estimate is Jerry Hatcher has over 100 4x8 foot signs around Benton County. Each has minimum of 2 4x4 and 1 section of plywood to keep them up. The cheapest quote I can get for 200 4x4 beams in is \$8 a beam and cheapest Plywood I can find is \$10 a section. The cheapest that would make it is \$2600 in wood to put up. This is not including thousands of screws and bolts. I see Jerry is only reporting a total of \$400 in sign wood or campaign sign framing. I believe Markel Properties donated a vast majority of the wood needed to finish the sign framing, which is legal, but I see no In kind contribution from Markel Properties nor a payment to Markel Properties from Jerry Hatcher.

9. Violation of RCW 42.17A.335 Political advertising or electioneering communication – Libel or defamation per se. • (c) Political advertising or an electioneering communication that makes either directly or indirectly, a false claim stating or implying the support or endorsement of any person or organization when in fact the candidate does not have such support or endorsement.* Not sure if the last is a violation but he is stating he is endorsed by the 38 Sheriffs in Washington state but has never produced any letter stating that nor can I find anything on the Washington Sheriffs association page stating they endorse Jerry Hatcher. If he does not have to prove he is actually endorsed can other candidates say they are endorsed without proving it. He also has a letter of support he routinely uses in his posts and speeches with the 8 police chiefs and sheriffs of Benton County area. I was under the understanding that public officials were not allowed to endorse candidates. I will attach a photo of the signed letter he keeps referring to and posting on his Facebook page. As well as the photos of events he does in uniform and the squad car and uniform he uses for his facebook page advertising.

February 23, 2017

Letter of Support
Jerry Hatcher for the position of Benton County Sheriff

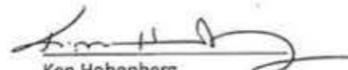
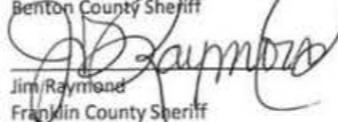
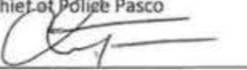
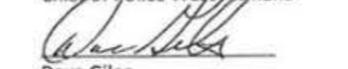
To the Honorable Benton County Commissioners:
Commissioner James Beaver
Commissioner Jerome Delvin
Commissioner Shon Small

With the pending retirement of Sheriff Steve Keane and the process of appointing a person to fill this critical leadership role in law enforcement, the local Chiefs and Sheriffs are submitting our recommendation of the person most qualified to the Benton County Board of Commissioners. The Benton County Sheriff's Office plays a key role in keeping all of our community's safe throughout Benton and Franklin Counties.

It is imperative that the Sheriff have a wide range of experience from line level police work, to first level supervision, and more importantly strategic administrative background to effectively operate a progressive, complex and critical department for the citizens in Benton County.

Without hesitation the Chiefs and Sheriffs support the appointment of Undersheriff Jerry Hatcher to the position of Benton County Sheriff. Undersheriff Hatcher has the experience, training, and progressive levels of experience to not only manage the Sheriff's Office but continue to lead, collaborate, and partner with our community, businesses, and other agencies in maintaining our quality of life through a safe community.

Sincerely,

 Ken Hohenberg Chief of Police Kennewick	 Steve Keane Benton County Sheriff	 Bob Metzger Chief of Police Pasco
 Chris Skinner Chief of Police Richland	 Jim Raymond Franklin County Sheriff	 Chris Turner Chief of Police Connell
 Ben Majetich Chief of Police West Richland		
 Dave Giles Chief of Police Prosser		



Jerry Hatcher For Sheriff

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I am deeply honored to have the following letter of support for my run for Sheriff. It is signed by every Police Chief and Sheriff in both Benton and Franklin Counties. Thank you. — with Sheriff Jerry Hatcher.

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Bill Whitten Nothing more to say 🙏

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Michelle Long I'm glad you are running to keep up with all the great changes you and Sheriff Steve Keane have accomplished.

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Alice Harris Oh wonderful from Gail's mom, give Monica my love.

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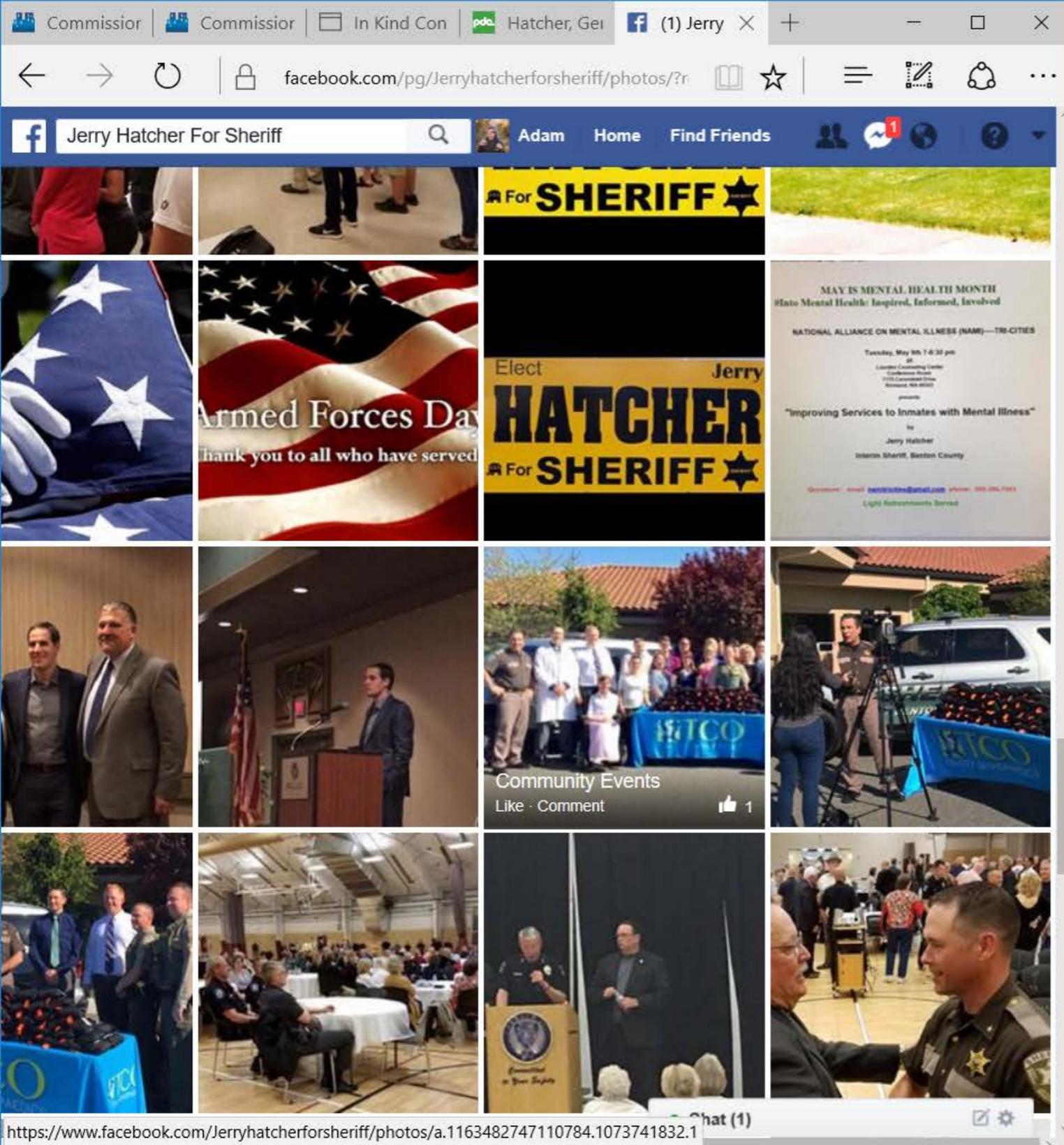
Craig Griffiths There are many names I know who signed that form who I have a lot of respect for and that means a lot. Congrats! Jerry Hatcher For Sheriff!!

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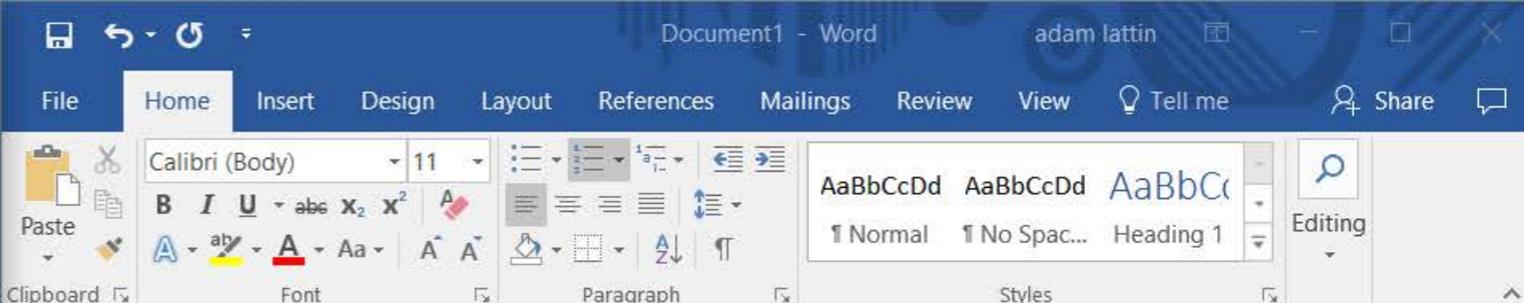


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