

**CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

October 3, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Victor Township Hall

Approved 1-2-2025

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Steve Willis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Invocation** – Nancy Bareham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mark Balfanz
4. **Roll Call** – 12 members of the Executive Committee were in attendance; a quorum was established.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – Chair Willis suggested moving Candidates and Elected Officials Reports up earlier in the agenda
Motion to approve agenda as amended: Mark Balfanz; Second: Jim Barnard. Approved.
6. **Approval of September 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes** – *Motion to approve: Jim Barnard; Second: Alan Cobb. Approved.*
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – Copies of the report were made available to Executive Committee. Tim Roberts reported income from our Summer BBQ and Fall Fundraiser; and expenses for Post Office Box, Candidate Support, and Office Supplies.
Motion to approve: Phil Hanses; Second: Nancy Bareham. Approved.
8. **Candidates and Elected Officials Reports** (*Not present at meeting - name announced by Steve Willis)

Rogers Campaign – Travis Cristoff

Barrett Campaign – *Robert Fumai

Clinton County State House Seats

- a) *Cady Ness-Smith (77th)
- b) *Tim Kelly (93rd)

Clinton Countywide Elected

- a) Prosecutor – *Tony Spagnoulo (unopposed)
- b) Treasurer – *Steven Wiswasser (unopposed)
- c) Clerk/Register – *Deb Sutherland (unopposed)
- d) Sheriff – *Sean Dush (unopposed)
- e) Drain Commissioner – Phil Hanses (R) (unopposed)

Clinton County Commissioner

- a) District 1 – *Nicole Fickes (unopposed)
- b) District 2 – *Zach Rudat (R); *Evie Quiroga-Klein (D)
- c) District 3 – *Bruce Delong (R); *John Husby (D)
- d) District 4 – *Brian Hurtekant (R); *Matthew Boak (D)
- e) District 5 – *Bob Showers (R); *Muhammad Rais (D)
- f) District 6 – *Anne Hill (R); *John Andrews (D)
- g) District 7 – *Jim Spagnoulo (R); *Dwight Washington (D)

Township/City/Village Elected

- a) DeWitt Twp Trustee – *Steve Smith (R)
- b) DeWitt Twp Trustee Candidate – Lisa Barrone (R)
- c) Eagle Twp Supervisor Candidate – *Troy Stroud (R)
- d) Essex Twp Treasurer Candidate – *Kathleen George (R)
- e) St Johns City Council Candidate – Chris DeLiso (R)
- f) Village of Elsie – Joe Odrusek (non-partisan race)

School Board

- a) Grand Ledge – Brenton Bell
- b) St Johns – James Sills and Brian Randolph

9. Chair's Report – Steve Willis reviewed many of the accomplishments made by CCRP during the current 2-year cycle:

- a) Outreach and growth of General Membership
- b) Candidate recruitment and support at all levels from local school boards to statewide offices
- c) Tracking and support of local issues

10. Vice-Chair's Report – Nancy Bareham shared the following:

- a) State Party update
- b) Legislative update

11. Committee Reports

- a) **Events** – Upcoming Fall Event: Grass Roots Git Down, October 10, 2024 at Sirens in St Johns
- b) **Election Integrity**
 - i) Election Inspectors – vetting and possible challenges (looking into past donations)
 - ii) Candidates List – Chair Willis was advised that email and phone numbers are personal identification information (PII) and therefore should be removed from our candidate lists. The county clerk has reached out to the county's legal counsel for an opinion on the matter.
- c) **Voter Assistance**
 - i) Early Absentee Voting – 40 days, September 26, 2024 (Chase the vote)
 - ii) Nine days of Early Voting – October 26, 2024
 - iii) Day of Election Voting – Challengers and watchers
 - iv) Walk Days for candidates
- d) **School Boards** – Conservative candidates listed on CCRP Non-Partisan Palm Card:
 - i) DeWitt – Adam Stephens
 - ii) Grand Ledge – Brenton Bell, Ben Cwayna, Tim Toten
 - iii) Ovid-Elsie – Sue Kadlek, Becky Williams
 - iv) St Johns – Brian Randolph, James Sills

12. November County Convention Review – Chair Willis gave an overview of the convention process to be followed for the November 25, 2024 convention

13. New Business

- a) **Food Pantry Donation** - It was suggested the CCRP make a donation to a local food pantry, in place of the previously approved donation for a 4H animal (our inquiries to 4H were not answered).

Discussion: several people familiar with Believers Church on Grand River suggested this would be a good option.

Motion to Donate \$1,500 to Believers Church Food Pantry: *Andy Barrone; Second: Tim Roberts. Approved.*

14. Next CCRP Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 2, 2024 – Victor Township Hall.

15. Adjournment – **Motion** to adjourn: *Andy Barrone; Second: Jim Barnard. Approved.* (Adjourned at 9:05 pm)

Submitted by Missy Porterfield, Secretary