

CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Bath Township Community Center | 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath, MI 48080

Approved by the Executive Committee on March 16, 2023

1. **Call to Order** – Steve Willis, Chair
2. **Invocation** – Phil Bareham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Mark Balfanz
4. **Roll Call** – All Executive Committee members were in attendance except for David Smith who was excused.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion: Phil Bareham; Second: Jim Barnard. Approved.
6. **Approval of Minutes** - None
7. **Reports of Officers**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report** – Ben Wetmore reports the current balance of both political and admin accounts combined is \$1,753. Motion to accept treasurer's report: Bill Sherman; Second: Tim Roberts. Approved.
8. **Chair's Report** – Steve Willis gave an overview of the 15 committees being launched to address areas of concern, and introduced committee chairpersons. Contact information has been shared, anyone interested in helping on a committee should contact the appropriate chairperson.
 - (1) CCRP Website – Tim Roberts
 - (2) Legislation/Ordinance Tracking and Review – David Smith
 - (3) CCRP Events – Sharon Conklin
 - (4) Election Integrity – Elizabeth Ayoub
 - (5) Republican and Patriot of the Year – Missy Porterfield
 - (6) Social Media – Paula Caltrider
 - (7) CCRP Data Project – Ben Wetmore
 - (8) Candidate Training – Phil Bareham
 - (9) Donor/Vendor Database – Alan Cobb
 - (10) Voter Assistance – Karen Andrews
 - (11) Bylaws Review – Missy Porterfield
 - (12) School Board Elections / Homeschooling – Jim Renner
 - (13) Delegate Recruitment and Training – Lisa Barrone
 - (14) Candidate Recruitment and Training – Nancy Bareham
 - (15) Outreach – Clay Coey
9. **County Convention** – Thursday, January 26, 2023 (DeWitt Twp Community Bldg)
 - a) Delegates wishing to be on the ballot to attend state convention must notify Steve Willis by 1/24/23.
 - b) The MI State GOP has instituted a \$50 fee to attend state convention to be paid electronically by 2/16/23. Steve will send a message about how to pay the fee next week to all who have signed up.

10. **State Convention and Caucus** – Friday & Saturday, February 17-18, 2023 (Lansing Center)
 - a) Because we moved from the 4th to the 7th Congressional District, plans for our caucus are still being finalized
 - b) Steve will share details as he learns more in order for us to prepare for the state convention
 - c) Delegate convention packets will be sent via email

11. **New/Other Business** – None

12. **Precinct Delegate Comments**
 - a) Elizabeth Ayoub – Election Integrity Committee Chair
 - i) First meeting will be at her home on 2/7/23, 6:30 pm (details will be emailed to entire group). Anyone who wants to be involved is welcome.
 - b) Jim Renner – School Board Election/Homeschooling Committee Chair
 - i) Currently recruiting candidates to run for school board positions – please contact him if you, or anyone you know is interested in being a candidate. The committee will provide candidate training and campaign support.

13. **Elected Officials Reports/State Party Candidates**
 - a) Phil Hanses, Drain Commissioner (no comment)
 - b) Adam Stacey, Former Clinton County Commissioner – Thanked CCRP for support over the last 14 years
 - c) Chuck Murphy, current Gratiot County Chair, and candidate for Grass Roots Vice Chair at state convention – Congratulated us for what we have accomplished in Clinton County so far and is looking forward to working with us.
 - d) Parker Shonts, Youth Vice Chair candidate - scheduled, but did not show up for our meeting
 - e) Salicia Bayes, Turning Point USA – unable to attend due to illness, will attend at later date
 - f) Bob Showers, Clinton County Board of Commissioners Chair – provided report via phone for Steve to share:
 - i) Clinton County has NO DEBT!
 - ii) Employee Pension Fund: 105% funded
 - iii) Employee Health Fund: 160% funded
 - iv) New county administrator has been hired – John Fuentes (from Eaton County)
 - v) New county park: Riley Twp, 160 acres with 10-acre water park, trying to get state grant to help with purchase, old gravel pit west of township hall
 - vi) Port of Lansing: \$3.6M will be used for water/sewer project on 47 acres to make it easier to develop; they will then try to sell the property for a profit; west of MLK/DeWitt Road on south side of access road
 - vii) Eagle Township: MSU is seeking a 2000-acre green energy manufacturing development (on 140-acre former Morris farm corner of M-100 and Grand River Ave and adjacent 1600 acres of farmland)
 - viii) Bingham Township: M-21 development corridor – looking to identify land in this area for ag development like the cheese factory in St. Johns
 - ix) Solar Energy:
 - (1) Greenbush Twp – relinquished zoning authority to the county; second hearing in February (we will send information out to the group on the February hearing)
 - (2) Bengel Twp – considering approval of solar farm; they determine their own zoning
 - x) Consumers Power: Power line corridor Eaton to Gratiot, through west side of Clinton County; will need to acquire land for project

14. **Next CCRP Monthly Meeting** - Thursday, February 16, 2023 (Location TBD)
 - a) Voting and alternate delegates to state convention will stay after for caucus and convention instructions

15. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn: Jim Renner; Second: Paula Caltrider. Approved. (Adjourned ~ 8:15 pm)